

December 1st, 2024 | First Sunday in Advent, Year C



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. The Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tues.– 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)

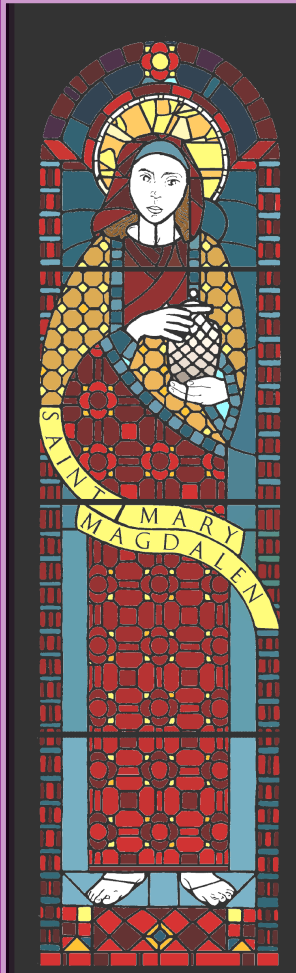
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BAPTISM:

Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. 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.

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The First Sunday of Advent, Year C ~ December 1st, 2024

Collection Report for the Week of November 17th, 2024

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
11/17/2024	\$7,582.15	\$8,980.00	-\$1,397.85
Year-to-Date	\$374,391.76	\$426,920.00	-\$52,528.24

We will not exist without your committed giving.



Eucharistic Adoration will take place at 6:00 pm on December 6th + the two other Fridays of Advent. Come join us for this meditative experience.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 1st **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Jeremiah 33:14-16 / 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 / Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
- 2nd *Advent Weekday*
Isaiah 2:1-5 / Matthew 8:5-11
- 3rd *Memorial: St. Francis Xavier, Priest*
Isaiah 11:1-10 / Luke 10:21-24
- 4th *Advent Weekday [St. John Damascene, Doctor]*
Isaiah 25:6-10 / Matthew 15:29-37
- 5th *Advent Weekday*
Isaiah 26:1-6 / Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- 6th *Advent Weekday [St. Nicholas, Bishop]*
Isaiah 29:17-24 / Matthew 9:27-31
- 7th *Memorial: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor*
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 / Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Mike Sullivan
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Alice Mazzucchi RIP
	11:30	Intentions of Virginia Jimenez
Monday	5:30	Jewel De Bellis RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Carol Carman RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Mharsie, Lloyd, and Nalara Parterno
	5:30	Jorge Luis Rosales Campas RIP
Thursday	8:30	Joe Fitzgerald RIP
Friday	5:30	Mercedes Colon RIP
Saturday	8:30	Gary Pilapil RIP

Parish Calendar through December 8th, 2024

Nov. 30/ Dec. 1 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
December 1 Sunday	First Sunday Dinner for the Hungry Noon - 4:00 pm, Norton Hall (<i>Desserts wanted!!</i>)
December 2 Monday	St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting 7:00 pm, Norton Hall <i>All are welcome!</i>
December 3 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel <i>Zoom link:</i> 2:00 - 3:00 pm, tinyurl.com / SMM-GospelGroup
December 3 Tuesday	Racial Equity Committee Meeting 7:00 pm, Zoom. <i>Contact parish for link.</i>
December 3 Tuesday	Adult Christian Initiation 7:00 pm, Norton Hall initiation@marymagdalen.org
December 4 Wednesday	Meeting of SPRED Catechism 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
December 6 Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
December 6 Friday	Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) 6:00 pm, Church (<i>after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass</i>)
December 7 Saturday	Concert: Women's Antique Vocal Ensemble 2:00 pm, Church. <i>"500 years of seasonal music"</i>
December 7/8 Weekend	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
December 8 Sunday	Sunday Dinners Annual Meeting 12:30 pm, Norton Hall <i>All are welcome!</i>
December 8 Sunday	CONCERT: <u>Voci x Womensing</u> 4:00 pm, Church. <i>Synergy: Double Choir</i>

Get Your Photo Taken for the New Parish Directory!

Universal Church Directories will soon be coming to Magdalen Hall to take photographs of all SMM parishioners for the 2025 Parish Directory. Every family that has their picture taken for the directory will receive a free 8x10 color photo (and you may purchase additional photos as well). An equally important motivation is your participation in our community: we need to know our church family!

