

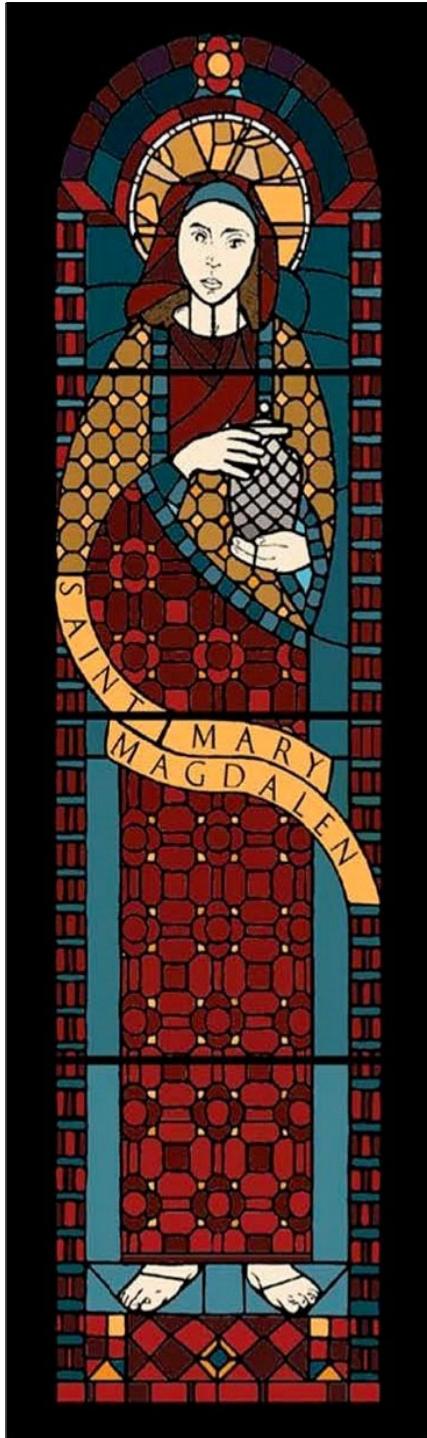


Saint Mary Magdalen Dominican Parish

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent, year A

"Together we share our faith in Jesus Christ. We live the Gospel, and we care for others."



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays—8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturdays—8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturdays—5:30 p.m. Vigil
Sundays—8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Weekdays—7:30 a.m. & 5:10 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE

Monday—Thursday

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

(Office Closed Noon—1:00 p.m.)

Friday

9:00 a.m.—Noon

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WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!

We are delighted to have all of you here, especially our visitors!

All are welcome, and we hope you will find our parish a place where you grow spiritually, put faith into action, and encounter Jesus Christ.

St. Mary Magdalen Dominican Parish is a place where parishioners are encouraged to use their gifts as disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are pleased to announce that the Rosary immediately after Morning Mass Monday through Saturday is growing in numbers. You are welcome to attend right after the Morning Mass! Thank you!

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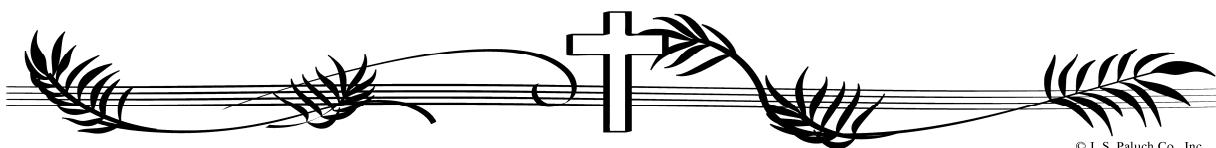
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Sacraments at St. Mary Magdalen

Sacraments of Initiation

Infant Baptism, Initiation of Adults,
Confirmation.
Call the office for an interview.

Sacrament of marriage

Call office at least six months before
marriage to begin preparation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Other times by appointment with a priest.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you know of anyone who is sick, or
who would appreciate a visit, Communion
or Anointing, please call the office.

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent



Saturday	5:30	Raul Balbugia, Jr. RIP
Sunday	8:00	Pro Populo
	9:30	Charles Richardson RIP
	11:00	Intentions of Sanchez Family
Monday	8:00	Lisiette Carbajal Castro RIP
Tuesday	8:00	Intentions of Will Willoway
	5:30	Allie Green RIP
Wednesday	8:00	Cynthia Puech RIP
	5:30	Emliana Sanchez RIP
	7:30	Pro Populo
Thursday	8:00	Mary Healy RIP
	5:30	Fr. Michael Morris, O.P. RIP
Friday	8:00	Intentions of Stephen Murphy
Saturday	8:00	Intentions of Sonia Curtis



SPECIAL MASS TIMES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

Vigil Mass: Wednesday, 7:30 pm
Masses: Thursday, 8:00 am
Thursday, 5:30 pm

CHRISTMAS:

Christmas Eve:
Family Mass: Saturday, 5:00 pm
Concert: Saturday, 9:30 pm
“Midnight” Mass: Saturday, 10:00 pm

Christmas Day:
Masses: Sunday, 9:00 am
Sunday, 11:00 am



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12
Monday	Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Pastor's Corner

Whatever Happened to Repentance?

