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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xDavid Lance Goines, 2002

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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.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ~ November 8th, 2026

Parish Collections through November 1st, 2026			
Sunday	**Actual**	**Budget**	**Difference**
11/1/2026	$6,502.13	$10,000.00	-$3,497.87
Year-to-Date	$423,217.21	$452,000.00	-$28,782.79
We are gradually transitioning to Pushpay (see below).			

It's Now Even Easier 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 here: **tinyurl.com/SMM-Offering**

Scripture Readings for the Week

8th **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wisdom 6:12-16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Matthew 25:1-13

9th *Feast: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-12 / 1 Cor. 3:9-11-17 / John 2:13-22

10th *Memorial: Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor*
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 / Luke 17:7-10

11th *Memorial: Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop*
Titus 3:1-7 / Luke 17:11-19

12th *Memorial: Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr*
Philemon 7-20 / Luke 17:20-25

13th *Memorial: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Foundress*
2 John 4-9 / Luke 17:26-37

14th *Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]*
3 John 5-8 / Luke 18:1-8

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Dorothy Portner RIP
	9:30	Mary Cao RIP
	11:30	Intentions of Jonathan & Eileen Brinkerhoff
Monday	5:30	Rosemary Dodds RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Jorja Canoy
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Mario Zelaya
	5:30	Nicholas Espejo RIP
Thursday	8:30	Philippe Joseph Hippolyte RIP
Friday	5:30	Bill Rauch RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Owen Wesley Fitzgerald

Parish Calendar through November 17th, 2026

November 6 Friday — **Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)**
6:05 - 7:00 pm, Church

November 7-8 Weekend — **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick**
5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday

November 9 Monday — **Flannery O'Connor Reading Group** *(see p. 2)*
6:00 pm, Zoom or 7:15 pm, Norton Hall

November 10 Tuesday — **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**
7:00 pm, Conference Room. *(Anyone may join.)*

November 10 Tuesday — **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel** *Zoom link:*
2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup

November 10 Tuesday — **Adult Christian Initiation**
7:00 pm, Norton Hall *(Inquirers welcome)*

November 12 Thursday — **Meeting of SPRED Catechism**
6:30 pm, Norton Hall

November 13 Friday — **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel**
9:15 am - 10:15 am, Conference Room

November 13 Friday — **Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting**
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall

November 13 Friday — **CONCERT: Barefoot Chamber Ensemble**
6:30 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Dowland's Lachrimae +*

Nov. 14-15 Weekend — **Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff**
5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday

November 16 Monday — **John Gray's Interview: *Mr. Prynne*** *(see p. 2)*
5:00 pm—6:00 pm, Zoom

November 16 Monday — **Flannery O'Connor Reading Group** *(see p. 2)*
6:00 pm, Zoom or 7:15 pm, Norton Hall

November 17 Tuesday — **Discussion of the Sunday Gospel** *Zoom link:*
2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup

November 17 Tuesday — **Adult Christian Initiation**
7:00 pm, Norton Hall *(Inquirers welcome)*

Something New at the 11:30 am Mass!



Photo: Fr. Nicholas Glisson

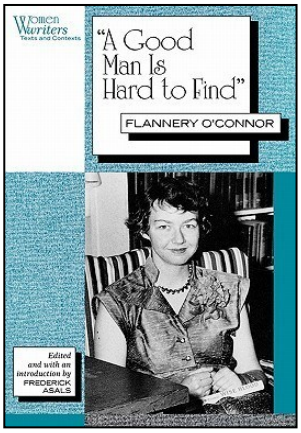
St. Mary Magdalen's longtime Music Director, Andy Canepa, is seen leading a new ensemble, the ***Magdalen Consort of Berkeley,*** *who now beautify our traditional 11:30 am Mass once every month.*

Flannery O'Connor Reading Group

~ with Deacon Jeff



Tomorrow evening begins Deacon Jeff's new class on the works of the great Southern Catholic author **Flannery O'Connor.** Over three weeks, we will read and discuss the following short stories:



11/ 9: *"A Good Man is Hard to Find."*
11/16: ***"Parker's Back"*** and ***"Good Country People,"***
11/23: ***Everything That Rises Must Converge,"*** and ***"Revelation."***

Afterwards, we'll choose a date to screen Ethan Hawke's 2023 film about O'Connor,"***Wildcat.***"

You may choose between two tracks:

- **Zoom** from **6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**
- **In Person** (in Norton Hall) from **7:15 pm - 8:15 pm**

Interested? Contact Dn. Jeff: *jburns@marymagdalen.org*
Link to the 1st story: **tinyurl.com/FOC-AGMIHTF**

Join the conversation about the novel *Mr. Prynne*



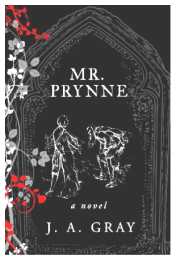


Monday
November 16
5:00 to 6:00 pm Pacific

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.