Photo sessions will begin on Wednesday, December 11th and continue through Saturday, December 14th. You may sign up online at ucdir.com/

Church Code: ca136 Password: photos.

Pilgrimage to our Sister Parish in Mexicali

Photos by Fr. Nick Glisson and Jennifer Sanchez



Back: Sally Smith, Alex Henthorn-Iwane, Mark Bell, Fr. Nick
Front: Sr. Olivia & Sharon Henthorn-Iwane with a parishioner.



SMM parishioners posed with Sister Olivia and two parishioners from Santa María de Guadalupe.



The Altar for the Dead of Guadalupe Parish featured their former pastor, Fr. David Bello, OP, who died this year.



SMM choir members Jennifer Sanchez & Sally Smith sang with the Rivera Family Choir.



Notes from Fr. Nick

Advent

As I mentioned in this column a few weeks back, Advent is the beginning of a new Church year, when we prepare for the feast of the Incarnation: Christmas. In many ways our culture gets the Christmas season backwards. We have our office Christmas parties, holiday concerts, and gift exchanges before the feast, and then pack everything away the day after Christmas.

For the Church, the feast begins on the Vigil of Christmas: Christmas Eve. The actual celebration continues for the next eight days – the Octave of Christmas – and the season ends on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 12th this year).

How can we keep faithful to the spirit of Advent and still rejoice with our secular friends as they celebrate our feast? Perhaps the best thing we can do is keep it in perspective. We don't want to be like sour grapes when others choose to celebrate with us but don't get it quite right, and yet we need to be focused on the preparatory nature of the season so that we're not burned out by the time the feast arrives.

These are some things you could to do help you this Advent:

- ◆ Observe the feast of **Saint Nicholas** (December 6th).
- ◆ Attend Mass on the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**.
It is a special challenge this year, as it falls on a Sunday. The U.S. bishops have moved the celebration to Monday, December 9th, and it is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.
- ◆ Resolve to attend a **Reconciliation Service** (ours is on Monday, December 16th) and confess your sins.
- ◆ Sing the wonderful **Advent repertoire of hymns** at liturgy, and save Christmas carols until later.
- ◆ Read all of the **Gospel of Luke** (you may continue it into the coming year) as a preparation.

ADVENT WEEK ONE *Be Alert. Be Ready.*



THE ADVENT WREATH
The wreath, often made of evergreens, symbolizes everlasting life in the midst of winter and death. The circle reminds us of God's unending love and the eternal life He makes possible. The four candles are lit successively, one additional candle each Sunday, during the four weeks of Advent which lead up to Christmas.

During Advent, we both anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas, and prepare for our Lord's second coming to judge the living and the dead.

CHRIST is COMING

ADVENT WEEK TWO *Prepare a Way.*

As during the season of Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple. Similarly, our preparations for both Advent and Lent include prayer, penance, making sacrifices, and doing good works.

Since the earliest days of the church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to return. The Advent readings tell us not to waste our time with predictions or speculation. We are to prepare by properly aligning our lives with God and our neighbors.

IDEAS FOR ADVENT

- Pray for family members, the community, and the whole world.
- Search your heart. How can you wronged anyone? How can you make it right? How will you do better next time?
- Give gifts of time and/or money to people who are lonely, hungry, sick, or needy.
- Commit to doing one extra good action each day.



CHRIST is COMING

ADVENT WEEK THREE *Rejoice!*



The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete," or "Rejoicing" Sunday. We have arrived at the midpoint of Advent. The rose colored candle is lit, and the priest wears rose colored vestments at Mass. Our preparations are now half over, and Christmas is near. Our hearts are filled with joyful anticipation!



CHRIST is COMING

ADVENT WEEK FOUR *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!*



The Roman Church has been singing the "O Antiphons" since at least the 8th century. These antiphons all begin with the letter "O" and accompany the evening prayer from December 17 - 23. The ancient biblical imagery of the "O Antiphons" expresses the Messianic hopes of the Old Testament, and of present day hopes as well. Their repeated use of the imperative, "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.



Are you ready?

CHRIST is COMING SOON!

Offer up the extra work you do at this time of year as preparation for the feast.

Christmas falls on Wednesday this year, and so, unlike in some previous years, it won't get in the way of celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We'll keep the Advent decorations in the inside of the church until the following Monday, but we'll install our outdoor Christmas decorations somewhat earlier for our neighbors to enjoy. I wish each of you a blessed Advent.

