

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."*

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ October 25th, 2026

Parish Collections through October 18th, 2026

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
10/18/2026	\$4,763.65	\$10,000.00	-\$5,236.35
Year-to-Date	\$410,572.43	\$432,000.00	-\$21,427.57
We're transitioning to our new EFT provider (see below).			

It's Easy to Make a Financial Offering to St. Mary Magdalen Parish!

This QR code now leads leads to **PushPay**, our new parish EFT provider — use it to initiate a recurring or **one-time** offering.



Or click below:

tinyurl.com/SMM-Offering

(Questions? Call our Business Manager,

Scripture Readings for the Week

25th THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 22:20-26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 /
Matthew 22:34-40

26th Weekday

Ephesians 4:32—5:8 / Luke 13:10-17

27th Weekday

Ephesians 5:21-33 / Luke 13:18-21

28th Feast: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Ephesians 2:19-22 / Luke 6:12-16

29th Weekday

Ephesians 6:10-20 / Luke 13:31-35

30th Weekday

Philippians 1:1-11 / Luke 14:1-6

31st Weekday [BVM]

Philippians 1:18-26 / Luke 14:1, 7-11

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30 Theodore Pilz RIP
Sunday	9:30 For the People of the Parish
	11:30 John Louis Rengel RIP
Monday	5:30 Intentions of Louis Guillory
Tuesday	8:30 Intentions of Priolo Family RIP
Wednesday	8:30 Intentions of Maroulus Family
	5:30 Intentions of Caroline James
Thursday	8:30 Alice Mazzucchi RIP
Friday	5:30 Bill Rauch RIP
Saturday	8:30 Intentions of Sigrid Tigbao

Parish Calendar through November 2nd, 2026

October 24 Saturday	School of the Madeleine FALL FESTIVAL! 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Parking Lot & Garden
October 24-25 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
October 25 Sunday	Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. Sign-Ups: 
October 27 Tuesday	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
October 27 Tuesday	Adult Christian Initiation 7:00 pm, Norton Hall (Inquirers welcome)
October 29 Thursday	Meeting of SPRED Catechism 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
October 30 Friday	Discussion of the Sunday Gospel 9:15 am - 10:15 am, Conference Room.
October 31 Saturday	Sunday Dinners' All-Volunteer Meeting 10:30 am - Noon, Norton Hall. (More info below.)
Oct. 31-Nov. 1 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
November 1 Sunday	First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. Sign-Ups: 
November 1 Sunday	CONCERT: Free Bach! BWV 76 & BWV 154 5:00 pm, Church. Four Soloists + Chamber Consort
November 2 Monday	COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Masses at 8:30 am and 5:30 pm

Volunteer Opportunity Today

Today, October 25th, is our 4th Sunday Dinner for the Hungry. Would you have an hour or so to spare? If so, come down to Magdalen Hall sometime today from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm!

We prepare to serve at 2:15 pm, and then we start cleaning the kitchen at 2:30 pm and start putting away tables and chairs at ~3:20 - 3:30 pm.

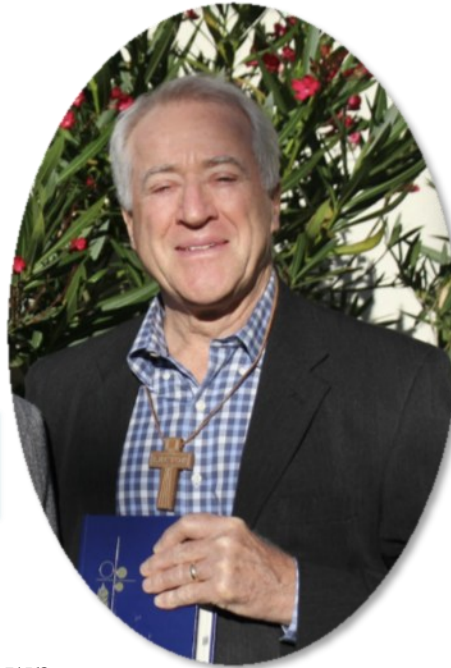


Attention: Annual All-Volunteers Meeting!

