

December 2nd, 2018 | 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

St. Mary Magdalen

Catholic Parish



Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. His Excellency, Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

SUNDAY MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am
Monday – Friday 5:30 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday – Saturday 7:30 am
Monday – Friday 5:15 pm

ROSARY

Monday – Saturday 8:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm
(and by appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Closed for Lunch: Noon-1:00 pm
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*“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 take place semi-weekly in the convent after the 9:30 am Mass,

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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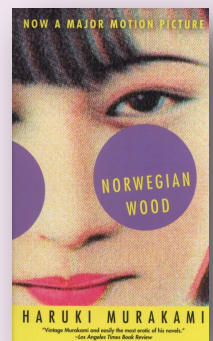


Parish Calendar: December

December 1 & 2	Collection for the Berkeley Food Pantry Leave Donations in either church vestibule.
December 2	1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor Today 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
December 2	CONCERT: <u>VOCI Women's Ensemble</u> Today 7:00 pm, Church. <i>Voices in Peace XVI</i>
December 3	Pre-Baptismal Seminar for Parents of Infants Monday 5:30-7:30 pm, Rectory. <i>Register in Parish Office.</i>
December 3	<u>St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting</u> Monday 7:15-9:00 pm, Norton Hall. <i>All are welcome!</i>
December 4	<u>RCIA Class (Inquiring about the Faith)</u> 11, 18 7:00-9:00 pm, Norton Hall
December 5	<u>SPRED (Special Religious Education)</u> 12, 19 6:00-9:00 pm in Norton Hall
December 6	Faith Studies: <i>The Creed</i> [Last class of 2018.] Thursday 7:00 pm, Norton Hall
December 7	EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION 14, 21 Fridays after the 5:30 pm Mass, Church. [See page 4.]
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8:00 am, Saturday 5:30 pm. <i>No Vigil Mass for 2nd Sunday of Advent!</i>
December 9	Free Christmas Concert, Singalong, Tree Lighting Sunday 5:00 pm, Church; 6:00 pm-ish, Dominican Garden
December 10	Advent Reconciliation (Penance) Service Monday 7:30 pm, Church
December 22	Christmas Concert featuring <i>Schola Magdalen</i> Saturday 7:30 pm. <i>Medieval & Renaissance Songs of Joy</i>
December 23	4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor Sunday 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
December 23	CONCERT: <u>Voices of Music</u> Sunday 7:30 pm, Church. <i>Baroque Trumpet & Violin</i>
December 24	Mass of Christmas Eve Monday 5:00 pm, Family Liturgy Christmas Mass
December 24	CHRISTMAS CONCERT + Mass of the Night Monday 9:30 pm, Concert & Carols; 10:00 pm, Mass.
December 25	Masses of Christmas Day Tuesday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Next Meeting of the Parish Book Group: Saturday, January 26th *Norwegian Wood* by Haruki Murakami

Haruki Murakami, a bestselling writer whose works have been translated into over 50 languages, is considered to be "among the world's greatest living novelists." We will discuss his novel *Norwegian Wood* at **10:00 am** on **Saturday, January 26th**, in the rectory Conference Room. Buy or check out *Norwegian Wood* from a nearby library, and join us next year to discuss it!



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Weekly Collections: November 12th-25th

Sunday Plate + EFT	Actual	Budget	Difference
11/11/2018	\$9,369.81	\$8,255.00	+\$1,114.81
11/25/2018	\$9,768.05	\$8,255.00	+\$1,513.05
Year-to-Date:	\$392,450.63	\$400,730.00	-\$8,279.37

Thank you all for your amazing response to the Financial Stewardship call. Our Year-to-Date deficit is shrinking weekly. God Bless You!

Recent Refugees Need Used Bicycles

Do you have a bicycle you're no longer using?



Bicycles are for a cheap, reliable form of transportation for refugees who have recently arrived in the East Bay. Members of our parish have donated bikes in

the past that have made a difference in the lives of several refugees, but more are needed.

If you have a bike available to donate, please phone Monica Grycz at 526-0637. Helmets & bicycle locks are also appreciated.

