

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 | Fourth Sunday in Advent, Year C



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WEEKEND MASSES

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday–Thursday + 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)

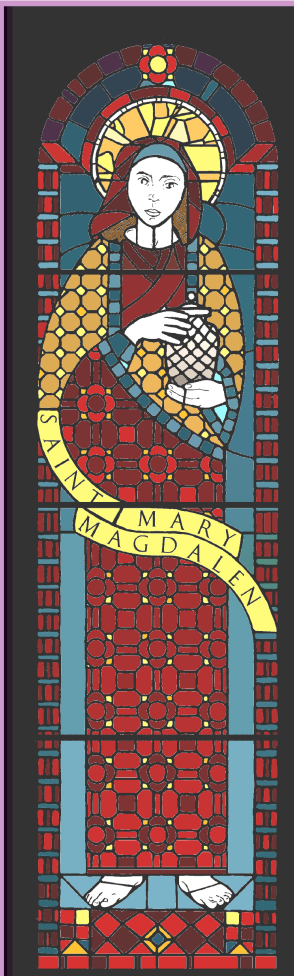
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BAPTISM: Preparation classes take place on the first Monday of the month. Please call the parish office for more information.

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C ~ December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Due to our Bulletin Publisher's early publication deadlines, the collection report for the week of December 15<sup>th</sup> will be published next week.

Don't forget to make your Christmas Donation before the end of 2024 — your parish needs you!

[tinyurl.com/SMM-Donations](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-Donations)

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## Scripture Readings for the Week

22<sup>nd</sup> **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Micah 5:1-4 / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-45

23<sup>rd</sup> *Advent Weekday [St. John of Kanty, Priest]*

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 / Luke 1:57-66

24<sup>th</sup> *Christmas Vigil*

Isaiah 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-25 / Matthew 1:1-25

*Mass in the Night*

Isaiah 9:1-6 / Titus 2:11-14 / Luke 2:1-14

25<sup>th</sup> *The Nativity of the Lord*

Isaiah 52:7-10 / Hebrews 1:1-6 / John 1:1-18

26<sup>th</sup> *FEAST: ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR*

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Matthew 10:17-22

27<sup>th</sup> *FEAST: ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST*

1 John 1:1-4 / John 20:1-8

28<sup>th</sup> *FEAST: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS*

1 John 1:5-2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18

## Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Flora Dandurand RIP
	9:30	Tanika McMillon RIP
	11:30	Mark Kelly RIP
Monday	5:30	Intentions of Miriam Ravnik
Tuesday	8:30	Hilarie A. Cariaga RIP
	5:00	Intentions of our Parish Children
	10:00	For the People of the Parish
Wednesday	9:00	Charles, Addis, Finuala & Kieran O'Connell RIP
	11:00	Intentions of the Onglatco Clan
Thursday	8:30	Jeff Dodge & Family RIP
Friday	5:30	Intentions of the Treanor Family
Saturday	8:30	Emilio Onglatco Jr.

## Parish Calendar through December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

December 20	<b>Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)</b>
Friday	6:00 pm, Church (after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass)
December 21/22	<b>Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Titus</b>
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
December 22	<b>Fourth Sunday Dinner (See below for details.)</b>
Sunday	Noon - 4:00 pm, Norton Hall
December 24	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> Zoom link:
Tuesday	2:00 pm. <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com / SMM-GospelGroup</a>
December 24	<b>Christmas Vigil Family Mass</b>
Tuesday	4:45 pm, Singalong ; 5:00 pm, Mass
December 24	<b>Christmas Eve Mass in the Night</b>
Tuesday	9:30 pm, Concert; 10:00 pm, Mass
December 25	<b>Christmas Day-The Nativity of the Lord</b>
Wednesday	Masses at 9:00 am and 11:00 am
December 27	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b>
Friday	9:15 - 10:15 am, Norton Hall
December 28/29	<b>Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson</b>
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
December 28/29	<b>Fifth Sunday: Sacrament of Anointing</b>
Weekend	6:30 pm Saturday; 9:00 / 10:30 / 12:30 Sunday

## Volunteer Opportunity This Sunday

This Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, is our **Fourth Sunday Dinner for the Hungry**. Would you have an hour or so to spare? If so, come downstairs to Magdalen Hall sometime today from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm!