[Excerpts from Beliefnet.com: 9/16/2001. © Frederica Mathewes-Green]



... Try telling a person who's been discipled by advertising that he's a sinner. A hundred years ago, a preacher would have seen

heads nod in recognition at that familiar concept. But today's consumer is likely to be shocked-and baffled. How could he be a sinner? All he knows is that he's unhappy because he does not have his fair share of stuff, and he isn't appreciated enough by those around him. Original sin? He will readily agree that everyone else keeps letting him down. He's estranged from the one, holy God and needs to be reconciled? He's likely to respond, "So who's this God who thinks he's better than us?" Bring up Judgment Day, and you'll get to see someone genuinely appalled; the very idea just sounds so *judgmental*...

... The problem comes when we never get around to talking about the hard part of the Good News. The problem can even be that we start forgetting it ourselves, and start believing that consolation is the main reason Jesus came. But what's wrong with us required much more than a hug; it required the Cross. It doesn't seem this way; we too, have been catechized by the world and reflexively think of ourselves as needy, wronged children. We'd rather feel as if we're victims of a cruel world than admit we are contributors to the world's cruelty, lost sinners who perversely love our lostness, clinging to our treasured sins like a drowning man to an anvil...

How bizarre such language seems today. We look around our neighborhood and our congregation and everyone seems so *nice*. We know what really wicked people are like-we see them in the papers every day-and we're not like that. God must find us, in comparison, quite endearing...With these and a thousand other sweet murmurs we shield ourselves from our real condition and remain Christian babies all our lives:

pampered, ineffective, whiney, and numb...

...The Lord does not love us for our good parts and pass over the rest. He died for the bad parts and will not rest until they are put right. We must stop thinking of God as infinitely indulgent. We must begin to grapple with the scary and exhilarating truth that [God] is infinitely holy, and that He wants the same for us...

The insight is about our true condition. We begin to see our fallen inclinations the way God does, and realize how deep-rooted is the rottenness in our hearts. This awareness grows slowly, over many years, because He mercifully shows us only a little at a time. But he sees it all. His is like the eye of a surgeon, which sees through to the sickness deepest within. There is no other way for us to be healed. It's when the surgeon says, "All we can do is keep him comfortable," that you're really in trouble.

...Initially we fear looking squarely at our sins, lest we get overwhelmed. But the reverse turns out to be true. The more we see the depth of our sin, the more we realize the height of God's love. The constant companion of repentance is gratitude. Like the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears, we are forgiven much and discover endless love. Seeing our sin becomes, paradoxically, an opportunity for joy.

Then we are free indeed: free from any need to hide, to conceal or impress, to make excuses for ourselves, to demand our fair share. Free to love God with abandon, free to love others without bargaining and conditions. Free to love even those who hurt us because, ultimately, nothing can hurt us. Knowing our own sin, we pray for all other sinners, asking God to show them the mercy He has given so abundantly to us.

Parish News & Events

Berkeley Food Pantry Collection: This Sunday—December 4th

PLEASE BRING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE VESTIBULES OF THE CHURCH

Beans - canned and/or dried
Rice
Pasta - dry
Tuna - canned
Meat - canned
Tomato sauce - canned
Peanut butter - plastic containers preferable
Jelly
Cereal – cold
Oatmeal
Juice - plastic containers preferable
Vegetables - canned
Fruit - canned
Macaroni & cheese
Soup - canned and/or dried

THE FOOD BANK IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL
FOR ALL THAT WE CAN DO.



Bicycles needed!

Bikes are needed for low-income workers in need of transportation. If you have a bicycle available for donation, please phone Monica Grycz: at 526-0637. Helmets and bike locks would also be appreciated!

HOLIDAY OUTREACH 2016

For many years, our church and school communities have adopted a number of worthy local Catholic charities during the season of Advent, including *St. Mary's Center*, the *Mercy Center Brown Bag Program for Seniors*, *Elizabeth House*, *St. Vincent de Paul*, and *Catholic Charities*.

On Thanksgiving week, a **Giving Tree**, decorated with wish ornaments, was installed in the sanctuary. These ornaments include wished-for gifts, Target gift certificates, and monetary donations. Please be as generous as possible.



