

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. The Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

DAILY MASSES

Tues./Wed./Thurs./Saturday 8:30 am
Monday/Wednesday/Friday 5:30 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am
Mon./Wed./Friday 5:10 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm
(and by appointment)

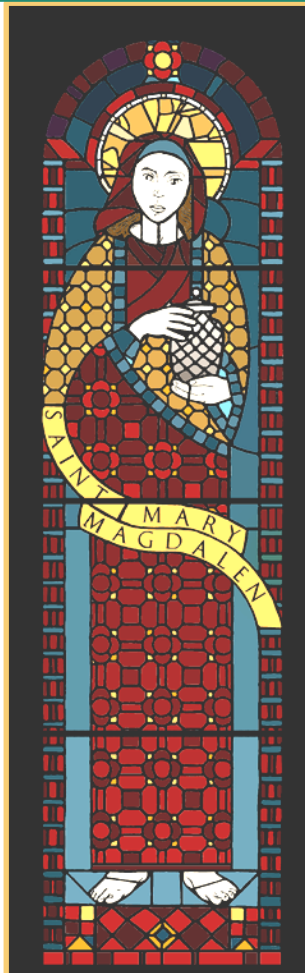
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes will resume in September.
Please call the parish office for more information.

CONFIRMATION: Classes run from September through May; contact the office for more information.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

ANOIDNTING OF THE SICK: The Sacrament is offered at every 5th Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

*"Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

*We live the Gospel,
and we care for others."*

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ September 13th, 2026

Parish Collections through September 6th, 2026

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
09/06/2026	\$8,371.75	\$10,000.00	-\$1,628.25
Year-to-Date	\$365,801.39	\$372,000.00	-\$6,198.61
<i>A stronger collection than last week — thank you.</i>			

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Scripture Readings for the Week

13th TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:30-28:7 / Romans 14:7-9 /

Matthew 18:21-35

14th Feast: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17

15th Memorial: Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31 / John 19:25-27

16th Memorial: Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 / Luke 7:31-35

17th Weekday [St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, and St. Hildegard of Bingen; Doctors of the Church]

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Luke 7:36-50

18th Weekday

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 / Luke 8:1-3

19th Weekday [St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr; BVM]

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 / Luke 8:4-15

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Sister Uchenna
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Mary Hurd & Family
	9:30	Mary Cao RIP
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	5:30	Intentions of Sylvia Grycz
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Marjorie, Ben and Daryl Mathias
Wednesday	8:30	James Hansen RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Val Gerard Fan
Thursday	8:30	Nicholas Espejo RIP
Friday	5:30	Bill Rauch RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Geri Day

Parish Calendar through September 20, 2026

September 11 Peace & Justice Committee Monthly Meeting
Friday 4:00 pm, Norton Hall

September 11 Chamber Concert: Couperin, Rameau, Telemann.
Friday 6:30 pm, Magdalen Hall Blavet & Bach

September 12-13 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday

September 12 Madeleine Class of '76 Reunion Planning
Saturday 6:30 pm, Norton Hall

September 14 Seminar: Pope Leo's Magnificent Humanity
Monday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall & Zoom. (See page 5.)

September 15 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup

September 15 Adult Christian Initiation
Tuesday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall

September 18 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel
Friday 9:15—10:15 am, Conference Room

September 19 Opening of Mary Day's Textile Art Exhibit
Saturday 2:00 pm-4:00 pm, Blackfriars Gallery. (See p. 3)

September 19-20 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday

September 21 Seminar: Pope Leo's Magnificent Humanity
Monday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall & Zoom. (See page 5.)

Have You Increased Your Monthly Donation?

A message from the Parish Pastoral Council:

Thank you to those who have already responded to the Parish Council's campaign to increase your giving. Our recent collections have greatly improved overall, the result of many of you raising the amount of your weekly or monthly gifts since Fr. Nick reported on our operating budget (outlined in this [Pastor's Column](#)).

Yet (as you can see above), we are still not making our weekly goal. If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully take some time to reflect on whether you or your family could afford to increase your regular donations by 10%. You can create or adjust your EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) payment by scanning this QR code or by clicking on the URL below.



If you need assistance, please call the office, and Norah, our Business Manager, will help: 510-526-4811 x 111.

The URL is tinyurl.com/SMM-Donate.

The Fabric of God's Plan



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Fall 2026 Exhibition
September through December

Opening Reception
Saturday, September 19, 2026
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Blackfriars Gallery
2301 Vine Street, Berkeley, CA



Notes from Fr. Nick

Eternity

A few years back, I reconnected with a seminary classmate, Mike McManus. We had had a strong friendship at school, but life took us in different directions; Mike got married and settled in his native Palm Beach County, and I became a priest and moved to North Florida, then California. But when we saw each other again, Mike's wife, Kathleen, mused with amusement that we had picked up our conversation exactly where we had left off 30 years earlier. It felt like we hadn't been apart! Our reunion was a rare taste of eternity here on earth.

Have you ever considered that you are already able to experience eternity? Many of us assume our eternity begins when we die, but we're already immersed in it. Our awareness of eternity is limited by the material world, with its presence of time. Time obscures eternity like the sun blocks our view of the stars during the day. Occasionally we have glimpses of eternity in unguarded moments when we concentrate on something and forget about time —like my reunion with Mike McManus.

