

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.

Christ the King of the Universe, Year A ~ November 22nd, 2026

Due to the early publishing deadline of our publisher, LPi (on account of the Thanksgiving Holiday), the financial report for the week ending November 15th will be reported in next week's parish Bulletin.

Have You Switched to PushPay?

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

Or click here: **tinyurl.com/SMM-Offering**

(Questions? Call 510.526.4811 x 111)

Scripture Readings for the Week

22nd **Christ the King of the Universe**
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 / 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 / Matthew 25:31-46

23rd *Weekday [St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr]*
Revelation 14:1-3, 4-5 / Luke 21:1-4

24th *Memorial: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc &Companions, Martyrs*
Revelation 14:14-19 / Luke 21:5-11

25th *Weekday [St. Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr]*
Revelation 15:1-4 / Luke 21:12-19

26th *Weekday [Thanksgiving Day]*
Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9 / Luke 21:20-28

27th *Weekday*
Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2 / Luke 21:29-33

28th *Memorial [Blessed Virgin Mary]*
Revelation 22:1-7 / Luke 21:34-36

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Mary Ernst & Family
Sunday	8:00	Ethel Day RIP
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	John Rengel RIP
Monday	5:30	Intentions of Reyline Artiaga
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Vivian & Mario Zelaya
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Alexandra Rauch
Thursday	10:00	Victor Espejo RIP
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Maria Hartman
Saturday	8:30	Owen Basil Fitzgerald RIP

Parish Calendar through November 29th, 2026

Nov. 21-22 Weekend	**Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick** 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
Nov. 21-22 Weekend	**St. Vincent de Paul Bake Sale** Before & After All Weekend Masses
November 22 Sunday	**Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry** Noon-4:00 pm, Magdalen Hall. *Sign-Ups:*
November 23 Monday	**Flannery O'Connor Reading Group** *(see p. 3)* 6:00 pm, Zoom or 7:15 pm, Norton Hall
November 24 Tuesday	**Discussion of the Sunday Gospel** *Zoom link:* 2:00-3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
November 24 Tuesday	**Adult Christian Initiation** 7:00 pm, Norton Hall *(Inquirers welcome)*
November 26 Thursday	**Thanksgiving Day Mass** 10:00 am, Church
Nov. 26-27 Thursday	**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.** (Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday)
November 26 Thursday	**NO Meeting of SPRED Catechism** (Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday)
November 27 Friday	**Discussion of the Sunday Gospel** 9:15 am - 10:15 am, Conference Room
Nov. 28-29 Weekend	**Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson** 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday

Our Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry will take place today. Do you have time to volunteer in Magdalen Hall for an hour or so?

You are welcome to come help set up **(11:30 am),** or serve our guests **(2:15 pm),** or clean up the kitchen or Magdalen Hall. We start cleaning up the kitchen at **2:30 pm**, and begin putting away tables and chairs in the Hall at **3:30 pm**.

To sign up, click on the QR Code, or on tinyurl.com/SundayDinnersSignUps, … or you may simply show up!

Many thanks to Madeleine students who have been gracing our Dinners with their presence as well as their delicious baked goods!



Do you like to bake? You may drop off your treats downstairs in Norton or Magdalen Hall anytime between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm.

Bake Sale Fundraiser Before & After All Masses This Weekend!



Vincentians Elena Aranda & Elizabeth Jacob at the 2025 Bake Sale.

A Letter of Thanks to Our Governor from the Parish Peace & Justice Committee

Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

November 13, 2026

Dear Governor Newsom,

We, the undersigned, are members of the Peace & Justice Committee at St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Berkeley. We wanted to commend and thank you for your decision to commute every California death sentence to a sentence of life in prison without parole.

Your decision is both courageous and righteous. It lifts a burden from the shoulders of all Californians, as we citizens share responsibility for these executions. We are complicit through the traditions or laws or complacency that keeps capital punishment a government-sanctioned action here in California.

We are relieved that these prisoners will face a just sentence for the crimes they have been convicted of, but that they will not be murdered in the name of justice.

With deep thanks for your grant of clemency to these 548 individuals in California. May you inspire other States and Congress to further action to end state-sanctioned killing.