Monetary donations are very welcome and will be used to supplement the wish lists and provide grocery certificates for families and gift certificates for older children. They can be dropped off at the Parish rectory any time before December 11th.

Please drop off your other donations to the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 11th between 8 am to 11 am, the earlier the better.

Volunteers are needed also to sort and bag the items on Sunday, December 11th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your kind generosity during this holiday season!!!

SINCE WE NOW COLLECT FOOD FOR THE BERKELEY FOOD BANK ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH, WE NO LONGER COLLECT FOOD AS PART OF THE HOLIDAY OUTREACH PROGRAM.

Parish News & Events (continued)

Book Group

The next book for our group will be Ron Hansen's *Mariette in Ecstasy*, on Saturday, December 10th @ 10:00 a.m. in the conference room.

The book group had its first meeting on Saturday, November 5th. We look forward to seeing you next week!



ENDOW

Endow is a small study group capped at 12 women that will soon meet Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in Norton Hall. *Endow* is open to women of all ages, and there is no homework – the study guide is covered during the meeting.

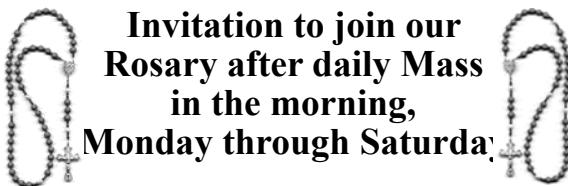
This class will be a meditation on God's design for man and woman; it contains the theological foundations for John Paul II's claim that an authentic feminine presence is essential to building a civilization of love.

You may register online at the website www.EndowGroups.org/join-a-group, or by calling the Endow office at 720-382-5242.

RCIA Meetings

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Come to the RCIA meetings in Norton Hall on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. No commitment is needed to come. Email David Paternostro, SJ, and the RCIA team at rcia@marymagdalen.org for more information.

- **From the Parish Calendar...**
- **1st Sunday Dinner for Poor & Homeless:** Today, Dec. 4, 12:00-5:00 pm, Parish Hall. [NO 4TH SUNDAY DINNER ON 12/25.]
- **RCIA:** Tuesdays, December 6 & 13, 7:00-9:00 pm, Norton Hall
- **Boy Scout Troop 24:** Tuesdays, December 6 & 13, 7:30-9:00 pm, Parish Hall
- **Book Fair:** Wednesday-Monday, December 7 through 12, (call office for times), Parish Hall
- **SPRED:** Wednesdays, December 7 & 14, 7:00-9:00 pm, Norton Hall
- **Girls Scouts:** Thursday, December 8, 5:00-7:00 pm, Norton Hall
- **"Welcoming the Stranger" Concert:** 2nd Saturday Series, December 10, 7:30 pm, Church
- **Holiday Outreach:** Sunday, December 11, 8:00-11:00 am, Parish Hall
- **School Christmas Concert:** Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
- **Penance Service:** Wednesday, December 14, 7:30 pm, Church
- **Refugee Aid Committee Meeting,** Friday, December 16, 4:00-5:00 pm, Conference Room



You are invited to join us in our daily Rosary after morning Mass during the week. The numbers are growing and we welcome you, too! Thank you.

Please join us at the Tabernacle in prayer after the morning Mass.

Peace & Social Justice Notes

Catholic Organizations Call for Racial Justice

On November 15, thirteen Catholic organizations released a statement, "We Stand for Racial Justice," which calls on Catholics to take action. The document reads in part as follows:

"We invite our communities to seriously reflect on making a commitment to 1) participate in racial solidarity training; 2) create spaces for truth and reconciliation in our homes, organizations, and parishes; 3) engage in training in nonviolent conflict transformation; 4) promote programs of unarmed civilian peacekeepers in our communities; and 5) require substantive ongoing de-escalation training for police officers.

"In this post-election season where we are seeing increased instances of de-humanizing 'the other' by words and actions, we draw on our Catholic tradition of lifting up the equal human dignity of all people, including those we significantly disagree with. It is even more important for people of faith to stand in solidarity with those who are more vulnerable in these times."

The list of signatories includes *Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, the Franciscan Action Network, Pax Christi International & Pax Christi USA.*

Maryknoll Christmas Party

The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers have invited us to their annual Christmas party, to be held on **Wednesday, December 7** at their Mission House, 16642 Ashland Ave., San Lorenzo. Social gathering at 5:30, buffet dinner at 6:30, following by stories of Christmas traditions and carols in the chapel. There is plenty of parking, or you can take the BART train.

Please RSVP by Monday morning, Dec 5th. For questions, contact Kris East: keast@maryknoll.org or (510) 276 5021.

