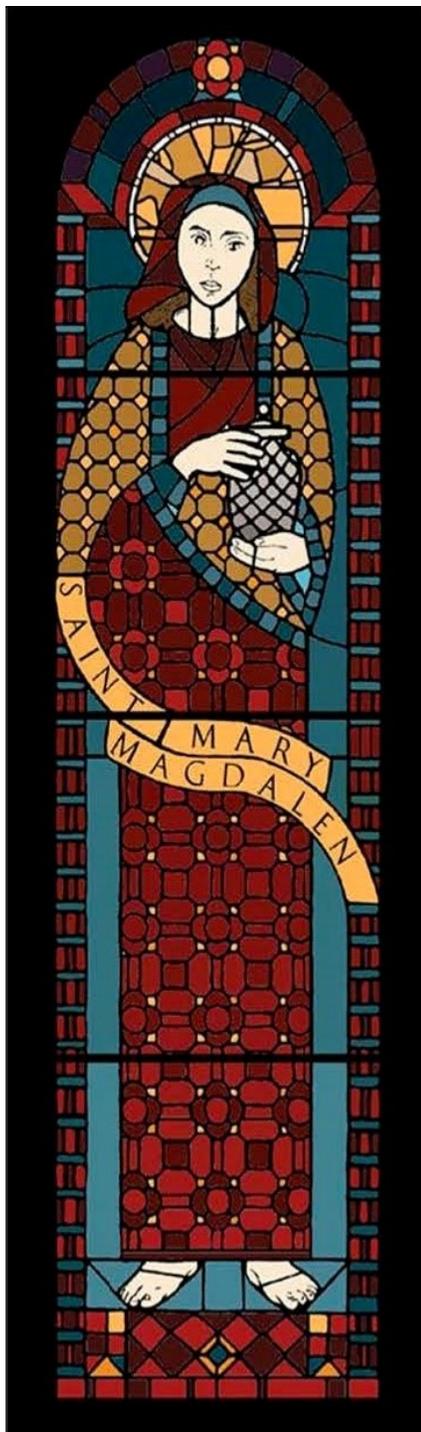




Saint Mary Magdalen Dominican Parish

November 27, 2016
First 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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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, November 27, 2016

First Sunday in Advent

First Sunday of Advent



Saturday	5:30	Holy Souls
Sunday	8:00	Pro Populo
	9:30	Holy Souls
	11:00	Paul Smith, Sr., RIP
Monday	8:00	Holy Souls
	5:30	Owen Basil Fitzgerald
Tuesday	8:00	Fr. Bruno Barnhart, OSB-Cam., RIP
	5:30	Holy Souls
Wednesday	8:00	John Betschart, RIP
	5:30	Holy Souls
Thursday	8:00	Antonia Llose, RIP
	5:30	Fernando Vidal, RIP
Friday	8:00	Jewell de Bellis, RIP
	5:30	Alice Mazzucchi, RIP
Saturday	8:00	Kate Sporer

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday	Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 St. Andrew, Apostle
Thursday	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21,23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8 St. Francis Xavier, Priest



Pastor's Corner



Knock, knock. Who's there?

Ready or not, now that Thanksgiving is a happy memory, Advent and the so-called "holiday season" are upon us. The mad dash to Christmas, which at times feels more like a marathon, is here. Merchants are singing: "Angels, we have heard on high, telling us, go out and BUY."

Advent is a challenging season. The tone is both somber and joyful; the year is approaching its longest night. It is joyful because we know that God's Kingdom is already among us: its inauguration was announced back in March on the feast of the Annunciation, when Gabriel told Mary she would bear God-incarnate and now we are coming to the fruition, his birth! It is also solemn because we listen to the prophets' challenging call to prepare for the coming of the King of Kings.

There are many ways to make more room for the Lord within us. One way is to examine our attitudes, habits, and behaviors for that which we have done or not done that have marred the divine image in others and us. I encourage each of you to make an effort to do this and approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially if it has been a while. (We will have a communal Penance Service on December 14.)

According to Merriam-Webster, "to reverence" means to honor and respect profoundly, stressing the deference and the tenderness of feeling in the one offering it. When reverence grows cold, the externals may be present, but that inner tenderness is gone. Jesus condemned the Pharisees and others who acted reverently, but were devoid of love for God or the Law. As Catholics, we have many practices meant to manifest or foster our reverence for God. For example, we genuflect or bow profoundly when entering a church to acknowledge Our Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament. We symbolically sign our senses before hearing the Gospel proclaimed. We try to maintain an attitude of quiet attention before, during and after the celebration of the Eucharist, allowing others and ourselves to not only participate more fully, but also to either prepare for Mass before or offer private thanksgiving afterward.

Reverence should not be limited to behavior surrounding worship; it should mark our lives as Christians. Jesus tells us that love of God and neighbor are so close so as to be inseparable. To fully manifest our reverence and love for God, we must also reverence each other; to fully reverence each other, we must also reverence God. Let us then be more reverent, both to God and to each other, as a communal preparation for Christmas this Advent. Let us clear the clutter in our minds and hearts, and live to prepare more room for the God who comes to us as a baby and under the forms of bread and wine.



