

December 8th, 2024 | Gaudete Sunday / Third 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)

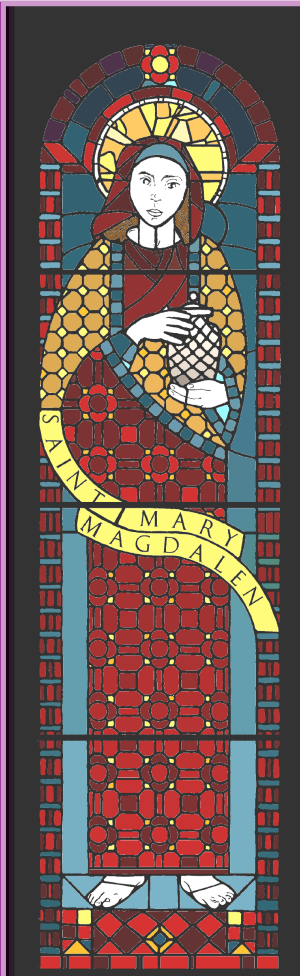
OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – Noon
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
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FUNERAL RITE SCHEDULE

Friday, December 20, 2024

Viewing: 10 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Solemn Funeral Mass: 11:00 am

Funeral Livestream: youtube.com/@ctlcathedral

*“Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

*We live the Gospel,
and we care for others.”*

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.

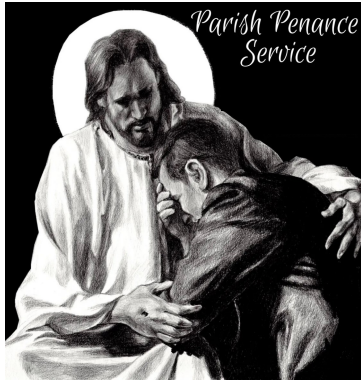
ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The Sacrament is offered at every 5th Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday in Advent), Year C ~ December 15th, 2024

Collection Report for the Week ending December 8 th			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/08/2024	\$8,818.85	\$8,980.00	-\$161.15
Year-to-Date	\$397,751.76	\$453,860.00	-\$56,108.24
<i>A really good week — almost on target!</i>			



Advent Reconciliation Service

**TOMORROW,
December 16th
7:30 pm**

Exchange your heavy load for the lighter burden of Christ!

Scripture Readings for the Week

15th THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Zephania 3:14-18 / Philemon 4:4-7 / Luke 3:10-18

16th Advent Weekday
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 / Matthew 21:23-27

17th Advent Weekday
Genesis 49:2, 8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17

18th Advent Weekday
Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25

19th Advent Weekday
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 / Luke 1:5-25

20th Advent Weekday
Isaiah 7:10-14 / Luke 1:26-38

21st Advent Weekday [St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor]
Song of Songs 2:8-14 / Luke 1:39-45

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Maria Baalbaki
Sunday	8:00	Ann Flemer RIP
	9:30	Intentions of Mhoy & Sol Castillo
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	5:30	Intentions of Maria Baalbaki
Tuesday	8:30	Nicholas Espejo RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Logan Sheehan RIP
	5:30	Cyril Dodds RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Maria Baalbaki
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Paul Sporer
Saturday	8:30	Lessel Mansour RIP

Parish Calendar through December 8th, 2024

December 13	Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour) Friday 6:00 pm, Church (after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass)
December 14/15	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jim Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
December 15	Christmas Concert & Tree Lighting Sunday 1:30 pm, Church; 2:30 pm Garden
December 15	FREE CONCERT: Bach Cantata Collective Sunday 5:00 pm, Church. BWV 68 & BWV 80
December 16	Advent Reconciliation (Penance) Service Monday 7:30 pm, Church
December 17	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm, tinyurl.com / SMM-GospelGroup
December 17	Adult Christian Initiation Tuesday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall initiation@marymagdalen.org
December 18	Meeting of SPRED Catechism Wednesday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall
December 20	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Friday 9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
December 20	Final Eucharistic Adoration of Advent Friday 6:00 pm, Church (after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass)
December 21/22	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Deacon Jeff Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday

This QR code leads to the Parish Donation page— it works even when the website is down!



tinyurl.com/SMM-Donations

Please Remember St. Mary Magdalen in Your Will or Trust

Providing for the future of your parish, through your **will, retirement plan, trust**, or other format, is a generous way for you to express your gratitude for all the blessings that you and your family have received from your parish.

If you would like to discuss the different forms a legacy gift can take, please contact Fr. Nick at (510) 526-4811 or pastor@marymagdalen.org.



Advent Retreat in Danville for Members of St. Vincent de Paul

On Saturday, December 7th, several members of St. Mary Magdalen's conference of St. Vincent de Paul carpooled to St. Isidore's in Danville to participate in an Advent Retreat led by **Sister Paule Freeburg, D.C.**, the SVdP Western Region Spiritual Advisor. Participants were enraptured as she broke open six Gospel stories featuring women whose lives were radically changed through their encounters with Christ.



Back row: **Paul Marks** (Chair of the Spirituality, Formation & Growth Committee of Alameda County SVdP) and **John Proctor** (Alameda Conferences Support); **Troy Kaji**, SMM Conference President.

Front row: St. Mary Magdalen SVdP Members **Judy Vohs**, **Madge Tsang**, **Elena Aranda**, **Laura Morland**, and **Gigi Heisinger**.