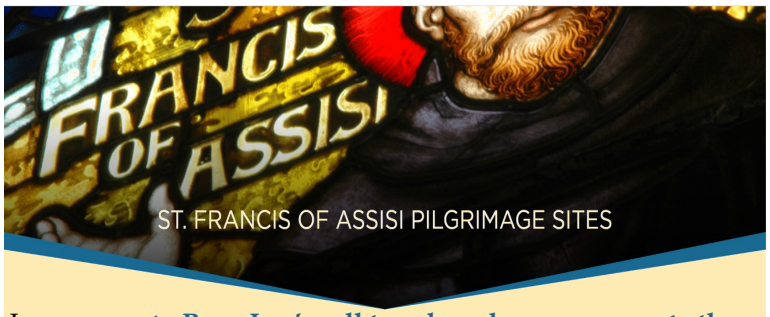
Tune into the conversation with our own John Gray by reserving your spot on Eventbrite *(for a nominal fee)*:
tinyurl.com/JAGray-Conversation

MILLIONS OF READERS of American fiction are familiar with Hester Prynne, 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 who at their wedding, back in their native England, had given Hester her married name of Prynne?



In his debut novel, longtime parishioner John (J.A.) Gray has given a voice to the hunchbacked intellectual-and-scientist who is Hester's aged husband, the man whose dreams of domestic bliss faded into sorrows and liabilities: his wife was a criminal and her lover was surely hiding somewhere in plain sight. What could he do? What were his sacred duties as a husband? *"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.



In response to **Pope Leo's call to solemnly commemorate the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi)**, our Bishop, Michael Barber, has declared the following places in our diocese to be official Pilgrimage Sites:

- **St. Francis Church,** Concord
- **St. Jarlath, Oakland** (Capuchin Franciscans)
- **San Damiano Retreat House, Danville** (OFM Franciscans)
- **San Junipero Serra Friary, Oakland** (Franciscan Friars)
- **Old Mission San Jose, Fremont** (OFM Franciscans *since 1797*)
- **St. Paul, San Pablo**
- **Our Lady of Grace and Transfiguration, Castro Valley**

Pilgrims may receive a plenary indulgence.

For more information : **tinyurl.com/OAK-Sites**

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

We are excited to offer a teen confirmation class here at Saint Mary Magdalen 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 will run through confirmation, which will take place in May 2027.)

Our next meeting will take place

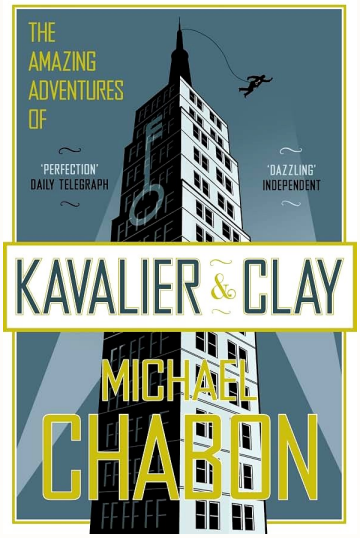
This Sunday, November 8th, at 10:45 am.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Welch at **jwelch510@gmail.com**, or call 510.847.5503.

Notes from Fr. Nick

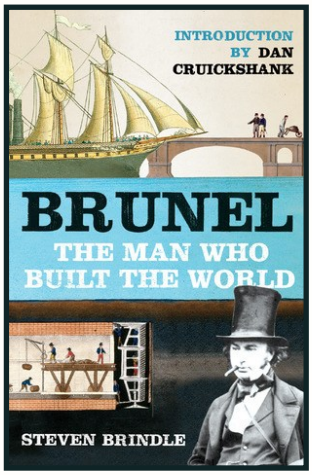
Recent Reading

Vacation affords time to read, and my cruise last Spring was no exception. There were the hours spent on the plane getting to and from my destination. Plus, since I was aboard ship, there were also relaxing days at sea that called out for a good book. Here are three that I enjoyed:



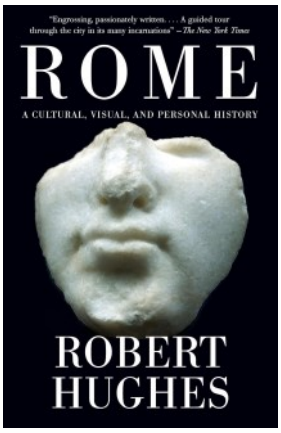
Set before, during and after World War II, Michael Chabon's Pulitzer-Prize winning historical novel, ***The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay***, is the tale of cousins who break into the comic book industry. Josef Kavalier is a Polish Jew who escapes capture by the Nazis with the help of his magician-teacher and arrives in Brooklyn via Russia and Japan. His cousin, Sammy Klayman (Sam Clay), is a short, wisecracking New Yorker who suffered from polio and walks with a precarious gait.

