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APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES



July 22 is the **Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene**. She is the patron saint of contemplative life, converts, hairstylists, penitents, perfume makers, and women.

Mary of Magdala has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish

woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with, and these women also became followers.

There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God.

KNOW YOUR PARISHIONERS



Cindy Harvey

I was born and raised in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. I attended eight years of Catholic school then public high school.

At seventeen I met my future husband on a Florida beach. Within eight months he joined the Air Force and we married. We lived in Delaware, Thailand, Washington and after the Air Force, Oregon and California. After five years married we had three daughters but eventually divorced. I raised three beautiful daughters with the help of good friends.

I graduated Sac State with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. I've had many jobs: retail, clerical, Roseville P.D., Rocklin reserve officer and homeless residential manager. I then began a twenty year career with Sacramento County including C.P.S. clerical, CalWorks case manager and homeless worker then ten years as CalWorks supervisor including supervising Domestic Violence social workers, case managers and the Employment program.

I retired in 2010 to move to Michigan to help my mother until she passed in 2017. My only brother died a week later. I'm so grateful for those years with them. I moved back to California with my inherited chihuahua.

I have twelve grandchildren. The youngest are nine-year-old identical twin girls. The oldest grandson is in the Army in Kentucky with my great-granddaughter. I love spending time with the grandkids and watching them play sports.

I enjoy reading and traveling. Been on fifteen cruises and drove from California to Michigan and back several times.



L-R: Evelyn Burns, Ron Burns, Barbara Garcia, Jane Bosworth, Ken Bosworth, Sheila Vinson, and Richard Vinson. Not pictured: photographer Kevin Darr.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Connie Wright

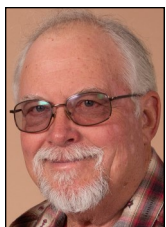
Ken and Jane Bosworth lived on Pinewood Drive, behind Our Lady of the Pines, for many years and were the epitome of good neighbors. Ken kept an eye on our church property whenever the church was unoccupied, which was quite often even back in the day when we had three Masses a week. If ever anything looked suspicious, or people were making mischief, he would call one of our parishioners to report the activity. Even if a foraging bear was breaking into our dumpster, he would let us know. Sometimes Ken would confront the offending trespassers (but not the bears!), saving us the trouble of having to call the authorities. Another time a young cat had gotten locked under the hall for a day or so and

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OUR LADY OF THE PINES SOCIETY

Kevin Darr, President



KEVIN DARR
President

Fellow Society members:

First I would like to thank our Society officers as, including myself, all agreed to stay on through next June. Again, thank you 1st Vice President **Ron Burns**, 2nd Vice president **Barbara Garcia**, Secretary **Terri**

Darr, and Treasurer **Gary Sims**.

By the time you read this, many of the pandemic restrictions will have been lifted. Our upcoming social calendar has a wonderful schedule of events.

As we swing into summer, I must confess that I write this with mixed emotions. Talking to many of you, I feel we are at a crossroads.

Terri and I have lived in Amador County for over 9 years now and, in many ways, we are “newbies” here at OLOP. Although living only 6 miles from Jackson, we became quickly comfortable with the “upcountry” atmosphere of fellowship and camaraderie that was and continues to be exhibited with the wonderful people we have become true friends with. When SKD was being built, having an outside viewpoint, we had no attachment to the various issues surrounding the changes that were taking place although it was apparent to us that change was necessary and inevitable. With the additional loss of a second priest, those changes have hit much closer to home. I once had a superintendent who had a saying when changes may not be what you had wished for: “Who told YOU that life was fair?” Many of you have invested countless hours and effort into OLOP and you are to be applauded and thanked for that. I wish there was a better answer. We are not the only mission church feeling the “shrinking pains.” We have a wonderful and caring community and may God bless and help us to continue to be that way. — Kevin

LIBRARY NEWS

Jacqueline Henss

There is a new pencil to the clipboard to replace the one that disappeared, as well as a fresh sign-in sheet. There are such good reads on our library shelves. Come look!

FROM PAGE 1 BOSWORTH

they could hear its plaintive meows. A call to OLOP enabled us to release the kitty from captivity. When one of our water pipes sprang a leak, Ken took notice and brought it to our attention. Ken and Jane also supported our annual Rummage Sale, often supplying us with some of their gently used donations. Pinewood Drive is maintained by a road association of the residents who live on that street, and Our Lady of the Pines assists with some of the maintenance fees as our church property fronts a good part of the length of Pinewood. Ken always kept us informed of road status and maintenance issues. The Bosworths moved to Idaho a couple of months ago, and we will miss their friendly faces and congenial company. We are grateful for their alert, good neighborliness over the years and wish them well in the years ahead and pray for their continued wellbeing.

MAINTENANCE

Ted Novelli

I am happy to announce that **Michael Shoda** is recovering. Please keep him in your prayers.

We need volunteers to help clean up the parking lot area at OLOP. Please contact me (295-1302) with any questions.