Essential Information & Dates for Advent and Christmas

- ◆ Our **Advent Wreath** is now on a pulley system to be lowered and raised during Mass, and **Fr. Nick is still seeking strong teenagers for the job.** Interested? Leave a message for Mary Ernst at the parish office.
- ◆ **Reconciliation Service:** Monday, Dec. 10th, at 7:30 pm.
- ◆ There will be **No Vigil Mass** for the 2nd Sunday of Advent; it is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception.**
- ◆ **Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm Mass** (no incense); **9:30 pm** (singing); **10:00 pm Mass of the Night** (incense).
- ◆ **Christmas Day: 9:00 am Mass** (no incense) and **11:00 am Mass** (incense). [Only two Masses on Christmas.]

Come to RCIA This Tuesday

Are you considering being baptized? Or perhaps you are a 'cradle Catholic' who was never confirmed in the church? Check out our RCIA class, which takes place on **Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Norton Hall.**



For more information, you may contact RCIA Leader **Deacon Jonathan Harmon, S.J.**, at 526-4811 x 129, email rcia@marymagdalen.org, or fill out the form at marymagdalen.org/rcia. No commitment required; "drop ins" welcome!

Berkeley Food Pantry Collection Pickup This Weekend

Please Bring One or More of the Following Items to the Vestibules **THIS WEEKEND:**

- Canned **tuna** — low-sodium & low-fat
- **Peanut butter** (in plastic jars only)
- **Breakfast cereal** — low-sugar
- Canned **soups & beans** — low-sodium
- **Healthy snack foods** for kids — low-sugar nutrition bars and dried fruit
- **Gluten-free grains & pasta; Brown rice**
- **Non-dairy milk**—soy, almond, oat (shelf-stable)
- **Condiments**—ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, & mayonnaise (in plastic jars only)
- **Seasonings** (salt, pepper, herbs, spices), *in plastic*
- **Cooking oil**, *in plastic*
- **Teabags**—in boxes.
- **Meal replacements.**
- **Toiletries**—toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.