- Fr. Nick

(Banners designed by parishioner Mary Ernst for our fence.)

A CALL TO END THE DEATH PENALTY

Currently 40 federal prisoners are on death row. Capital punishment has no place in our Catholic faith: Pope Francis formally changed the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to unambiguously oppose the death penalty, eliminating its use in extreme cases and calling it "inadmissible."

President Biden never abolished the federal death penalty. Instead he placed a moratorium on federal executions following the 13 executions in the final six months of Trump's first presidency. Prior to these executions, no federal execution had taken place since 2003.

What can we do? Join the call of the *American Civil Liberties Union* and **sign a petition urging President Biden to commute the sentence of these 40 individuals before he leaves office.** Otherwise the next president will be able to resume executions, as he did in his first presidency.

You can sign the petition here: [tinyurl.com/ACLU-DP](https://www.tinyurl.com/ACLU-DP)

You can also visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website to read more information about Catholic teachings and about the death penalty. (Unfortunately, no current actions by the USCCB against the death penalty are evident.) Both the House and the Senate introduced bills in 2023 entitled "**The Federal Death Penalty Prohibition Act**"; the bills rest in their respective Judiciary Committees; future action is unclear.

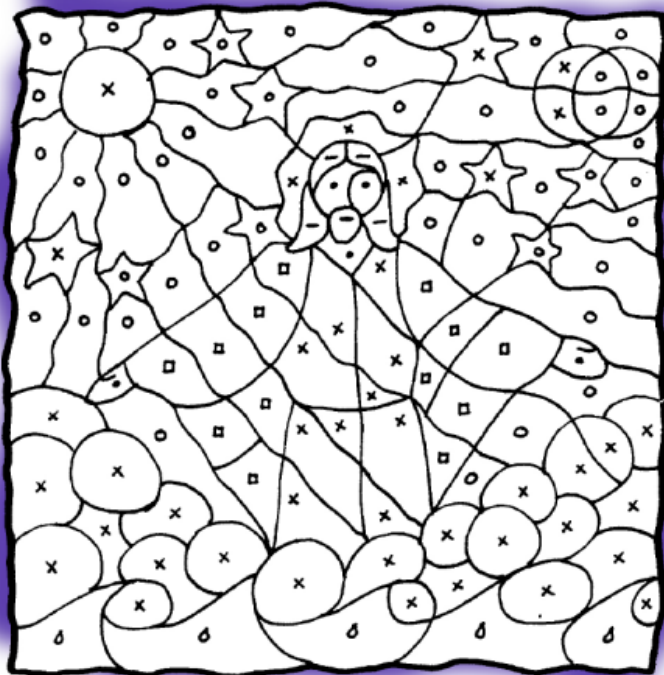
Let us be reminded: Pope Francis has enjoined us to "*collectively call for the abolition of the death penalty.*"

Holiday Outreach Giving Tree



As Advent approaches, we're again collecting donations for *St. Mary's Center, Mercy Center Brown Bag Program for Seniors, Elizabeth House, Catholic Charities, the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center, and St. Vincent de Paul.* A **Giving Tree** with ornaments for Target gift certificates (best purchased online or in the store) and monetary requests is now in the church. **Your generous monetary donations are very welcome!** **All donations can be dropped off at the Parish rectory or in the collection basket up to Sunday, December 15th.** On that morning (12/15), we'll be in Norton Hall from **9:00 to 11:00 am.** *Thank you!*

The Kids' Bulletin



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Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

In today's Gospel reading Jesus talks about what is going to happen when He comes back at the end of the world.

Use the code to colour in the picture!

- white • blue • skin colour
- black • red - brown

The Second Coming Word Puzzle

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Fill in the missing letters from today's first reading and copy them to finish the last line.

The days are c _ _ ming (5), says _ _ he (14)
Lo _ _ d, (10) when I will f _ _ lfill (9) the
p _ _ omise (6) I made to the _ _ ouse (2) of Israel
and Judah. In tho _ _ c (13) days, in that tim _ _ ,
(3) I will raise up for _ _ avid (7) a just shoot; he
shall d _ _ (8) what is right and jus _ _ (1) in the
_ _ and.(4) In those days _ _ udah (11) shall be safe
and Jer _ _ salem (12) shall dw _ _ ll (17) secure;
th _ _ s (15) is what they shall _ _ all (16) her:

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