If you have ever volunteered for a 1st or 4th Sunday Dinner, then you are invited to the *Annual Sunday Dinners All-Volunteers Meeting* on **Saturday, October 31st**, beginning at **10:30 am** in Norton Hall. Or if you're just curious to learn more, please come. Kindly email the Core Team to let us know how many treats to make for the gathering. (Iwona's baked brie bites and the traditional Sunday Dinners Meeting Snickerdoodle cookies will be served!)

Email address: sundaydinners@marymagdalen.org

Join the conversation about the novel *Mr. Prynne*



Monday
November 16
5:00 to 6:00 pm Pacific

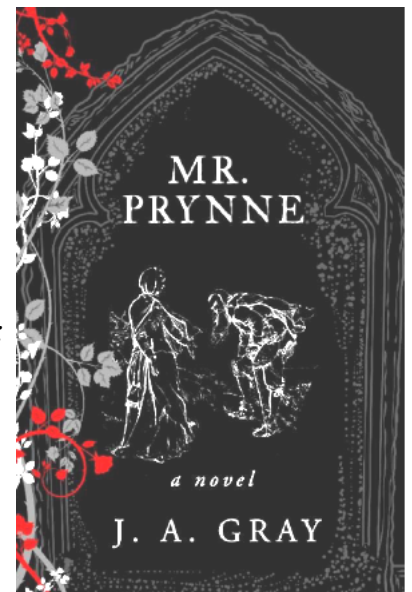
Join us online on Monday, **November 16, 2026**, to talk with J. A. Gray about his novel *Mr. Prynne*. Moderator Jessica Sheaff will lead the discussion, followed by audience Q&A.



- ◆ Tune into the conversation with our own John Gray by reserving your spot on Eventbrite (nominal fee): tinyurl.com/JAGray-Conversation
- ◆ Purchase your copy of *Mr. Prynne* by clicking here: tinyurl.com/JAGray-MrPrynne

MILLIONS OF READERS of American fiction are familiar with Hester Prynne. In a story set in Boston in 1642 this young wife gives birth to a baby girl named Pearl (fathered by a man unknown); and the mother is ostracized, and required to wear forever the badge of a sinner and criminal: a scarlet letter **A**. But who among us has looked deeply into the man (some decades older than Hester) who at their wedding, back in their native England, had given Hester her married name of Prynne?

About this debut novel, author J. A. Gray says: "Brave young Hester and brilliant little Pearl have all my sympathy and admiration. But the hunch-backed intellectual-and-scientist who is Hester's aged husband is deeply interesting to me. (*I also am an aged husband, and I feel an instant camaraderie: Aged Husbands of the World, Unite!*) The ship bringing Prynne to America was wrecked, and the badly injured man was rescued by a native tribe. After a long and difficult recovery, he came out of the forest and limped many miles to Boston to be reunited with his wife. But in this new little Puritan town, his dream of domestic bliss died instantly, and a life full of secrets and sorrows and liabilities commenced: His wife was a criminal, her daughter was an outcast, and her lover was surely hiding somewhere in plain sight. What could Mr. Prynne do? What were his sacred duties as a husband? How might he protect this innocent child—and what could he do to help Pearl's mother, who was abused and despised? My investigation into all these questions, and many more, developed into a rich new novel that I have called (in honor of my new friend) *Mr. Prynne*."



Visit the website www.jagray.net for more.

Notes from Fr. Nick

Science Fiction, Modern Fairy Tales, and the Paschal Mystery

Luke Skywalker lived an unremarkable life until young adulthood. He was raised by an aunt and uncle on a desert planet. Yet, cosmic events propelled him into a galactic struggle between good and evil. In the process, he discovered his noble origins and heroically joined the rebellion against the Dark Empire. He triumphed as a leader of the resistance. In the process, Skywalker discovered his true self.



Dorothy was a farm girl in Kansas who was whisked to a magical land in a cyclone. Returning home required her to travel to the Emerald City of Oz in order to seek help from its Wizard. During her quest, she encountered others who were on their own journeys—a Tin Man, a Scarecrow and a Cowardly Lion. She met good and bad witches, mystical creatures, and overcame seemingly insurmountable barriers. With the help of Glenda, the Good Witch of the North, Dorothy discovered her true self and was able to return home to Kansas.