Mass Intentions

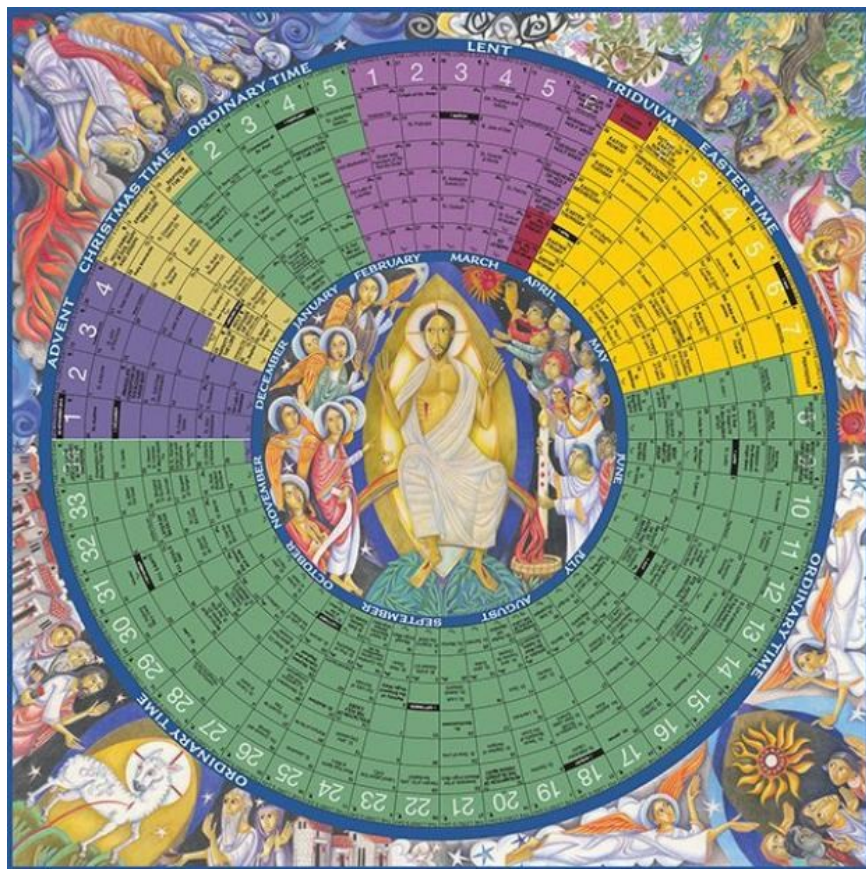


Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Jewel DeBellis RIP
	9:30	Alice Mazzuchi RIP
	11:00	Martha Russo RIP
Monday	8:00	Intentions of Leo Gaspardone
	5:30	Palin Zolezzi RIP
Tuesday	8:00	Intentions of Chet Grycz
	5:30	Keith Salmon RIP
Wednesday	8:00	Vicente Fajardo RIP
Thursday	8:00	Intentions of Fr. Anthony Rose-vear, OP, & Dominican Novices
	5:30	Intentions of Fr. Nicholas Glisson
Friday	8:00	Cynthia Puech RIP
	5:30	Myrna Gregory RIP
Saturday	8:00	Intentions of Norah Hippolyte

A New Liturgical Year

On the Sunday after Thanksgiving we begin a new liturgical year. The Church's year doesn't correspond to the calendar year, because it is built around preparation and feasting.

The Rhythm of the Church Year. Each Church year begins with Advent, the preparation for the great Feast of the Incarnation—Christmas. After Christmas season ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January, a few weeks pass where we return to Ordinary Time before the second preparation begins: Lent. Lent prepares us spiritually for the Feast of the Resurrection—Easter. The Easter celebration continues until the end of Pentecost week. There follows another period of Ordinary Time which lasts for several months, until Advent begins again at the end of November or beginning of December.



Since the Second Vatican Council, each new year also begins a new cycle of Sunday readings from the Scriptures. There are three cycles that roughly correspond to the four Gospels. The first cycle contains mostly readings from the Gospel of Matthew. Cycle B, the one we concluded last month, is mostly taken from the Gospel of Mark. (But since Mark is so short, in the summer it is supplemented with readings from John.) We are beginning Cycle C today, the first Sunday of Advent. Cycle C takes most of its Gospel readings from Luke.

The Cycle of Saints. In addition to the seasons of preparations for and celebrations of Christmas and Advent, the Church follows another cycle each year: the feasts of Saints. A saint's feast is usually connected with the day of his or her death. This may seem odd or

macabre, but from the perspective of heaven, the date of our death is the day we enter Paradise. Saints' feasts come in four categories: **Optional Memorials**, which are usually celebrated in the geographical locations near where the saint lived; **Obligatory Memorials**, celebrated by the entire Church; **Feasts**, more important celebrations for the entire Church; and **Solemnities**, which even supplant the prayers at a Sunday Mass.

As we begin our new Church year, it might be a good time to sit down and read through the Gospel of Luke. If we only hear the Gospels on Sunday, we miss the bigger picture the Evangelist was trying to impart. It will also help us understand how all the Gospel stories we hear on Sunday fit together.



Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Church after the 5:30 pm Mass (starting at approximately 6:10 pm) on the three Fridays of Advent: **December 7th, 14th & 21st**. Please join us on at least one of these evenings for this sacred time of prayer and meditation with our Lord.

Parish News

The **Family Mass Choir** and the **Children & Youth Choirs** from the School of the Madeleine, along with members of the Band, will present a **Free Christmas Concert & Sing-along** in the church next **Sunday, December 9th**, at 4:00 pm.



Following the hour-long concert, we will have a **Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling** in the Dominican Garden. A reception will follow.

The 1st Sunday Dinner – Don't Wait!

Advent is a season of waiting, but you don't have to wait to help at today's Dinner for the Poor and Homeless.

We set up and cook from **12:00-1:00 pm**, prepare to serve at **2:45 pm**, and clean up the Kitchen and Parish Hall from **3:30 pm** until closing. We especially need help cleaning up.

Desserts are always welcome and thoroughly appreciated. They can be brought to the the Parish Hall by 1:30 p.m.

