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Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2026

Forgive

Another long-time parishioner, Dorothy Portner, entered eternal rest today, September 11, 2026.

Please keep her family and friends in prayer.

Fr. Nick has Books to Return

Saturday and Sunday are Book Repatriation Days! If you have given/lent a book to Fr. Nick, he would like to reunite you with your book. The books will be placed in the front vestibule of the church. The following week, we will be offering folks an opportunity to exchange books. The exchange tables will be in Rengel Plaza. Books not picked up will be offered to Good Shepherd Church for their annual book sale.

Deacon Jeff Burns and Pope Leo's Encyclical

Beginning September 14, at 7:00PM in Norton Hall, Deacon Jeff will begin a 5-week seminar on Pope Leo's encyclical, *Magnificent Humanity*. The seminar meets weekly. You need to sign-up prior to the seminar because there is reading to complete prior to the first session. To sign-up contact Deacon Jeff at: jburns@marymagdalen.org.

Dorothy Day: A Radical Saint for Our Time

Martha Hennessy, the granddaughter of Dorothy Day, will be here on Friday, September 25, at 7:00PM, in Norton Hall. Martha is a Peace Activist in her own right and is here to have a conversation. Join us!

John Prescott Presents: Praying Through Sound

On Saturday, September 26, at 10:00AM in Norton Hall, John Prescott will lead attendees in exploring how music and sound can enrich our contemplative prayer lives. We will experience group humming which can provide a powerful centering energy and an opportunity for all to participate in creating their own sound healing. Join us in Norton Hall for an experience led by a remarkable artist.

The Fabric of God's Plan

The Opening Reception of the exhibit of textiles by Mary Day will be at Blackfriars Gallery on September 19 at 2301 Vine Street from 2:00 to 4:00PM. The exhibit will be on display weekdays through December.

Please See the Attached Letter from the Bishop of Hawaii

Teen Confirmation Begins in September

Our Teen Confirmation Program for 10th-12th graders will begin this Sunday, September 13th. We will meet from 10:45-noon approximately every other Sunday from September through May. (I will distribute a calendar on the first day.) Come learn about the Church, Jesus's life and ministry, prayer, scripture, the Sacraments, and explore what it means to live a life of faith in today's world. This

"Together we share our faith in Jesus Christ. We live the Gospel, and we care for others."

discussion-based class is a great place to ask questions and also experience community with other Catholic teens. There is a registration link on the first page of the website: www.marymagdalen.org. If you are interested or have any questions, please write to Jen Welch at jwelch510@gmail.com. I hope to see you on Sunday, September 13th for our introductory meeting! Parents are welcome to join us for the first meeting where I will discuss the program and our schedule. For our first meeting, we will meet at 10:45AM in the 8th grade classroom at the School of the Madeleine.

One Dollar Collection Next Weekend

We have heard that no one understands the meaning for this special collection. Most people join as a community for the Liturgy of Eucharist weekly. The Eucharistic Liturgy is well planned with readings and prayers. The Liturgy of the Hours is also well planned with readings and prayers, but it is offered up to six times in a day. Members of our community, not just priests, pray parts of this prayer in our church every day except Sunday. All are welcomed to join at 8:00AM Monday thru Saturday and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5:10PM. A new edition of the Liturgy of the Hours will begin to be used in 2027. The \$1.00 donation supports the purchase of the new books. Thank you for your contributions to this collection.

Christian Initiation for Adults has Begun

This process of Adult Formation brings participants from four parishes here to learn about the Catholic faith. Some are seeking all the Sacraments of Initiation, (baptism, confirmation and eucharist) others are seeking Confirmation. It is a wonderful co-operative learning experience. There is still time to join us. If you are an adult and have not been baptized or have been baptized in another faith tradition and interested, you are invited to contact Cat Nielsen at initiation@marymagdalen.org or 510-526-4811 xt 113. If you are a baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, then please contact Cat as well.

See the Website, Bulletin, and Bulletin Board in the Church for more information