

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
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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.

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Last Weekend: Blessing of the Animals for the Feast of St. Francis



This Photo: Fr. Nicholas Glisson

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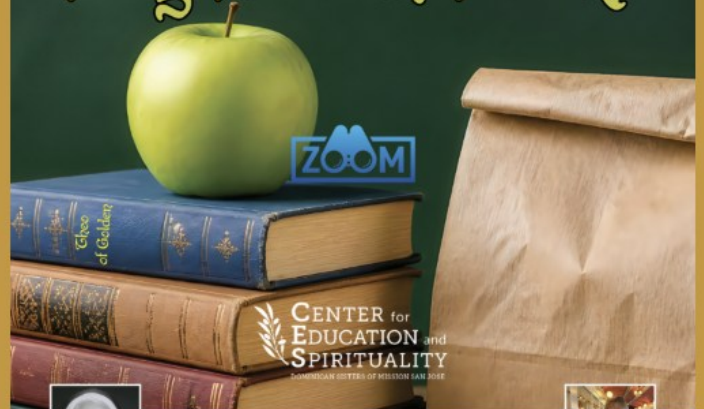
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The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11th, 2026



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The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.
Who was invited to the feast?

True or False: Who is Invited to the Wedding?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a wedding feast for his son. What happened in the story? See if you know which of these are true statements and which are false:

1. The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?
2. When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?
3. Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?
4. The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?
5. The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?
6. When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?
7. When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?



Saint Pope John XXIII

I clearly remember the afternoon of June 3rd, 1963. The cartoons on our black-and-white television were interrupted, and Walter Cronkite came on to announce that Pope John XXIII had just died. Inexplicably, I was overwhelmed with grief, and began to cry. My mother came out of the kitchen and saw how upset I was. We lit a candle and prayed the rosary together. At nine years old, I wasn't especially religious, but I was deeply immersed in the life of Saint Paul's School, and for the first time in my life, I knew someone great was gone.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli—Pope John XXIII—was a refreshing change from the more distant and intellectual Pius XII. He was all over the popular press and even admired by Protestants and non-believers. Pope John also had a wicked sense of humor. When asked by a reporter how many people worked in the Vatican, he quipped, "About half of them!" Beyond being relatable and endearing, Pope John turned the Church on its head and swept in a new era for Catholics.

After the death of Pius XII, the College of Cardinals' strategy had been to elect a "caretaker pope" to serve until younger bishops could mature into the position; Roncalli was their man. He had risen from the son of sharecroppers to being a Vatican diplomat and popular Cardinal Archbishop of Venice. At 76, nobody expected any innovation from him. Almost immediately he surprised everybody.

Pope John embraced the papacy with gusto. Calling the Second Vatican Council, he pushed the Catholic Church into addressing the major challenges civilization faced. Suddenly the Church was again at the center of world affairs in a way it had not been for centuries. Internally, Catholics could imagine a Church relevant to the world they lived in, engaging liturgy and openness to people outside its doors.

Vatican II was well underway when Pope John died. The momentum of his actions is still with us today. Nobody will deny that progress has been uneven and controversial. Nevertheless, the Catholic church, rather than being an anachronism or a museum, still matters greatly in world affairs. It is addressing the spiritual needs of people in a society completely changed from the world of a century ago. Finally—sometimes imperfectly—the Church acts as a moral compass for a world bent on greed, subjugation and moral decline.

One element in Pope John's character that often goes unremarked is his seeing his place in the larger scheme of things. When he called the Second Vatican Council, he knew he would not see its fruition. Yet, he took on the challenges the Church faced, knowing that others would complete his work. He was like the builders of medieval Cathedrals who started the project knowing that they would never live to see their work finished. Like those builders, Pope John XXIII recognized that his work was a point in eternity, rather than a moment in time. He was willing to be a part of building the mystical kingdom of God.

Today, October 11th, is Saint Pope John XXIII's feast day. As we gather for liturgy, we should take stock of the fact that our "full, conscious and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium 14) in this liturgy is part of the legacy of the Good Pope. We ask his intercession that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide us.



Pope John XXIII c. 1958. Source: Wikipedia

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ October 11th, 2026

Parish Collections through October 4th, 2026

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
10/04/2026	\$8,211.93	\$10,000.00	-\$1,788.07
Year-to-Date	\$397,000.79	\$412,000.00	-\$14,999.21
<i>A bit better than last week!</i>			

Peace & Justice Committee Meeting: Special Date: Friday, October 16th, at 4:00 pm in Norton Hall.

Learn how you can help
the needy near and far.
Everyone is welcome.

Scripture Readings for the Week

11th TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 25:6-10 / Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 /
Matthew 22:1-14

12th Weekday

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 / Luke 11:29-32

13th Weekday

Galatians 5:1-6 / Luke 11:37-41

14th Weekday [Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr]

Galatians 5:18-25 / Luke 11:42-46

15th Memorial: St. Teresa of Jesus, Doctor

Ephesians 1:1-10 / Luke 11:47-54

16th Weekday [St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Religious]

Ephesians 1:11-14 / Luke 12:1-7

17th Memorial: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Ephesians 1:15-23 / Luke 12:8-12

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Dorothy Portner RIP
	9:30	Alfred Hansen RIP
	11:30	David Paul Thomas RIP
Monday	5:30	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	8:30	Jane Gaspardone RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Bill Rauch RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of the Fernandes Family
Friday	5:30	Ed & Alice Mazzucchi RIP
Saturday	8:30	Nicholas Espejo RIP

Parish Calendar through October 25th, 2026

October 10-11	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
October 12	Final Meeting of Magnificent Humanity
Monday	7:00 pm, Norton Hall & Zoom.
October 13	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm, Conference Room
October 13	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday	2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
October 13	Adult Christian Initiation
Tuesday	7:00 pm, Norton Hall (<i>Inquirers welcome</i>)
October 15	Meeting of SPRED Catechism
Thursday	6:30 pm, Norton Hall
October 16	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel
Friday	9:15—10:15 am, Conference Room
October 16	Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting
Friday	4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall
October 17-18	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
October 20	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday	2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
October 20	Adult Christian Initiation
Tuesday	7:00 pm, Norton Hall (<i>Inquirers welcome</i>)
October 22	Meeting of SPRED Catechism
Thursday	6:30 pm, Norton Hall
October 24-25	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday

It's Not Too Late to Join The Teen Confirmation Class!

We are excited to offer a teen confirmation class here



at Saint Mary Mag-
dalen parish this
2026-2027 year.
All baptized teens
in 10th, 11th, or 12th
grades are invited.

We are meeting approximately every other Sunday
in the **8th-grade classroom** at the **School of the
Madeleine** after the 9:30 Mass — from about **10:45
am until Noon**. (The program run until May 2027.)

Our next meeting will take place
TODAY, October 11th, at 10:45 am.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Welch
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