Parish News & Events

Berkeley Food Pantry Collection: Next Sunday – December 4th

PLEASE BRING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING
ITEMS TO THE VESTIBULES OF THE CHURCH
AS YOU COME TO MASS:

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.



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*, and *Catholic Charities*.

Beginning Thanksgiving week, a Giving tTee, decorated with wish ornaments, will be installed in the church. These ornaments will include wished-for gifts, Target gift certificates, and monetary donations. Please be as generous as possible.



THE Giving Tree

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.



Bicycles needed!

Bikes are needed for low-income workers in need of transportation. If you have a bicycle to donate, please phone Monica Grycz: (510) 526 0637. Helmets and bike locks would also be appreciated!



Parish News & Events (continued)

**PLACEHOLDER FOR
FR. CARL'S REQUEST
TO HELP OUT
IN THE WAKE OF
SCOTT'S AND LORNA'S
RESIGNATIONS.**



**Invitation to join our
Rosary after daily Mass
in the morning,
Monday through Saturday**



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.

The Rosary or *rosarium* in Latin and in the sense of a "crown of roses" or a "garland of roses", is often in the form of the Dominican Rosary. It is a type or form of prayer used especially in the Roman Catholic Church named for the string of prayer beads. These prayer beads are used to count the component prayers of the Rosary.

Please join us in prayer after morning Mass.

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.

Book Group

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



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

~ Fr. Cassian

ENDOW

Endow will meet Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in Norton Hall.

This is a small study group capped at 12 women. It is open to women of all ages. No homework – the study guide is covered during the meeting.

This class is 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.

Registration is online at www.EndowGroups.org/join-a-group or by calling the Endow office at 720-382-5242.

Peace & Social Justice Notes—November 27, 2016

Offering of Letters 2016

Many thanks to the 96 people who signed letters to Senator Barbara Boxer on November 13. The letters were hand-delivered to the Senator's office. Thank you also for your donations to Bread for the World, totaling \$100.

Bread for the World keeps member congregations (of which we are one) informed about legislation that supports hunger programs, and gives suggestions for writing to members of Congress. According to BFW, it takes only seven letters from constituents for a congressional office to start paying attention to an issue. Handwritten, personalized letters carry the most weight, but e-mails and phone calls are also effective.

Please consider becoming an individual member of Bread for the World (www.bread.org). You will receive a bi-monthly newsletter containing legislative updates and suggestions for action, so that you can continue to be an effective advocate for the poor and hungry at home and abroad.

Last week's Special Collection for CCHD

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is a program of the United States Bishops which aims to break the cycles of poverty and injustice in the U.S. by empowering the disadvantaged to act on their own behalf. The "success stories" of those who have been helped by the CCHD locally are impressive and heart-warming. (See www.cchdEastBay.org)

In case you overlooked last week's special collection, it is not too late to contribute!

Suggestions for Advent

Looking for a focus for your prayers this Advent season? Both the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns and Pax Christi USA have issued electronic versions of prayerful guides that can be of help. Maryknoll's [Advent Reflection Guide](#) is based on each week's

Gospel readings and discussions by Catholic peacemakers who attended the Nonviolence and Just Peace conference in Rome in April 2016. Pax Christi's booklet, entitled [Journey Towards Justice](#), reminds us that Advent is a time to fully re-embrace our call to be co-creators with God.

You may find these resources at www.maryknoll.org and PaxchristiUSA.org.



WITH GRATITUDE

The **First & Fourth Sunday Dinners for the Poor and Homeless** have been serving food and goodwill in our Parish Hall for more than 25 years. It's only fitting that on Thanksgiving weekend we pause to acknowledge with appreciation all those (and there have been too many to mention) who have contributed their talent, time and treasure to this Ministry.

Our Dinners for the Poor and Homeless also owe a debt of gratitude to the following local businesses for their ongoing, generous donations to our dinner:

- **Semifreddi's Bakery** - *bread and pastries*
- **Dianthas Coffee** (owned by parishioner Eleanor Hopewell's son and sold at Berkeley Bowl as their house brand) - *coffee*

THANK YOU!

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

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
Center for Education & Spirituality present:

PREPARING OUR HEARTS: Advent Prayer through Art

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016, 9:00 am—12:00 noon

Dominican Center Art Room
43326 Mission Circle
Fremont, CA 94539
[enter off Mission Tierra]

Join us as we prepare our hearts for Christ during Advent by praying with color and line and the creation of an Advent Mandala. We will also have time for personal reflection and sharing. No experience or skill in art is required, just an openness to explore prayer and your faith through art.

\$25.00 RSVP by Nov. 28. Register at <http://bit.ly/2016PreparingRHearts>
or call (510) 933-6360.



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.