LAWN CHAIR CHAT

Kevin Darr

Last year we held several “Lawn Chair” meetings at OLOP. Father Colin made himself available to spiritually advise us and discuss current pandemic conditions/situations as well as taking questions from those attending. As we emerge from the restrictions we have endured for the past 17 months, there will be another meeting to be held after the 11:30 AM Mass on Wednesday, July 14th. A working lunch style meeting where you could bring something to eat and a refreshment to tide you over for about an hour.

As the distancing restrictions have changed, I would prefer that we possibly set something up inside Haran hall as outside at noon this time of year is pretty brutal. A final decision will be made the week prior at the monthly Society meeting on July 7th.

I will update as we get closer.

OUTSIDE THE BOX

Part 2

Joan Nikolai

He chose as His disciples fishermen, a tax collector and a man he had seen sitting under a fig tree. He fed the 4000 with 7 loaves and a few fish. He spoke to a Samaritan woman. Jesus thought and acted outside the box. Might he call us to do the same?

This is part 2 of an article from the previous issue. After selecting an object at random the members of the OLOP society were asked to think creatively and identify how the item could be a reminder of the Holy Spirit. I gathered the following responses.

*Like a **thermometer** the Holy Spirit reminds us when we are getting in “hot water” and like a **spatula** the Holy Spirit helps us smooth out our lives and helps us spread God’s word.*

*The Holy Spirit sticks to our lives like a **suction cup**.*

*Like an **orange hi-liter** the Holy Spirit brightens up my life and like a “**To do**” list the Holy Spirit reminds me of what I could do to grow as a disciple.*

*Like an **egg separator** the Holy Spirit helps us separate our strengths and weaknesses.*

*Like **user friendly masking tape** the Holy Spirit holds each of us together in our daily lives.*

*Like a **chain of paper clips** the Holy Spirit links us all together even though we are all different.*

A rock? a safety pin? an eraser? Use your imagination. Think outside the box. See the Holy Spirit from a fresh point of view.

FROM PAGE 1

HARVEY

Returning to California in 2018 I looked at many areas to move to. Entering the OLOP parking lot I “knew” this was it. I then found a house nearby. I recently joined the church cleaning crew and would like to do more but with back issues from an accident and health problems I don’t want to make commitments I can’t keep.

*Editor’s Note: Cindy is the **leader** of our Church Cleaning Ministry and can really use some additional volunteers! Time needed is minimal—only about an hour every other month. Please contact her if you can help.*



In Memory
Bill Dean
1935 - 2021



*Rest in the
Peace of Christ*

Beloved Husband of Kathy Dean

YMI NEWS

Phil Fondale

Rough Road Ahead



The Council brothers continue to reaffirm our commitment to continue as a YMI Council and a social and spiritual outlet for the men of Our Lady

of the Pines.

The Council was hoping for a Sunday Mass again at OLOP when things got back to normal. The recently announced Mass schedule and the continued lack of a Sunday Mass at OLOP will mean a rough road ahead for Our Lady of the Pines YMI Council #137.

In late 2008 our pastor, Father Tom Seabridge, gave permission to form a men's club at OLOP. At that time up to 200 persons attended the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass at Our Lady of the Pines every week. Many of our Mass attendees were older and were not inclined to drive to Jackson, especially at night. The Men's Club is affiliated with the Young Men's Institute, which is a large Catholic fraternal organization. A promise was made to Father Tom that membership would be aimed primarily at men attending OLOP so as not to interfere with other groups in the parish. The Our Lady of the Pines YMI Council was officially installed in early January of 2009.

Since the consolidation of the former three parishes in Amador County, recruitment of members has been difficult. A change in the Sunday Mass time to 11:30 AM saw a reduction of Mass attendance to 90 persons or fewer. We are now entering an era where there will be no Sunday Mass at all in Amador's Upcountry. However, the YMI Council #137 will continue to serve the Catholic Men of our area for as long as possible.

A future fundraiser in the form of a

"special" raffle is still in the works. Be ready for future announcements.

The Brothers of YMI #137 again placed the large flags at Pioneer Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 31st. It was an honor to do this.

Our meeting night is the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM in Haran Hall. All men of the parish are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship of our monthly dinner and short business meeting.

The main purpose of our council is to give the Catholic men of OLOP and the surrounding area the opportunity to get together, strengthen their faith, have fellowship, and help our parish and community. We hope to see our fellow Catholic men and future brothers at our next meeting.

The Young Men's Institute was founded in 1883, and Our Lady of the Pines Council #137 is proud to be a part of this national organization.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Kevin Darr

As many help organizations prepare for the rent, electric and water moratoriums to end, we continue to help those requesting our assistance. If you or someone you know is struggling to make ends meet, that's what we are here for. Our help is strictly confidential. Our financial help comes in many ways. Help with utilities, rent, vehicle repairs, food and prescriptions, to name a few. Again, thank you for your ongoing, overwhelming support.



COME TO ME

Jacqueline Henss

Recently I have been re-reading a book by Benedictine sister, Joan Ridley, called *In the Presence, the Spirituality of Eucharistic Adoration*. It seemed to me that others would also enjoy knowing a bit of the history of our present day practice of adoration.