You are very welcome to come help set up or serve our guests (*see below*), but **we especially need volunteers to clean the kitchen and Magdalen Hall**.

We set up from **Noon to 1:00 pm**, prepare to serve at **2:15 pm**, and then we start cleaning the kitchen at **2:30 pm** and putting away tables and chairs at **~3:30 pm**.

### Attention All Bakers!

Our guests like sweets and really appreciate your desserts. You may drop them off during Coffee Hour or in the Magdalen kitchen until 1:30 pm.



For more info:

[sundaydinners@marymagdalen.org](mailto:sundaydinners@marymagdalen.org)



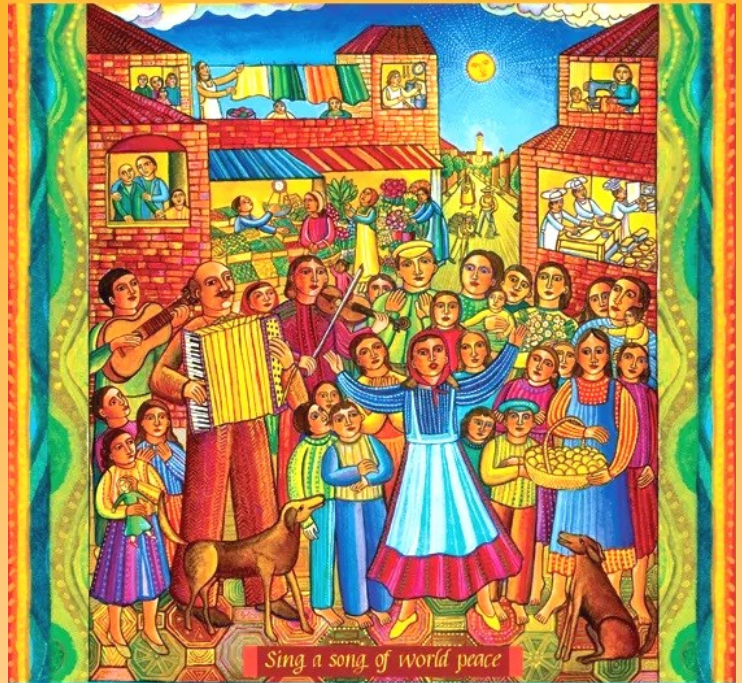
I ENCOURAGE ALL  
TO WORK FOR



THE ABOLITION OF  
THE DEATH PENALTY

Pope Francis, L'Osservatore, June 24, 2016

In a single plea to God and to all men and women  
of good will, on behalf of all the victims of  
atomic bombings and experiments, and of all conflicts,  
let us together cry out from our hearts:



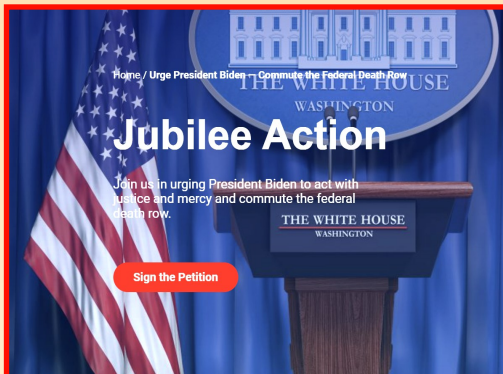
NEVER AGAIN WAR,  
NEVER AGAIN THE CLASH OF ARMS,  
NEVER AGAIN SO MUCH SUFFERING!  
MAY PEACE COME IN OUR TIME  
AND TO OUR WORLD.