Sincerely,

Members of the Peace & Justice Committee, St. Mary Magdalen Parish, 2005 Berryman Street, Berkeley CA 94709

"A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of himself, so that those who govern can govern." ~Pope Francis, 2013

Notes from Fr. Nick

Thanksgiving as a Reset

As she hurriedly left her home in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, my sister called me from her car. She explained that she was feeling guilty because so many people had it worse than she. I responded, *"Jeannie, short of a death, this may be the worst disaster for a member of our family in our lifetimes."* She replied, *"Oddly, that actually makes me feel a little better."* Admitting things were bad opened the door to a way out and a future where she could be thankful.

Given the current state of the world, it feels like the only responsible attitudes should be anger, detachment, regret, and even cynicism. After all, isn't it naïve to "look on the bright side"? Shouldn't we be sober in the face of all the world's problems: pollution, human trafficking, political extremism, corporate greed, job insecurity… you name it. Clearly, our world in general, and we personally, are going through tough, overwhelming times.

Yet if we solely focus on the problems we face, we risk being paralyzed by the immensity of the task before us. Practically speaking, if we don't rise above our challenges, they will bury us. To find the way out of our morass, we must assess the situation, plan a resolution, and work out a solution.

Initially, we must avoid panic. Panic often masquerades as righteous anger. I notice this when people emote, for example: *"That politician is a narcissist," "Our bishop is out of touch," "My boss is a tyrant," or "Global warming will get us all."* When asked what or who could resolve the problem, they return to their rant, but pose no solution. While a rant can feel good, it rarely moves us beyond an impasse. Truly resolving an issue requires work, creativity, compromise, humility, and prayer.

Keeping a clear head can feel like inaction. But if we can't step back, a crisis can consume us. What we can do is to divide the problem into manageable parts and work out a strategy, Often this act can be the first sign of hope. We can conceive of a way forward, assess what action we need to take, and imagine life afterward.

Not every problem will be resolved. Many people have labored under tyrants for generations, our fortunes can be wiped out, and the lives we planed upended. Nevertheless, having a strategy, a gambit, propels us to the future.

Another element can move us out of our morass: periodically we must give thanks. Like keeping a clear head, giving thanks brings the world into perspective. Scripture tells us that we are God's creation. He loves us, and we are completely dependent on Him for our being. Remembering God's role in our lives in the face of our personal and global problems is reassuring and hopeful.



I think it was genius that our forebearers set aside one day to explicitly to give thinks. Without Thanksgiving, we might maintain some vague sense of thanks for the life and being that our Creator gives us, but having a specific day for it makes giving thanks an occasion. And giving thanks is an essential step in resolving our problems.

By the way, my sister repaired and sold her house in New Orleans. She moved to New York City, where she married her long-time boyfriend. They now have an apartment in Manhattan, a house in Connecticut, and are looking forward to retirement. Her crisis prompted a life she could not have dreamed about before the hurricane. For that she gives thanks.

Happy Thanksgiving!

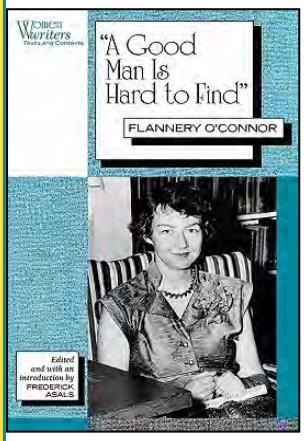
~ Fr. Nick

Flannery O'Connor Reading Group

~ with Deacon Jeff



Tomorrow evening will be Deacon Jeff's last class on the works of the great Southern Catholic author **Flannery O'Connor.** This Monday, we will read and discuss the following two short stories — *anyone can still join in!*



11/23: ***Everything That Rises Must Converge,"*** and ***"Revelation."*** Afterwards, we'll all choose a date to screen Ethan Hawke's 2023 film (starring his daughter, Maya) 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*

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Gospel Match-Up

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the people how they will be judged. What did the righteous people do when they found people in need?

See if you can match up the needs on the left with the help on the right!

1. I was hungry and •	• you welcomed me,
2. I was thirsty and •	• you clothed me,
3. a stranger and •	• you gave me drink,
4. naked and •	• you cared for me,
5. ill and •	• you visited me.
6. in prison and •	• you gave me food,



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