On first glance, these stories have little in common (indeed, an analysis by AI discerned only contrasts), but I submit that science fiction and fairy tales share a universal core. The differences are mainly in their settings. Fairy tales take place in an enchanted land, often a forest; much of science fiction takes place in outer space. Fairy tales are filled with charmed creatures, and people with special powers. Science fiction is populated with scientific geniuses

and alien beings from other planets. Fairy tales feature malevolent witches and wizards; science fiction has malicious inventors. But all these roles are roughly equivalent.

On the other hand, the forms of both kinds of stories share many features in common: an arc from a state of primeval goodness through a period when dark, evil forces prevail, to a resolution where good triumphs over evil and a “golden age” begins. An individual hero is set against colossal forces, struggles, and eventually succeeds. Their exterior battles initiate interior change and growth. She or he must rely on the aid of others (often who are engaged in their own struggles). Finally, success requires intervention and cooperation of a higher power.

To varying degrees, these elements can be seen in most fairy tales and science fiction, be they stories from the Brothers Grimm, Isaac Asimov, L. Frank Baum or George Lucas. “Hansel and Gretel,” *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, *King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table*, and even the recent film, *Project Hail Mary*, have a lot in common! “A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...” is very close in meaning to “Once upon a time....”

**A LONG
TIME AGO IN
A GALAXY
FAR,
FAR AWAY...**



While these similarities may particularly apply to fairy tales and science fiction, they are relevant to almost any epic story. George Washington’s story is an example: He distinguishes himself from an unremarkable childhood by his honesty about having chopped down a cherry tree. This is likely a legend, but it helps establish the mythology surrounding him. His early life as a draftsman and surveyor helped form his character. The Revolutionary War catapulted him into seismic events. As an able leader of the Continental Army, he triumphed over the British. Afterward, his presidency became a golden age. Finally, an inner transformation in Washington resulted in his setting up his Will so that the 123 enslaved persons on his property were freed after his and his wife’s deaths.

Maybe the greatest example of the archetypal nature of the epic is Jesus’ Paschal Mystery. Although his parents were aware of Jesus’ divine nature, he led an ordinary life until the Holy Spirit came upon him at his baptism. He set out on a quest, gathered disciples around him, engaged in miracles to relieve suffering, and announced his kingdom. He then confronted

the forces of evil perpetuated by the authorities and was executed. Triumph came in the Resurrection and the golden age is that of the Church.

I don’t mean to reduce Jesus’ life to a literary genre, but rather to relate how profound the epic story is. Our identity as individual persons, communities of people, and as Church hangs in the structure of these stories. We can identify with these narratives—be they fairy tales, science fiction, epic biographies, or the Paschal Mystery. Like the protagonists in all these stories, we become wiser and are transformed through them.



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The Month of Saints and Souls

If someone you cared about has died in the last twelve months, please send their names and their date of death to nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org.

Their names will be read out during Mass on All Saints and All Souls Days. All Souls envelopes will be available in the church. You may place a donation in and write the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

Unscramble The Gospel

Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading, and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the ⁷ _____?" He said to him, "You

¹ TREASGET shall love the ⁴ _____, your God, with all ² DOLR your ⁶ _____, with all your ⁸ _____, ³ ARTHE ⁵ OSUL and with all your ⁹ _____. This is the greatest ⁴ IDMN and ¹ SRTFI commandment. The second is like it: You shall ⁵ _____ your neighbour as ² _____ ³ _____ ¹ ESUYFOLR ² LOHWE law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

What is the most important thing for us to ever do?

¹ ² ³ ⁴ ⁵ ⁶ ⁷ ⁸ ⁹



The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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How did Jesus say we should love God?
Put the letters in order by their numbers
to fill in the spaces and find out!

With all our ¹ ² ³ ⁴ ⁵ ⁶ ⁷ ⁸ ⁹
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ONE NAME TO REMEMBER
WHEN IT'S TIME TO
REMEMBER



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