Pope Francis, Peace Memorial (Hiroshima), November 24, 2019

Poster & Art by John August Swanson in 2016 & 2020

From *America Magazine*, the Jesuit review of Faith and Culture:

The Jubilee Year that we are about to enter needs peacemakers who are called the children of God (Matthew 5:9) in these challenging, uncertain times. *"The need for peace challenges us all and demands that concrete steps be taken,"* Pope Francis instructs us. This is why **Catholic Mobilizing Network has initiated a national petition for Catholics to urge President Biden — a fellow Catholic — to act in the spirit of mercy and justice to commute the sentences of all 40 men currently on federal death row.** We are encouraging all Catholics and people of good will to sign this petition: [tinyurl.com/CMN-Biden](https://tinyurl.com/CMN-Biden)



Mr. Biden made history as the first U.S. president to openly oppose the death penalty. But while federal executions have been paused during the Biden presidency, 40 lives are still at stake, with a new administration weeks away. **Until he leaves office, President Biden has the constitutional authority to offer clemency to each person on federal death row.**

At a time when the Holy Father has called for *"forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to every form of death penalty,"* such a bold Jubilee action from President Biden would not only leave open the door to redemption for these men, but also quite possibly mark a turning point in the movement to end the scourge of capital punishment throughout the United States.

Read: [How Catholics Can Urge Joe Biden to Commute Death Row Sentences Before Leaving Office.](#)



Notes from Fr. Nick

# Christmas Greetings

The words that begin the Proclamation of the Scriptures at the Christmas Vigil liturgy almost fluoresce with brilliance:

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,  
announcing peace, bearing good news,  
announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,  
“Your God is King!”

- Isaiah 52:7

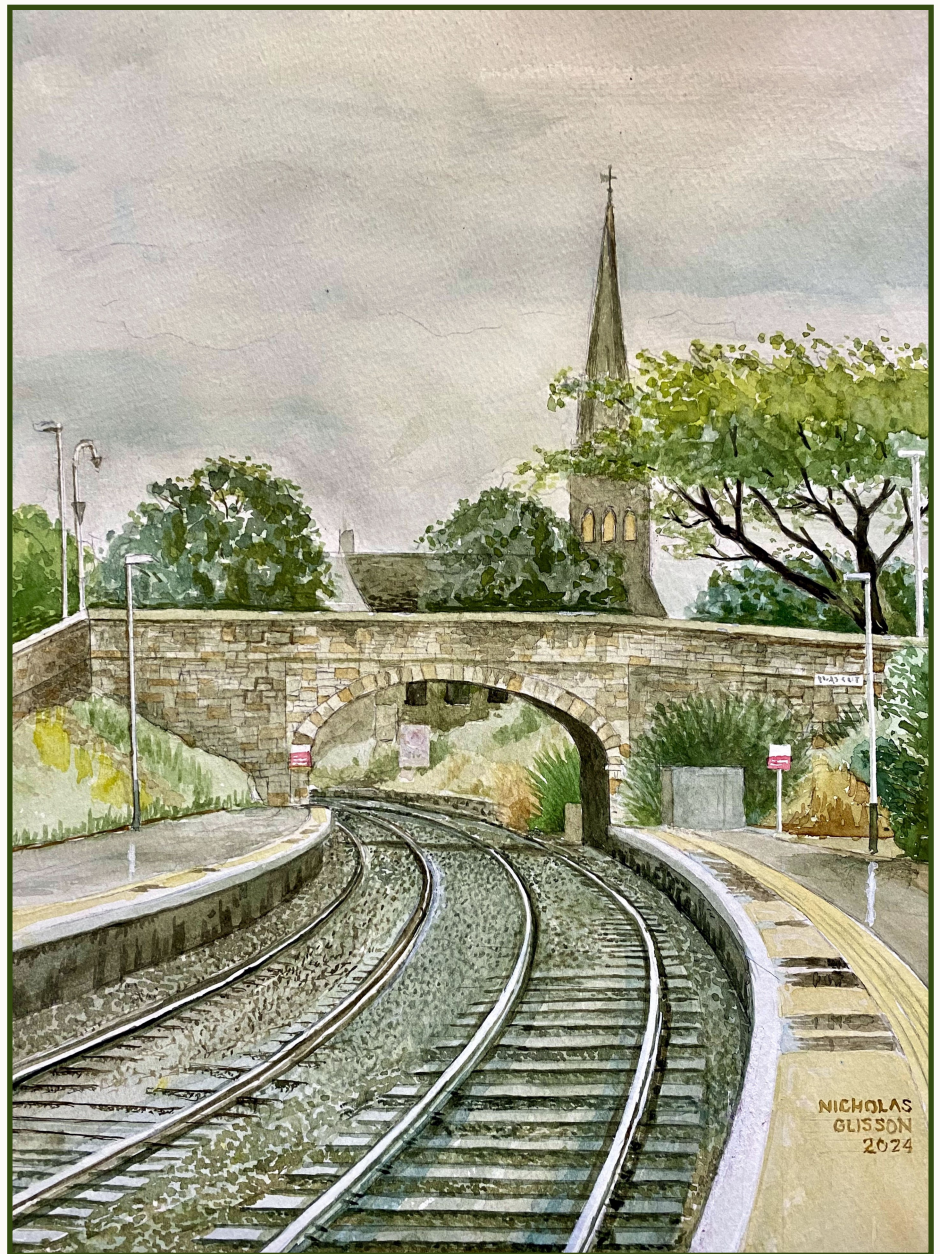
The writer, probably a student of Isaiah, cannot contain his excitement at the coming of the Messiah. You might, therefore, be surprised to learn that they were written as Israel approached one of its darkest hours. Revolts occurred within, and foreign powers encroached on God’s chosen people from all sides.