Holiday Outreach Giving Tree

For many years, we've adopted a number of worthy local charities during the season of Advent, including *St. Mary's Center, the Mercy Center, Brown Bag Program for Seniors, Elizabeth House, St. Vincent de Paul, & Catholic Charities.*

A **Giving Tree** containing multi-colored *wish ornaments*, including wished-for gifts, Target gift certificates, and monetary requests, is now in the church. **Your generous 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 among 35 families supported by St. Mary's Center. **They can be dropped off at the Parish rectory any time before December 16th.** Please drop off your other donations to the Parish Hall on **Sunday, December 16th**, between 8:00 am and 11:00 am; the earlier the better. (Volunteers are needed on December 16th from 9:00 am to Noon; let [Mary Hurd](#) know by leaving a message at the office.)



Social Justice Events

Saturday December 8, 6:30-9:00 pm - Arts & Crafts Fair to Benefit Immigrant Communities at Kehilla Community Synagogue, 1300 Grand Ave., Piedmont. Purchase handmade gift items for the holidays (\$5-100 each). All proceeds benefit immigrant and refugee families.

Saturday December 8, 7:00-9:00 pm - People's Assembly for Migrant Caravan Solidarity at First Presbyterian Church, 2619 Broadway, Oakland. Join **Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity** and the **Migrant Welcome Committee of the Bay Area** to better understand the recent caravans and take action:

- ◆ Find out the root causes of mass migration from Central America
- ◆ Hear testimony from participants of the migrant caravans about their journey
- ◆ Discover ways Bay Area individuals and groups can support the goals of migrants seeking asylum

Financial donations to support organizations in Tijuana aiding migrants and their legal defense will be solicited. Visit [People's Assembly for Migrant Caravan Solidarity](#) on Facebook.

Friday December 7, 6:00-10:00 pm - Connect!, an event to support solutions to climate change, food insecurity, and poverty in Central America at First Presbyterian Church, 2619 Broadway, Oakland. **Lauren Markham**, whose book *The Far Away Brothers* is the winner of the 2018 Ridenhour Book Prize, will share insights on connections between climate change, extreme weather events, food insecurity, violence, and migration. **Rev. Deborah Lee** and **José Artiga** will be honored for their work for the human rights of migrants. Come and enjoy some delicious Salvadoran food and music!

This event benefits [EcoViva](#), a non-profit dedicated to supporting community-led movements in Central America to address poverty, environmental degradation, and climate change. Tickets/info: tinyurl.com/EcoViva-Connect, or call 510-835-1334.

Friday December 14, 11:30-12:30 pm - Monthly Interfaith Vigils on Immigration at 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco. Attend this first monthly "*Faithful Fridays*" vigil at ICE headquarters! The interfaith community will continue to demonstrate support for our immigrant communities in this new San Francisco location.

THIS EVENING: *Voci* Concert December 2nd @ 7:00 pm

Join *Voci* Women's Vocal Ensemble for *Season of Peace*, a performance interweaving Christian and Jewish musical traditions, to bring us together in harmony.

Harpist **Meredith Clark** joins the group for Benjamin Britten's beloved masterpiece, *A Ceremony of Carols*, along with other works for women's chorus and harp. *In addition*: inspiring settings of traditional Hebrew texts by **Joseph Spivak**, **Sherry Kosinski** and **Sheryl Kaskowitz**, as well as Medieval and Renaissance jewels by **Hildegard von Bingen** and rarely performed composer **Sulpitia Cesis**. *Also*: a premiere of *Dans les ombres de la nuit* by Artistic Director Mitchell Covington.

Tickets: \$20 & \$25 / Students: \$15.00



Season of Peace

Voices in Peace XVI



Sunday, December 2, 2018, 7:00 PM
Saint Mary Magdalen Church, Berkeley

Saturday, December 8, 2018, 4:00 PM
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakland

Voci

Mitchell Covington, Artistic Director • Edna Yeh, Assistant Conductor • Meredith Clark, Harp

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Pacem
Shalom

St. Augustine Parish, 400 Alcatraz Avenue in Oakland, invites us to **celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patroness of the Americas, with them on the evening of **Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

The evening will include a **Floral Procession** in honor of our Patroness, Holy Mass, and a presentation of *The Miracle of Tepeyac*, a play by the late Antonio Jude Solorio. There will be a hot chocolate and *pan dulce* reception following the service.