Welcoming the Stranger A Christmas Concert

**Second Saturday Concert Series
Saturday, December 10, 2016
7:30 PM**

St. Mary Magdalen Church
2005 Berryman St., Berkeley, CA

**\$10 Buffet and Drinks from
6:30 PM-7:30 PM in Norton Hall
Food by Lourdes Guzman**

Featuring the 11:00 AM **Schola Magdalene** with the **Renaissance Wind Ensemble, La Marina**, a baroque string ensemble, **Richard Savino**, baroque guitar

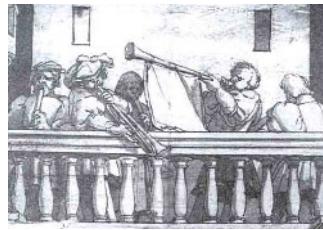
Featuring Renaissance & Medieval Music from Spain
New World Baroque Music



Tickets at the door: \$25 / General \$15
Students over 18 / children under 18: free

**Save Money and buy your tickets in advance:
\$20/General / \$10/Students**

Advance tickets:
welcomingthestranger.brownpapertickets.com



For a complete listing of the Second Saturday Series, visit tinyurl.com/Canepa-2ndSaturday

Upcoming Special Collections

December 4th	Sunday Dinners for the Poor & Homeless
December 11th	Retirement Fund for Religious
December 25th	Christmas Offering



Western Dominican Province

Discerning a vocation in the priesthood?



Consider joining the Order of Preachers (The Dominican Friars) who have been setting the world ablaze with the Gospel message for nearly 800 years! To learn more about the Dominican Friars and vocation discernment to the Order of Preachers, visit www.opwest.org

FIRST SUNDAY IN DECEMBER DINNER FOR THE POOR AND HOMELESS

During this Advent season, come join us today, December 4th, as we serve a hot meal to our brothers and sisters in need.

We set up and cook from noon to 1:00 pm; prepare to serve at 2:30 pm, and clean up from 3:45 pm until closing. **We can always use assistance cleaning up.**

Our guests enjoy desserts. Please bring your sweets to the Parish Hall by 1:30.

New to the Parish? The Parish Hall is located directly under the Church. Enter from the side stairs in the parking lot.



Ministries at St. Mary Magdalen

- Adult Education and Formation
- Altar Servers
- Art & Environment
- Baptism Preparation
- Berkeley Food Pantry
- Catholic Scouting (Boys)
- ENDOW
- Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound
- Extraordinary Ministers @ Mass
- Funeral Receptions
- Girl Scouts
- Holiday Outreach
- Mission Dinner Community
- Music
- RCIA
- RCIC
- Readers @ Mass
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Small Christian Community
- Social Justice
- Sunday Dinners for the Poor and Homeless
- Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
- Ushers
- Welcoming Ministry
- Young Adults at Mary Magdalen (YAMMs)

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these ministries, please contact the parish office at 526-4811. **We currently need volunteers in our Parish Office!** Please call Fr. Carl. Thank you.

We Joyfully Wait for Jesus

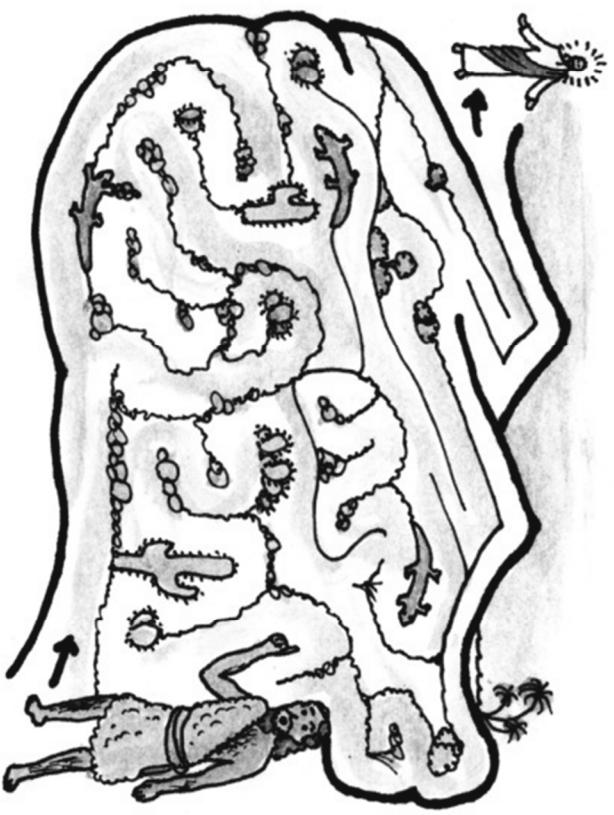
The Kids' Bulletin Second Sunday of Advent



TURN AWAY FROM YOUR SINS! tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.



In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?