Annual Meeting of Volunteers for the Sunday Dinners for the Hungry



Lead Volunteers observed the 35th year of this important mission of our parish with an Annual Meeting to discuss finances, menus, security, and other elements important to the smooth running of the program. (Photos below: faithful volunteers on the Serving Line and in Magdalen Hall kitchen at two recent dinners.)

Corporate Sin

Tomorrow (Monday) evening at 7:30 pm, we will celebrate our parish **Reconciliation Service for Advent**. In light of this event, I would like to consider an examination of conscience that addresses an area of sin we are not likely to think about: it's what moral theologians call *corporate sinfulness*.

Most of us are all too aware of our personal faults, but we are less likely to think about how we are complicit in the sins of our society. Many people object to this idea, because corporate sin seems to place personal guilt on individuals who have little control over their community's behavior. While there is no denying we all share in this guilt, we should not think of it in quite the same way we understand our responsibility for personal sins.

An example of corporate sinfulness we can all relate to is in our recent elections. The base instincts that pitted one political group against another was degrading to everyone, even if we resisted engaging in it ourselves. It was very hard for me not to wish harm on politicians whom I believed wanted to impose their (by my estimation) narrowly-defined vision of America on the entire population. Even if we are not actively sinful, we are all still coping with the effects of sin. As Christians, we need to stand up to expiate everyone's guilt.

You can probably think of numerous ways that we sin as a people, but here are two to consider: Almost all of us are capable of doing more to improve our stewardship of the environment. Recycling isn't all that

hard, but it requires us

to change ingrained habits. It's harder for us to exercise control over things like industrial pollution, but we can support public policies that promote a clean environment, and we can report violations. To the degree that we passively allow our world to be exploited and polluted, we share in corporate sin.



The presence of violence in our world is a more vexing form of sinfulness, because there is little agreement on solutions. One person may be for law-and-order, while another believes that we need to excuse perpetrators because of their family background or limited economic opportunities. These positions are not where the sin lies. At least the people who hold these opinions have considered the problem and are offering a solution. Our corporate sinfulness concerning violence more likely lies in not supervising our children's television, video games and social media — allowing them to be desensitized to it. Inaction can be a sin of omission.

These examples will probably spark some debate, but that is a good thing. More often than not, corporate sinfulness comes from not being involved and living passive lives. As you examine your conscience before our Reconciliation Service tomorrow evening, I invite you to consider how we sin as people.



So they decided that everyone should fast, and all the people, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth to show that they had repented. When the king of Nineveh heard about it, he got up from his throne, took off his robe, put on sackcloth, and sat down in ashes.
~ Jonah 3:5-6



HOLIDAY

TOY DRIVE

#CelebrationNation Foundation is Holding its Annual Holiday Toy Drive

** Gently-Used Toys are Preferred **

Toy Drop-Off Dates:

December 2nd - December 20th

MONDAY-SUNDAY

11 am-3 pm & 4 pm-11 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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La Marcha Tapas Restaurant
2026 San Pablo Avenue
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Holiday Outreach Giving Tree



We're halfway through Advent; today is the last day to donate to St. Mary's Center, the Mercy Center Brown Bag Program for Seniors, Elizabeth House, Catholic Charities, the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center, and our own parish conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

A Giving Tree with ornaments for Target gift certificates (best purchased online or in the store) and monetary requests is 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 though today: Sunday, December 15th.**

TODAY (12/15), we'll also receive your gifts in Norton Hall from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Thank you!

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15th, 2024

I AM BAPTIZING YOU
WITH WATER, BUT ONE
MOMENT LATER I AM COMING
I AM NOT WORRY
TO UNITE THE THING
OF HIS SANDALS.

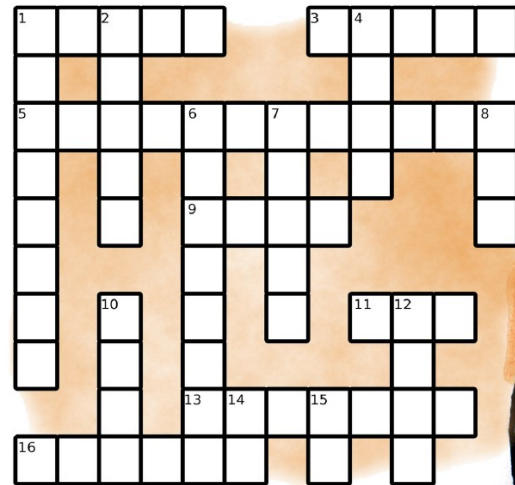
HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE.



Luke 3:10-18

God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. What did he say when some of the people thought that he might be the saviour? Look in the mirror to find out!

Philippians 4 Cross-Word



Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom and fit them into the puzzle. a=across d=down



Brothers and _____ (13a): Rejoice in the _____ (12d) always. I _____ (3a) say _____ (14d) _____ (2d): rejoice! Your _____ (6d) should be known _____ (15d) all. The Lord is _____ (9a). _____ (4d) no anxiety at _____ (11a), but in everything, by prayer and _____ (1d), with _____ (5a), make _____ (10d) requests known to _____ (8d). Then the _____ (1a) of God that surpasses all understanding will _____ (7d) your hearts and minds in _____ (16a) Jesus.

GOD SHALL TO LORD YOUR
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WHEN IT'S TIME TO
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