With a little practice, you can make yourself more aware of the times eternity breaks through your regulated experience of life. Being able to step back and reflect on your life within the greater scheme of things can make you understand it as a point in eternity, rather than just another moment in your day. One morning not too long ago, I woke up and realized that in spite of all the instability in the world, challenges to my family, and difficulties in the Church, I am generally very happy. I'm well-liked by my peers, enjoy and am dedicated to my work, and am financially stable.



It's easy to worry about the future of the parish, get angry about the direction our country seems to be headed, or disoriented by the deaths of friends and family. But, existentially at this time, I think life is proceeding as it ought. The moment might be felt as a point in eternity, rather than preoccupied with past and future.

Recognizing moments of happiness might be the best way to catch a hint of eternity. For some, eternity might be a lover's kiss, the exhilaration of playing on a team, or moving a paintbrush over a canvas. The trick is to develop the habit of reflecting on those moments, and realize that they are a foretaste of heaven.

God is eternal, according to Church doctrine. He is completely outside of time, rather than simply lasting forever (CCC 212-213). God is changeless, and yet not static. He is the eternal exchange of love between the Father, Son and Spirit (CCC 221). God reveals his name as "I Am Who Am," which mysteriously summarizes his nature.

Regarding the human person, the Church teaches that every person was made by God to live forever and cannot be reduced to mere matter (CCC 33). We all receive a "particular judgement" at our death that determines if we will spend eternity with God or be banished to hell. If we die in God's grace but have unfinished business, we will be purged of our sins so we may enjoy heaven eternally (CCC 1030-1031).

By the way, there is a distinction between *perpetual* and *eternal*. Perpetuity is experienced in time; it's just time without end. Eternity, on the other hand, is outside of time. In eternity, everything is always now.



Refugee Foster Care Information Session

We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home.
Join us virtually to learn more!

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September 24 @ 6:30 PM
or
October 22 @ 6:30 PM



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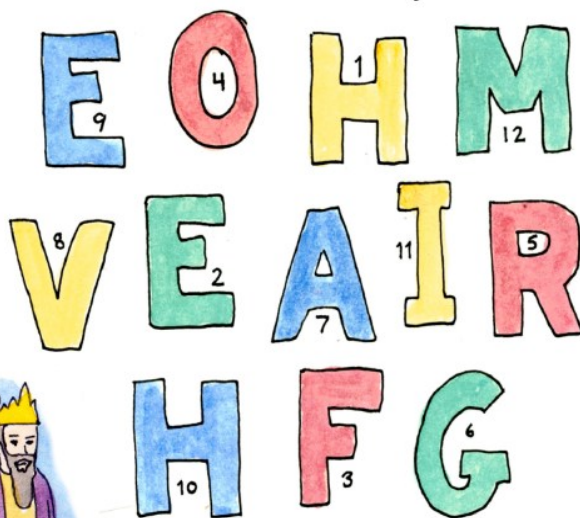


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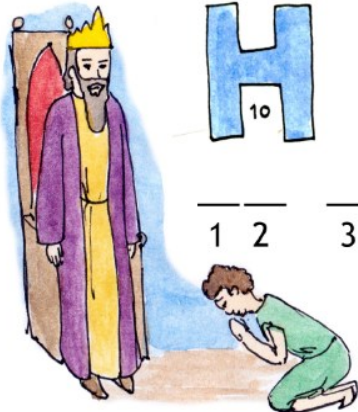
The Kids' Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13th, 2026

What did the king in today's parable do to the servant
who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?
Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!



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Deacon Jeff's Seminar Starts Tomorrow!



Are you interested in the Pope's take on Artificial Intelligence?

Our Deacon, Jeff Burns, now a Professor Emeritus of the Franciscan School of Theology, will lead a study group starting tomorrow to examine Pope Leo XIV's recent encyclical entitled, *Magnifica Humanitas*.

From tomorrow (September 14th) through October 12th, class participants will read and discuss the encyclical over the course of five meetings, gathering in Norton Hall each Monday evening at 7:00 pm.

Jeff Burns, Ph.D., is widely published in local church history and serves as the director of the Academy of American Franciscan History.

Interested? Email: jburns@marymagdalen.org.

The Unforgiving Servant sort-out-the-pictures

What happened in today's parable?
Figure out the order of the story
and put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.



Meet Dorothy Day's Granddaughter!

A Conversation with Peace Activist Martha Hennessy

Dorothy Day: A Radical Saint for Our Time?

Dorothy Day was a journalist who co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement in 1933, establishing hospitality houses to serve the poor. (We have a *Dorothy Day House* in downtown Berkeley!) She was also an outspoken anti-war and anti-nuclear activist whose cause for canonization is advancing through the Vatican, endorsed by the U.S. Bishops and supported by Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV.

About Martha Hennessy



Martha Hennessy is the seventh child of Dorothy Day's only child Tamar. She divides her time between her family farm in Vermont and volunteer work at Maryhouse Catholic Worker in New York City. Martha travels and speaks on the topics of life and work in community, Catholic Social Teaching, and peace-making efforts in the tradition of the Catholic Worker movement.

A retired occupational therapist and grandmother of ten, Martha has been arrested and imprisoned protesting nuclear power, war, the use of drones, the torture of prisoners in Guantanamo and other prisons, and the use of starvation as a weapon of war in Yemen. She has traveled to Russia, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Jordan, and Palestine to understand the effects of war on people.

Friday, September 25th @ 7:00 pm

Norton Hall

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