

December 16th, 2018 | 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C

St. Mary Magdalen

Catholic Parish



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

Turn in your Giving Tree Gifts TODAY (8:00-11:00 am)

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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marymagdalen.org



*“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 16	Final day to turn in your Giving Tree gifts. Today 8:00 am—11:00 am, Parish Hall
December 18	RCIA Class (Inquiring about the Faith) Tuesday 7:00-9:00 pm, Norton Hall
December 19	SPRED (Special Religious Education) Wednesday 6:00-9:00 pm in Norton Hall
December 21	EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION Friday After the 5:30 pm Mass, Church. [See below.]
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: Voices of Music 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
December 30	5th Sunday Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Sunday Please donate through envelopes or online.
December 31	New Year's Eve Monday Regular Mass Schedule (8:00 am & 5:30 pm)



Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Church after the 5:30 pm Mass (starting at approximately 6:05 pm) on the last Friday of Advent, December 21st. Please join us this evening for our final opportunity of Advent for a sacred time of prayer with our Lord.

Estate Planning: Remember St. Mary Magdalen in Your Will

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 St. Mary Magdalen.

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

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Due to our Business Manager's brief vacation, last week's financial data will be published next week.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Last chance: after the 5:30 pm Mass (around 6:05 pm) this Friday. *Presider: Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi.*

Essential Information & Dates for Advent, Christmas, and Beyond

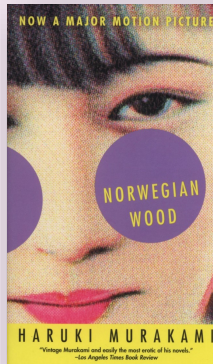
- ◆ Adoration (Holy Hour), December 21st at 6:10 pm.
- ◆ Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm Mass (no incense); 9:30 pm (caroling); 10:00 pm, Mass of the Night (incense).
- ◆ Christmas Day: 9:00 am Mass (no incense) and 11:00 am Mass (incense). [Only two Masses on Christmas.]
- ◆ Epiphany Open House in the Rectory: Sunday, January 6th from Noon to 2:30 p.m. (Potluck Reception with our Priests.)
- ◆ Parish Leadership Conference: Our Lady of Lourdes, Oakland (Lake Merritt). January 26th: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Next Meeting of the Parish Book Group:
Date TBA [early February]

Norwegian Wood by Haruki Murakami

[The original date conflicted with the upcoming Parish Leadership Conference, and a substitute date will be chosen shortly.]

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 morning (date TBA) in the Rectory Conference Room. Buy or check out *Norwegian Wood* from a nearby library, and join us for a stimulating discussion!



Come, join us at RCIA!

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.** Several parishioners are taking advantage of this class to deepen their faith. For more information, contact RCIA Leader Deacon



Jonathan Harmon, S.J., either at 526-4811 x 129, or by email: rcia@marymagdalen.org. (Or fill out the form at marymagdalen.org/rcia.)

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Fr. John Finbarr Hayes, OP RIP
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Christine Ndzefer Ngwane RIP
	11:00	Intentions of Dorothy Portner
Monday	8:00	Intentions of Fr. Chris Renz, OP
Tuesday	8:00	Arthur Gerard Larson RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Charlie Deist
Wednesday	8:00	Intentions of Christopher Curtis
Thursday	8:00	Avril Saldanha RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Rose Ellis
Friday	8:00	Alejandro Lukban RIP and Intentions of Leila Lukban
	5:30	Intentions of Velma Richmond

NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT

Divine Encounters Embracing
the Spirit of God
with Fr. Bart Landry, C.S.P.

Reflection + Eucharist Festive Dessert

(provided by the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose)



7:00 pm - 10:30 pm
43326 Mission Circle (off Mission Tierra)
Fremont, CA 94539 ~ (510) 933-6360

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Notes from Fr. Nick

Jesus' Birth in Luke's Gospel

Each Gospel recounts our Messiah's early years in radically different ways. The Gospel of Matthew spends much time listing Jesus' ancestors, and is the only one that includes the Flight into Egypt. The Gospel of Mark skips Jesus' birth altogether and begins with the baptism of Jesus. The Gospel of John opens with an elegant theological hymn.



The Flight into Egypt by [Giotto di Bondone](#) (1304-06), [Scrovegni Chapel, Padua](#), Italy.

