

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)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – Noon
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
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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.

ANointing 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ September 20th, 2026

Parish Collections through September 13th, 2026

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
09/13/2026	\$7,480.79	\$10,000.00	-\$2,519.21
Year-to-Date	\$373,282.18	\$382,000.00	-\$8,717.82
<i>We are slowly sliding away from safety.</i>			



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Scripture Readings for the Week

- 20th **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Isaiah 55:6-9 / Philippians 1:20-24, 27 /
Matthew 20:1-16
- 21st **FEAST: ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 / Matthew 9:9-13
- 22nd **Weekday**
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 / Luke 8:19-21
- 23rd **Memorial: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**
Proverbs 30:5-9 / Luke 9:1-6
- 24th **Weekday**
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 / Luke 9:7-9
- 25th **Weekday**
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 / Luke 9:18-22
- 26th **Weekday [Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs; BVM]**
Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8 / Luke 9:43-45

Mass Intentions



- Saturday 5:30 Intentions of Mary Ann Onglatco
- Sunday 8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Angelica Gonzalez Llama RIP
- Monday 5:30 Intentions of Alison Grycz
- Wednesday 5:30 Virginia Vidal RIP
- Friday 5:30 Bill Rauch RIP
- Saturday 8:30 Intentions of Tilden Monks

Parish Calendar through September 27, 2026

- September 19 Opening of Mary Day's Textile Art Exhibit**
Saturday 2:00 pm-4:00 pm, Blackfriars Gallery. (See p. 2)
- 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 3.)
- September 22 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel** Zoom link:
Tuesday 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- September 22 Adult Christian Initiation**
Tuesday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall (Inquirers welcome)
- September 24 Men's Group (All men are welcome!)**
Thursday 6:00—9:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. (See page 2.)
- September 25 Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
Friday 9:15—10:15 am, Conference Room
- September 25 Lecture by Dorothy Day's Granddaughter**
Friday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall. (See page 3.)
- September 26-27 Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
- September 27 Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry** 
Sunday Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. Sign Up:
- September 27 Cantata Collective: FREE BACH CONCERT!**
Sunday 5:00 pm, Church. BWV 38, 114, 138.

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 Parish Men's Group Meets this Thursday!

As they did in in these photos taken in July, the men of the parish are invited to gather for an evening of discussion, food, and camaraderie. All men are invited (you need not be a parishioner). *Questions?* Denis Ring: ring.denis@gmail.com.



Photos: Fr. Nicholas Glisson

The Fabric of God's Plan Reimagining The Iconographic Tradition Textiles By Mary Day



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



Refugee Foster Care Information Session

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

RSVP



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



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Notes from Fr. Nick

Yom Kippur

At sunset today, on Sunday, September 20th, the holiest of Jewish observances will begin: The Day of Atonement, or *Yom Kippur*. It is the end of the High Holy Days which started with *Rosh Hashanah* eight days ago (nine days in all) and will end at nightfall tomorrow. Jews observe seven important elements of *Yom Kippur*:

- ♦ Absolutely no work. Even pushing an elevator button is forbidden.
- ♦ No food or water for the duration (about 25 hours).
- ♦ Avoiding leather shoes, bathing, or using lotions or cosmetics.
- ♦ Wearing white, to symbolize purity.
- ♦ Attending long prayer services in the synagogue.
- ♦ Asking pardon from those they harmed over the past year.
- ♦ Finally, the *shofar* (a ram's horn) is blown, that serves to announce the end of *Yom Kippur*.

