

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.

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ September 27th, 2026

Parish Collections through September 20th, 2026

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
09/20/2026	\$8,409.23	\$10,000.00	-\$1,590.77
Year-to-Date	\$381,691.41	\$392,000.00	-\$10,308.59

This collection was an improvement, but still under budget.



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Scripture Readings for the Week

27th Twent y-Sixt h Sunday in Or dinar y Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28 / Philippians 2:1-11 /

Matthew 21:28-32

28th Weekday [St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz
and Companions, Martyrs]

Job 1:6-22 / Luke 9:46-50

29th Feast: Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14 / John 1:47-51

30th Memorial: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor

Job 9:1-12, 14-16 / Luke 9:57-62

1st Memorial: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Doctor

Job 19:21-27 / Luke 10:1-12

2nd Memorial: The Holy Guardian Angels

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 / Mt 18:1-5, 10

3rd Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Luke 10:17-24

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Jane Gaspardone RIP
Sunday	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	In Honor of the Shrine of Our Lady of Madhu
Thursday	8:30	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	5:30	Bill Rauch RIP

Parish Calendar through October 4th, 2026

September 25	Lecture by Dorothy Day's Granddaughter
Friday	7:00 pm, Norton Hall. <i>Free event!</i>
September 26	Meditation by Musicologist John Prescott
Saturday	10:00 am, Norton Hall. <i>All are welcome.</i>
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. <i>Sign Up:</i> 
September 27	Cantata Collective: Free Bach Concert!
Sunday	5:00 pm, Church. BWV 38, 114, 138.
September 28	Seminar: Pope Leo's Magnificent Humanity
Monday	7:00 pm, Norton Hall & Zoom. <i>(See page 5.)</i>
September 29	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday	2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
September 29	Adult Christian Initiation
Tuesday	7:00 pm, Norton Hall <i>(Inquirers welcome)</i>
October 2	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel
Friday	9:15—10:15 am, Conference Room
October 3-4	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
October 4	First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry
Sunday	Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. <i>Sign Up:</i> 

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.

Peace & Justice Ministry Staying Busy!

The immigration crisis has led the parish Peace & Justice Committee to a lot of action. We thought now would be a good time to give parishioners an update on what we've been doing. Whether it is volunteering with immigrants, collecting food and clothing donations, or partnering with advocacy groups, we've investigated carefully where our efforts can best serve. We are very grateful and take seriously the stewardship of your generous donations.

Material Donations:

Food, toiletries, toys, books, household items

- ◆ **Celebration Nation**—clothing and toy drives for farm workers
- ◆ **Casa Francisca**—food, clothing, diapers
- ◆ **Oakland Catholic Worker**—school supply drive, children's books
- ◆ **St. Cornelius Parish**—monthly food donations



Monetary Donations:

Financial aid to provide food, shelter, legal aid

- ◆ **Oakland Catholic Worker**—food purchases for sheltering families
- ◆ **Casa Francisca**—legal fees for family seeking asylum
- ◆ **Emergency Fund/Brooklyn Center, Minneapolis**—funding to assist workers unable to leave their homes for food, medicine, or work during the ICE crackdown in there, responding to a request from Deacon Ralph (St. Ambrose) who was on the ground in Minneapolis doing this work.
- ◆ **Stand Together East Bay**—helps residents directly impacted by ICE (e.g., rent, legal aid, food)
- ◆ **Institute for Human Integrity/Interfaith Movement**—provides emergency aid to immigrants applying for citizenship
- ◆ **East Bay Sanctuary Covenant**—provides legal aid to asylum seekers
- ◆ **National Immigration Law Center**—advocates for immigrant rights
- ◆ **Multicultural Institute**—locates and organizes available jobs for day workers



Some of the Children of the Oakland Catholic Worker

For more information about these organizations: marymagdalen.org/pjlist.

We welcome your donations to continue this much needed work.

Use the QR code—or go to tinyurl.com/SMM-Donate—then scroll down to the option, “Refugee Aid”.

Interested to learn more? We meet in Norton Hall at 4:00 pm on the second Friday of every month. Drop-ins are welcome!



