

December 29th, 2024 | Feast of the Holy Family, Year C

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



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100 YEARS

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

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)

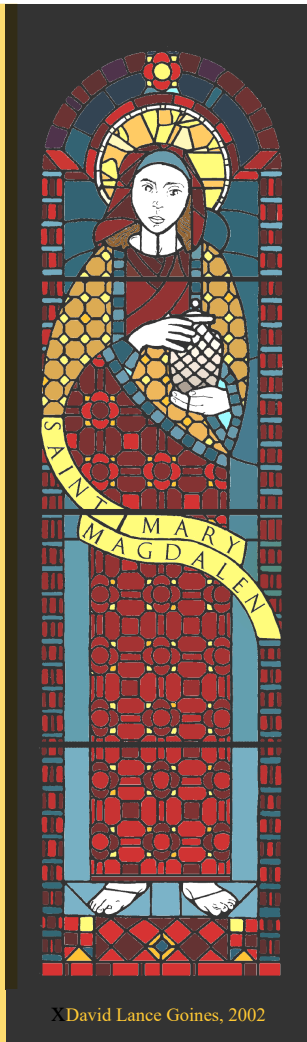
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9:00 am – Noon
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BAPTISM:

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 Feast of the Holy Family, Year C ~ December 29th, 2024

Parish Collections: Week of December 15 th , 2024			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
Immaculate Conception	\$809.43		
12/15/2024	\$8,462.70	\$8,980.00	-\$517.30
Year-to-Date	\$407,023.89	\$462,840.00	-\$55,816.11
We were boosted by the Immaculate Conception offerings.			

**Eucharistic Adoration —
Friday, January 3rd**
... after the 5:30 pm Mass
(roughly 6:05 pm)

Please join Fr. Titus as he leads us in First Friday Holy Hour — a time of quiet prayer with our Lord.



Scripture Readings for the Week

29th **THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**
1 Samuel 1:20-28 / 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 /
Luke 2:41-52

30th *Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity*
1 John 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40

31st *Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity*
1 John 2:18-21 / John 1:1-18 [*St. Sylvester I, Pope*]

1st **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21

2nd *Memorial: St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors*
1 John 2:22-28 / John 1:19-28

3rd *Christmas Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Jesus]*
1 John 2:29-3:6 / John 1:29-34

4th *Memorial: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
1 John 3:7-10 / John 1:35-42

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:30 Warren & Sharon Brunetti

Sunday 8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Intentions of Caryl Woulfe and Family
11:30 Intentions of Fr. Ryen Dwyer, SJ

Monday 5:30 Carlo Massimo RIP

Tuesday 8:30 Ellen Peterson Brandel RIP & Intentions of Roland Brandel

Wednesday 10:00 Ben & Marjorie Mathias RIP

Thursday 8:30 Jessie P. Morland RIP

Friday 5:30 Joseph P. McWalters RIP

Saturday 8:30 Nelie RIP


Parish Calendar through January 3rd, 2024

December 28/29	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Wilson
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00 / 9:30 / 11:30 am Sunday
December 28/29	5 th Sunday Collection for St. Vincent de Paul
Weekend	At all Masses, or click on the Donate links below.
December 28/29	5 th Sunday : Sacrament of Anointing
Weekend	6:30 pm Saturday; 9:00 / 10:30 / 12:30 Sunday
January 1	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	Mass at 10:00 am. (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>)
January 3	First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Friday	6:00 pm, Church (<i>after the 5:30 pm Daily Mass</i>)

Don't forget to make your **Christmas Donation** before the end of 2024 —
Your Parish Needs You!

tinyurl.com/SMM-Donations

This QR code leads to the Parish Donation page — use it to initiate a one-time payment or increase the amount you donate monthly.




**MANY MINISTRIES
ONE CHURCH**

BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024
oakdiocese.org/bishops-ministries-appeal

Christmas Choir & Band Concerts + Tree-Lighting!



On December 15th, Andy Canepa and Joan Bell shared directing duties for the combined Children's and Adult Choirs concert; Jennifer Ashworth led her Madeleine band students in a performance before the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, presided over by our school principal, Joseph Nagel. Photos: Fr. Nicholas Glisson



Notes from Fr. Nick

Happy New Year!

Have you ever thought about what New Year's celebrations would look like if the date didn't fall so soon after Christmas — or, for that matter, if it didn't happen so quickly after the winter solstice? In Roman times, New Year's Day occurred in late March, at the beginning of spring rather than in the dead of winter. In some ways this would make more sense, given that spring is all about the beginning of new life.

The history of marking the beginning of a new year is immensely confusing. Julius Caesar decreed the beginning of the calendar year to be the first day in January. Although his Julian Calendar remained in use for 15 centuries, following the fall of the Roman Empire in the 5th century, the new

year was gradually realigned to coincide with Christian festivals, until by the 7th century, Christmas Day marked the beginning of the new year in many countries. By the ninth century, parts of southern Europe began observing first day of the new year on March 25th, to coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation.

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII authorized, and most Roman Catholic countries adopted, the "Gregorian" or "New Style" Calendar." It established January 1st as the first day of the new year. However, the Protestant countries (including England and its colonies), not recognizing the authority of the

Pope, continued to use the Julian Calendar. Therefore it was not until relatively recently (1752), that January 1st became New Year's Day in the English-speaking world, including our own.