Chabon is a master at developing his characters, and he seamlessly weaves their growth into the story. His use of imagery is brilliant. *"The burnt-match taste of Lapsang tea"* is a good example. I never thought of it before, but that's exactly what Lapsang tea tastes like. This book was a great read. The prose flows so smoothly they you may not be conscious of its depth. I was never a comic book fan, but Chabon's writing transcends its subject matter.



Isambard Kingdom Brunel was one of the great builders of the nineteenth century. An inventor, railway designer, and ship builder, Brunel set standards for industry still in use today. A man ahead of his time, some of Brunel's schemes never paid off. His *Great Eastern* was by far the largest ship ever built when launched in the 1850's, and remained so for decades. Unfortunately, there just wasn't enough commerce to fill it, and it lost massive amounts of money. Steven Brindle's biography, ***Brunel: The Man Who Built the World***, is a good, short biography of Brunel and his times. Reading it helped me to understand the infrastructure of our post-modern world.

Brunel was a contemporary and acquaintance of Augustus Welby Pugin, the man on whom I wrote my doctoral dissertation. It was fascinating to compare their lives in Victorian England. Both broke new ground in their fields, yet longed for the simplicity of pre-industrial Britain.



Rome, by Robert Hughes, traces the history of the Eternal City in about 550 pages. That may seem like a lot of writing, but in a history this long and complex it's a real feat to do Rome justice in a work of even this length. Hughes had to gloss over vast swaths of Roman history, but a book this size helps one understand what is eternal and what has evolved.

I do have one gripe with this book: Hughes, a Jesuit-trained Catholic from Australia, never misses an opportunity to take potshots at the Church. Not that we don't deserve it; it's not news that the Vatican's history is rife with scandal, intrigue, and corruption.

I don't dispute any of Hughes' facts, but the portrayal of the Church is lopsided, and may betray the author's personal agenda.

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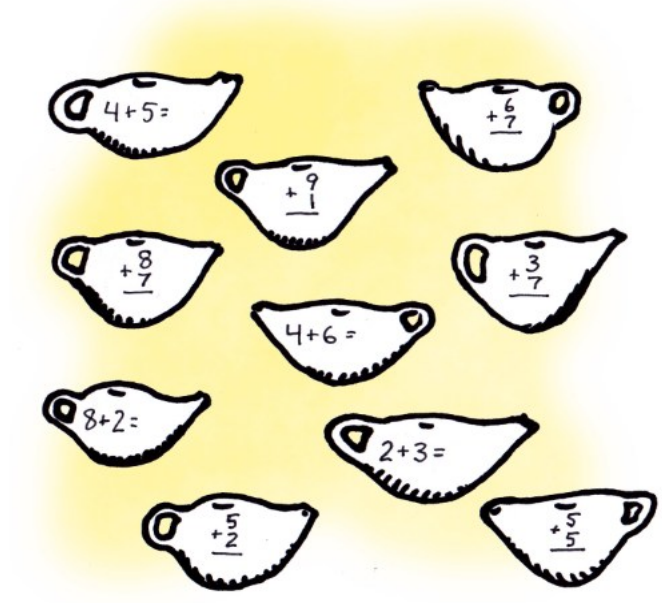
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The Kids' Bulletin

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's parable, ten bridesmaids are waiting with their lamps. How many of them brought extra oil? Figure out the problems on each lamp. Colour in the ones that equal 10 to find out the answer!

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You May Still Bring Photos of your Loved Ones to our Altar of Remembrance!

Important: It is imperative to include your own name and contact information on the back. The photo should be a copy, and not placed in an expensive frame.



The Month of Saints and Souls

The names of our dearly departed will be read out during Mass on All Saints and All Souls Days. All Souls envelopes remain available in the church. You may place a donation in and write the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope. You may still place your envelope in the Collection Plate for placement on the altar

Psalm 63 Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.



P	A	R	C	H	E	D	P	O	W	E	R
M	W	Y	S	B	A	N	Q	U	E	T	W
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A	L	T	H	P	H	U	F	L	E	S	H
N	A	M	E	I	G	L	O	R	Y	I	O
C	A	L	L	N	O	I	R	S	T	W	U
T	G	A	Z	E	D	V	S	F	O	A	T
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A	L	I	F	E	H	A	N	D	S	E	R
R	I	C	H	E	S	G	O	O	D	R	T
Y	H	E	E	K	I	N	D	N	E	S	S

O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK;
for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS
like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY
to see your POWER and your GLORY,
for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE;
my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE;
lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME.
As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be satisfied,
and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.

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