As early as the first century after Christ, the hermits and solitaries "began to venerate and pray to the Lord in the Sacrament."

In the fourth and fifth centuries, Saints John Chrysostom and Augustine argued that if the Eucharist is truly the full, real presence of Jesus Christ, and Christ is God, the sacrament deserves the same adoration as we give to God.

The feast and procession of Corpus Christi, which we just recently participated in at St. Katharine's originated in Belgium in the early 1200's. Perpetual adoration also came about at this time, and involved all the churches in a diocese with each having exposition on specific days. Thus, each contributed to a 24-hour/7-days-a-week pattern of perpetual adoration.

The practice of "Forty Hours" began in Italy about 1527, with the Blessed Sacrament being taken from church to church in the area with each, as above, contributing a block of hours.

Over many years, the Church, enlightened by the Holy Spirit of God has gradually welcomed the fullness of God's intent of the Eucharistic Presence in our lives. Pope Benedict wrote, "To receive Christ means: to move toward Him, to adore Him. For this reason, the reception of Holy Communion can stretch out beyond the time of the Eucharistic celebration; indeed, it has to." And in the Catechism of the Catholic Church we read, "Adoration complements and deepens the effects of Eucharist in those who adore."

My 300 word limit allows for just a few facts and without the so-very-interesting details. I will be so happy to lend the 80-page book to anyone who asks.

Editor's Note: Our Lady of the Pines now has a Holy Hour of Adoration on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 10:30 AM, just prior to the 11:30 Mass. (Exception: No Holy Hour in July due to Father's vacation.)

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Bountiful and heartfelt thanks for the MANY condolence cards, kind thoughts, and fervent prayers received for the passing of my mother, Millie Nakano. The love you've shown and Masses you've requested for her have eased the sorrow of losing her. You've all helped her on her journey to Eternal Life. In that I can rejoice. — Connie Wright

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kevin Darr

We have had several changes in our community lately which have caused a shortage of specific ministry members. We are still in need of someone who would like to take the lead or share the lead for the **Mercy/Funeral Ministry**. We have many who help but are looking for a central point of contact.

We are also asking if you would like to take over **Haran Hall Kitchen and Pantry** inventory and needs. Please contact me (296-2221) if you would like more info on either of the above ministries.

Also, we are short a few folks for **Church Cleaning** which comes around NOT too often. Please contact **Cindy Harvey** (916-869-4232) if you would like to help with this ministry.

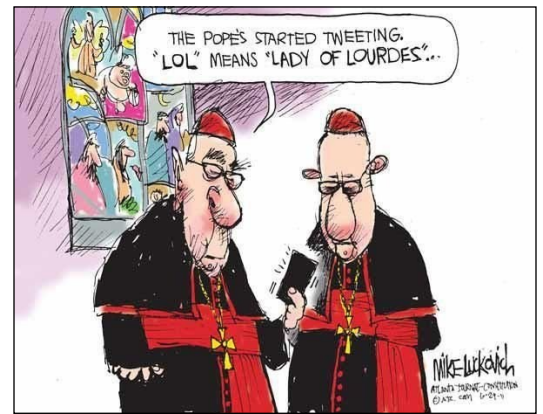


IN SEARCH OF TALENT

Calling all performers! After a year-long hiatus from, well, just about everything, Our Lady of the Pines returns with its annual Variety Show this fall. Scheduled for Saturday, October 9, this year's show is being produced by singer/talent scout Jack Magee. Can you sing? Dance? Act? Play an instrument? Tell some jokes? Juggle? Recite a soliloquy? Give **Jack or Paulette Magee** a call at **209-295-2057** or email **jpmagee@volcano.net** for more information about sharing your talent with our little corner of the world!

BBQ FUN

OLOP hosted its first social event since COVID darkened our doors, with the annual Mass and Appreciation Barbecue on Saturday, June 26. The event was planned and coordinated by **Shirley Blancett** and **Shirley Coombs**. The grill chefs were **Robert Mena**, Robert's friend **Gino**, and the ubiquitous **Kevin Darr**. And, of course, other regulars helped with setup, cleanup, and all the other tasks that go along with putting on such an event. Many thanks to all those named and unnamed! The day reunited many of our parishioners who have been missing each other's company the past 15 months. During the event, the OLOP Society extended a special thank you to **Sue Perrine**, who has contributed so much to OLOP's ministries and events in her 24+ years in the parish.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society fulfilled its mission of helping the poor through the coronavirus pandemic and continues to do so today. Your Beggar's Sunday donations are most appreciated! If you haven't already, consider donating via the parish's Electronic Giving or Text2Give programs. Visit our website for more information.

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President:	Kevin Darr
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OLOP MEETINGS

Our Lady Of the Pines Society meets on the first Wednesday of every month, following the 11:30 AM Mass. All parishioners of OLOP are members of the Society. There are no dues. We welcome your participation and look forward to seeing some new faces at the meetings!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you need an announcement placed in the parish bulletin or a name placed on the parish prayer list, please contact the Bulletin Editor at the Parish Center, at 223-2970 or bulletin@stkatharinedrexel.com. Deadline is Tuesday for the following weekend's bulletin.

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