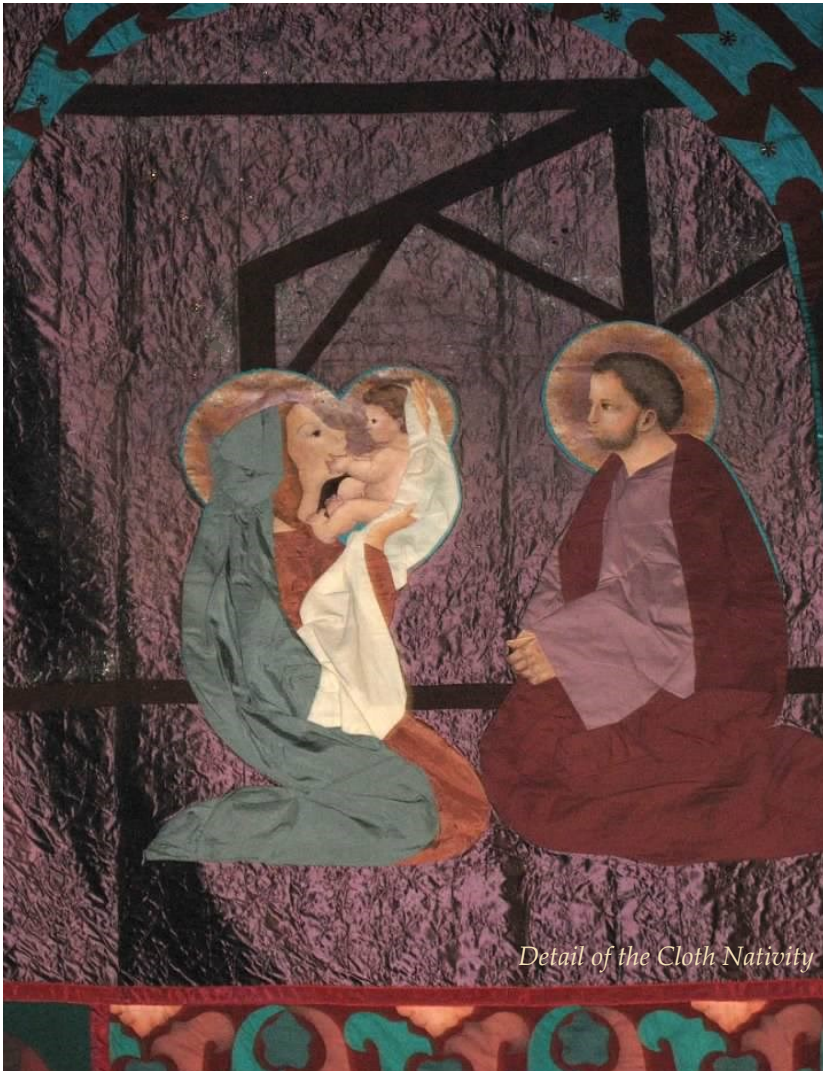
It is somewhat of an accident that New Year's Day falls exactly one week after Christmas. Thus it coincides with the Octave of Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Therefore, the end of the Christmas Solemnity marks the beginning of the New Year.

There's something appropriate about beginning anew after the feast of Christmas. It marks the time to start with a clean calendar and look ahead. I'm sure many of our 2025 calendars are already filled with dates, appointments, meetings and arrangements, but still there is a sense of expectation.

May God's peace be with you throughout 2025. May all our work and relationships be a sign of His grace and may you be blessed with God's infinite love.

- Fr. Nick





Detail of the Cloth Nativity

Powerful Display at Christmastime

A special joy for parishioners of Saint Mary Magdalen at this time of year is the opportunity to contemplate the exceptional artwork that graces the west wall of our Eucharistic Chapel each Christmas Season. Created by a talented parishioner (who wishes to remain anonymous), this stunning work of fabric art is not to be missed! Longtime parishioners will recall that this monumental work used to be mounted in front of our stained glass windows, easily visible for all to see. Unfortunately, the cloth fabric interfered with the acoustics of the choir, and the hanging therefore now resides in our Eucharistic Chapel — a perfect location to contemplate the miracle of our Lord's Incarnation.

The Kids' Bulletin

Mary the Mother of God: January 1st, 2025



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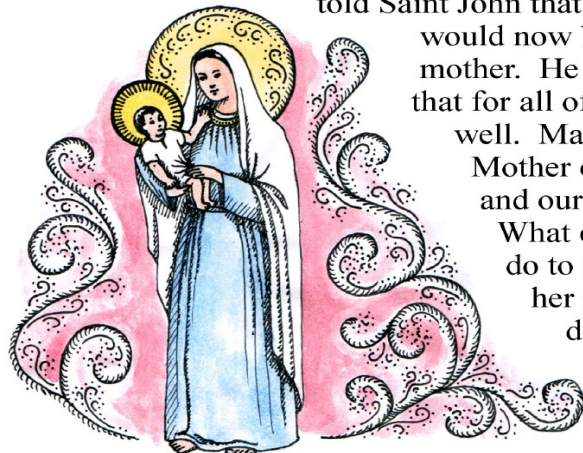
The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord is a special part of the Christmas season! What are we celebrating on this feast? Connect the dots to find out!

Mary the Mother of God January 1

On the first day of the year we celebrate the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God.

If you didn't have a mother and God let you design your own mother, what would she be like? Well, God did get to make His own Mother! Can you even imagine how perfect she was?

When Jesus was dying on the Cross, he told Saint John that Mary would now be his mother. He meant that for all of us as well. Mary is the Mother of God and our Mother! What can you do to celebrate her special day?



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