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School Corner

News from the School of the Madeleine: A Message from Vice-Principal Heather Skinner

Dear Madeleine Village,

Recent tragic events in our nation and the unfolding of the northern and southern wildfires' devastating impact on our state vividly call to mind the African proverb: *It takes a village to raise a child*. To this timeless proverb, I would add, *It takes a village to sustain the common good*.

You are the Madeleine Village that continues to inspire all of us. Principal Joseph Nagel and I recently spent three days at the Dominican Administrators' Conference with our colleagues from both the sponsored and affiliated Dominican schools of Northern and Southern California. Our operating theme was *Partnered In Mission*, but this theme quickly took the form of considering how our respective communities partner with and support each other in mission, especially during these times of great challenge.

One of these sponsored schools is **Saint Elizabeth's Elementary School** in Oakland. In addition to being a



"Vision of Hope" Dominican School, it is also one of the new [Lumen Christi academies](#) in our Diocese. We again chose St. Elizabeth's to be the recipient of our annual Thanksgiving Stewardship project. Our food boxes, turkeys, and Safeway cards were delivered to Saint Elizabeth's by the good graces of Student Council parents **Lance Jackson** and **Betsy Freeman**. Thank you, Lance and Betsy, and Student Council kids!! At the administrators' conference, St. Elizabeth's principal, **Lynne Mullen**, spoke of the heartfelt gratitude of their school families when they received our gifts.

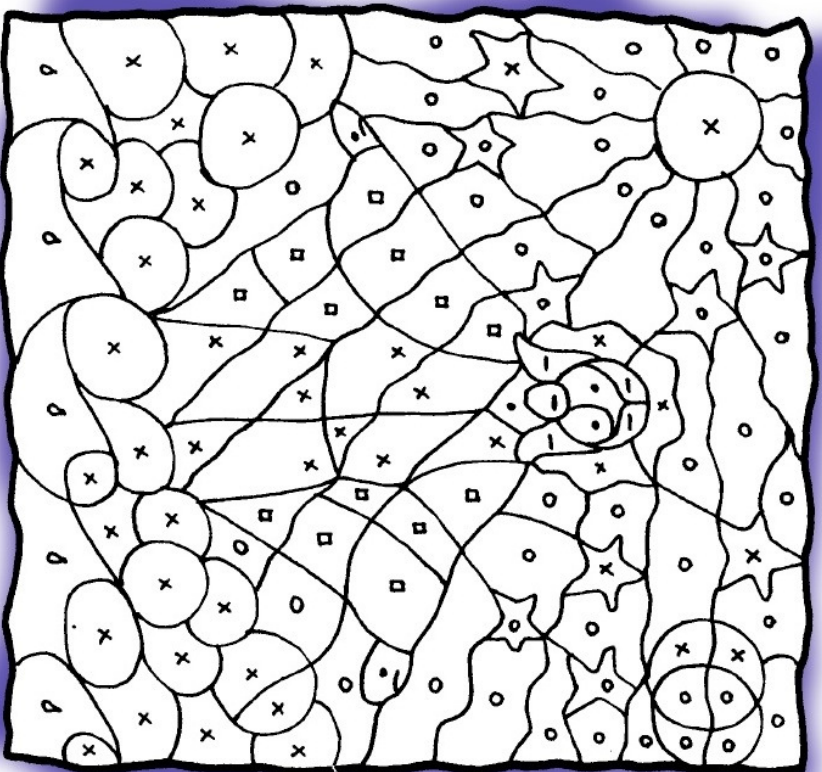
Thank you, wonderful Madeleine Village, for your deep kindness, solidarity, and generosity!!

Save These Upcoming Dates!

- **School Tour:** Friday, Dec. 7, 8:00 - 9:30 am
- **Open House:** Sunday, Jan. , 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- **Priority Application Deadline:** Friday, Feb. 1st

The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Advent



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
- black
- ◻ blue
- ◻ red
- skin colour
- brown

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Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Second Coming Word Puzzle

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__hfill (9) the
 p__omise (6) I made to the __ouse (2) of Israel
 and Judah. In the __e (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
 land. 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:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
 _____.