What could be a cause of joy when Israel was in the midst of such peril? The prophet was able to see the larger picture. He knew that, even when things looked like they could not get worse; the love of God was still present. God’s love would ultimately triumph over human greed and lust for power.

During the season of the Incarnation, the memorial of God becoming a human being, it is good to look beyond the things that appear to overwhelm us. The birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus reminds us that nothing can overcome God’s care for us. This sure knowledge transforms how we see our world so that, like Isaiah’s student, we understand its true beauty. We can relish the life God has given us.

On behalf of Fr. Wilson, Fr. Titus, Deacon Jeff and all the staff, Merry Christmas to all, and may God’s blessings be on you during 2025.

- Fr. Nick



Fr. Nick’s Annual Christmas Painting for 2024 is of a railway track and bridge in Invergordon, Scotland, where he visited while serving as a ship’s chaplain this year. The Invergordon Church of Scotland can be seen in the background.



# Christmas Music on Christmas Eve!

**SINGALONG**

Tuesday, December 24th  
at 4:45 pm



## Christmas Sing-Along

Before the 5:00 pm  
Family Mass

**CONCERT**

Tuesday, December 24th  
at 9:30 pm



Before the 10:00 pm  
Mass in the Night

## The Kids' Bulletin

Christmas Day and  
Feast of the Holy Family  
December 25 & 26, 2021



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There wasn't any room for Mary and Joseph to stay in Bethlehem, so they had to go to a stable outside the town. Can you help them find their way?

### The Holy Family Puzzle

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks.  
Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks with numbers part-way down.

Every year Jesus and His  (NTSPRAE) went to Jerusalem for the  (SVOPSARE) festival. When  (SUJES) was twelve, they went to the  (LFSETVIA) as usual, but Jesus stayed in the  (MPELET) afterwards.  (RMYA) and Joseph thought He was with their relatives in the caravan, but when they couldn't  (DNIF) Him they went back and  (CHDEASRE) for Him. On the  (HDRIT) day they found him. When they asked Jesus why He had done this, He replied, "Did you not  (WNKO) that I must be in my

?"  
Then he went home with them to  (ZRNATHEA) and was obedient to them, and grew up in  (DSIWMO) and age and grace.





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WHEN IT'S TIME TO  
**REMEMBER**



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