East Bay Sanctuary Covenant



Notes from Fr. Nick

Autumn

A few years ago, I visited my cousin Mike Hager in Melbourne, Australia in April. I left the Bay Area in glorious spring and arrived “down under” sixteen hours later, where it was autumn. While I had expected the weather to be getting colder rather than warmer, I never realized how much the quality of light and air differ between these two transitional seasons.

Indeed, just as in the Northern Hemisphere, there was an “urgency, a tightening” in the character of the atmosphere, much like September in Northern California. On the other hand, I’ve always anticipated spring as languid and relaxing.

Meteorologists confirm my observations. The sun’s angle and storm patterns distinguish the feel between Spring and Fall in important ways. In spring, as daylight hours expand rapidly, the ground warms up while the air remains cool. This temperature contrast produces unstable weather: low barometric pressure, clouds and storms. As days shorten in Autumn, the Sun’s angle decreases, and the earth cools, while the atmosphere retains summer warmth. This leads to calm, clear weather and higher barometric pressure.

Our species, like many others, take cues from these distinctive seasons. I’ve always wondered why autumn feels so invigorating. It seems like I should dread the approach of winter’s cold, inclement days but instead it’s a time for planning ahead, anticipating. Maybe this explains why major holidays are celebrated during these months.

In the past, agriculture dictated the rhythm of our lives, which was itself decided by the weather. Harvest took place in summer and early fall, so the need for farm labor determined our academic schedules. The later months of fall were taken up with milling, cleaning, and storing summer’s abundance. This led us closer to home and hearth. These habits, ingrained over millennia, are now wired into our psyches.

School has already begun, and we’re mostly done with vacations, but Autumn officially began five days ago. Have you noticed a change in the air? Have your habits shifted? Are you anticipating the coming holiday joyfully, or with dread? The second verse of the hymn, *“Come, Ye Thankful People Come,”* by Henry Alford, may crystalize our prayerful sentiments this season:



**We ourselves are God’s own field
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.**

**First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

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Intelligence

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

Our Deacon, Jeff Burns,
now a Professor Emeri-
tus of the *Franciscan
School of Theology*, is
leading a study group
to examine Pope Leo
XIV's recent encyclical,
entitled *Magnifica
Humanitas*.

Continuing from
tomorrow (September 28th) through October 12th,
class participants will be reading and discussing the
encyclical, gathering in **Norton Hall each Monday
evening at 7:00 pm.**

Interested? Email: jburns@marymagdalen.org.

The Kids' Bulletin

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27th, 2026**

*In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two
sons to work in the vineyard.*

Which one did what his father asked?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



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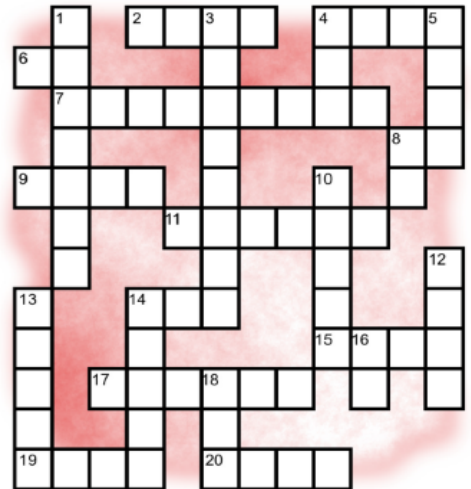
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Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

Use the words from
the list to fill in the
blanks in the reading
and the puzzle.

a=across & d=down.

COMMITTED
INIQUITY
BECAUSE
UNFAIR IT
VIRTUE IS
TURNS IF
SHALL HE
SINCE DIE
MUST ALL
LORD SAY
SAYS FAIR
JUST SINS
DOES LIVE



Thus _____ (5d) the _____: (20a) You _____, (14a)
"The Lord's way is not _____!" (2a) Hear now, house
of Israel: _____ (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are
not your ways _____? (17a) When someone
virtuous _____ (10d) away from _____ (11a) to
commit _____, (3d) and dies, _____ (8d) is
_____ (1d) of the iniquity he committed that
_____ (6a) _____ (12d) die. But _____ (16d) he turns from
the wickedness he has _____, (7a) and _____
(4a) what is right and _____, (9a) he shall preserve his
life; _____ (14d) he has turned away from _____ (18d)
the _____ (15a) that he committed, he _____ (13d)
surely _____, (19a) he shall not _____. (4d)

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