In a sermon on September 20, 2021, Rabbi Steve Schwartz contrasted the nature of *Yom Kippur* with *Rosh Hashanah*. He said *Rosh Hashanah* is noisy, exuberant, and celebratory, while *Yom Kippur* is a time to contemplate. In a world filled with noise, both literally and figuratively, we need time out from the clamor. *"It's a great opportunity to shut off our phones to step back from the world, and to immerse ourselves in the quiet and the calm, to stop looking outward and instead to contemplate where we've been and where we're headed."*

He sees three areas of our lives that the day addresses:

- It's a time to reflect on specific ideas, challenges and conundrums we wrestle with. After clearing our mind of the clutter that distracts us from what is important, we can address God and make thoughtful decisions.
- The day encourages an accounting of our lives and taking responsibility for our actions. *"You can't run away from who you are!"* And you also cannot run away from the divine mission that living imposes on all of us. It's a time of *atonement*; taking ownership of our failings, responsibilities and the consequences of our actions.
- Rabbi Schwartz introduces the concept of *Teshuva*, which literally means *repentance*; a turning away from the sin in our lives. But he suggests the word also asks three deeper questions: *"Are you hiding?" "From what?"* and *"What are you afraid of?"*

I have always felt that Jews do a better job atoning for their failings than many of us do. Too often our confessions are a laundry list of individual sins. The way we were taught to confess our sins (name the sin and how many times we did it) unwittingly discourages seeing patterns in our transgressions. We address atonement during our reconciliation services, and during Ash Wednesday, Lent and Holy Week, but do we face it as squarely as our Jewish brothers and sisters?

Let's take a little time to pray with and for our Jewish neighbors. Ask ourselves if we are hiding, and if so, from what? Then, what are we afraid of? Answering these questions forms a good examination of our consciences.



Jews Praying in the Synagogue on Yom Kippur by Maurycy Gottlieb

Meet Dorothy Day's Granddaughter!

A Conversation with Peace Activist Martha Hennessy

Dorothy Day: A Radical Saint for Our Time?



Martha Hennessy

Martha Hennessy is the seventh child of Dorothy Day's only child Tamar. She gives talks nationwide on life and work in community, Catholic Social Teaching, and peacemaking efforts in the tradition of the Catholic Worker movement.

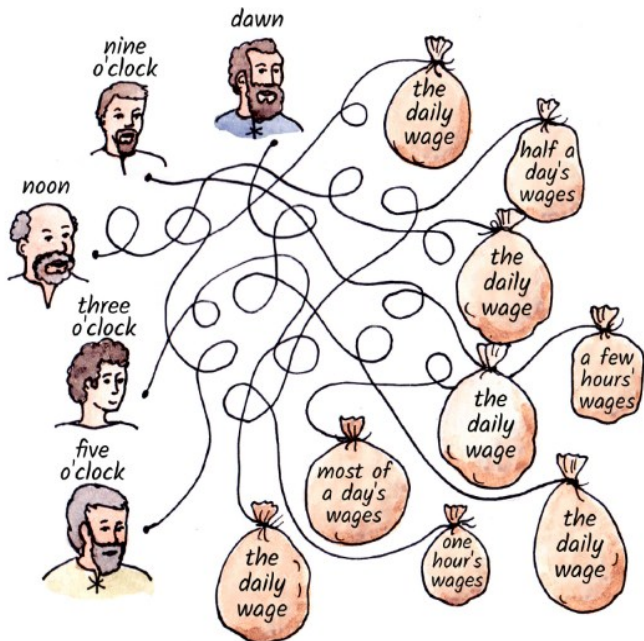
Martha has been arrested and imprisoned protesting nuclear power, war, the use of drones, the torture of prisoners in Guantanamo and other prisons, and the use of starvation as a weapon of war in Yemen. She has traveled to Russia, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Jordan, and Palestine to understand the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

Friday, September 25th @ 7:00 pm in Norton Hall

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The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20th, 2026



In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day.

*At the end of the day,
how much did each man get paid?
Follow the wiggly lines to see!*

Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and _____⁵_____, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and _____²_____ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means _____⁴_____ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall _____¹_____. I am caught _____⁶_____ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for _____³_____ benefit.

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fruitful
choose

Like Saint Paul, we
should be ready to
either live or die for

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WHEN IT'S TIME TO
REMEMBER



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