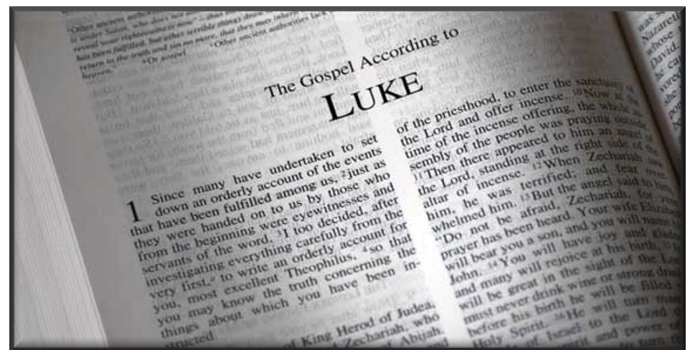
In the *Jerusalem Bible*, the birth narrative of the Gospel of Luke is only five pages long (it comprises the first part of Chapter 2.) As we draw close to the great feast, maybe it would be a good idea to sit down and read this chapter with your family. This activity would preserve the sanctity of Advent, and help you and your family to anticipate Christmas.

Only Luke, the Gospel featured in this year's Lectionary cycle, gives Jesus' birth extended treatment. Everything from predictions of his birth through the Christ's adolescence is covered in this Gospel.

What is distinctive about Luke's description of Jesus' birth? Luke's Gospel was apparently intended for a Gentile audience. This may explain why he spends so much time developing the birth story. Jewish audiences would have been already familiar with Hebrew customs and wouldn't need the explanations Luke includes. In addition, Luke is at pains to show that salvation is extended to all who embrace Christ's love and are baptized.

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary at the time of the incense offering. Now the assembly of the people was praying outside the altar of incense. Then standing at the right side of the Lord, he was terrified, and fell speechless. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid. Your wife Elizabeth has borne a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and peace, and many will rejoice at his birth. This will be great in the sight of the Lord, for he will be holy and strong. He will turn before his birth to the Lord and will be filled with the Holy Spirit and power from birth." King Herod of Judea, when he heard this, was troubled and sought to slay John.



"Thank you to all parishioners at St Mary Magdalen. Thanks to your giving, we have been able to help our neighbors over 200 times, through home visits, assisting with utility bills, helping with food needs via Safeway vouchers, and distributing special holiday gifts of Easter hams and Thanksgiving turkeys. Thanks for your continued support this upcoming 5th Sunday, December 30th, helping us help others on behalf of our parish."

At right: photo of **Chaplain Rob Cochran** at Golden Gate Fields, receiving Thanksgiving turkeys for the backstretch workers and their families, purchased with our donations earlier this year.

~ St Mary Magdalen chapter of the Saint Vincent de Paul Conference:

Richard & Judy Vohs — Ceara Brencic — Troy Kaji — Jennifer Reid



Mystery and Joy: A Christmas Miracle



A Medieval & Renaissance Concert

Works by Guillaume Dufay, Gilles Binchois, Josquin des Prés, Ludwig Senfl, & anonymous composers

ANDY CANEPA
Conductor, Organ & Percussion
+ Guest Instrumentalists

Pre-Concert Lecture

by renowned musicologist

JOHN PRESCOTT, PH.D.



Featuring the *Schola Magdalen*
(our 11:00 a.m. Mass Choir)

Saturday, December 22nd

7:30 p.m. Lecture; 8:00 p.m. Concert

St. Mary Magdalen Church

Tickets range from \$15 to \$35

Advance (discount) tickets:

mysteryandjoy.brownpapertickets.com

Social Justice Actions

Help End Capital Punishment in California.

Go to www.deathpenalty.org or cacatholic.org to sign petitions to commute the sentences of 747 individuals on California's death row. This does not mean that the inmates will be released from prison, but that they will no longer face execution. (Twenty states have already abolished the death penalty.)

Earlier this year, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* was updated to reflect the official teaching that the death penalty is "inadmissible." State-sanctioned execution is a violent rejection of the inherent dignity of human beings, is inconsistently applied across demographic groups, and moreover is no longer necessary to protect society, given modern correctional techniques.

Help Immigrants. *East Bay Sanctuary Covenant* is

a Board of Immigration Appeals-recognized non-profit. This local organization offers legal support and help to immigrants. Ongoing actions by the Administration to sidestep immigration law and/or change immigration policies have led to confusion and uncertainty. While many of the Administration's directives are currently tied up in the courts, the immediate legal needs of immigrants do not go away. **What action can we take?**

Consider making a donation to *East Bay Sanctuary Covenant* at eastbaysanctuary.org to support their legal work and other projects (such as the Guatemala Clinic and Haiti Rural Education Project). Immigrants must navigate a shifting and costly legal landscape. Your support of East Bay Sanctuary Covenant can help.

Seeking Baptism Coordinators!

The Baptism Ministry is still searching for a few more volunteers to assist with baptisms during



(and occasionally outside of) Mass. **Time commitment: four times per year.** If you would like to work with couples who are having their child baptized, contact Norah Hippolyte at 526-4811,

or email her at nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org.

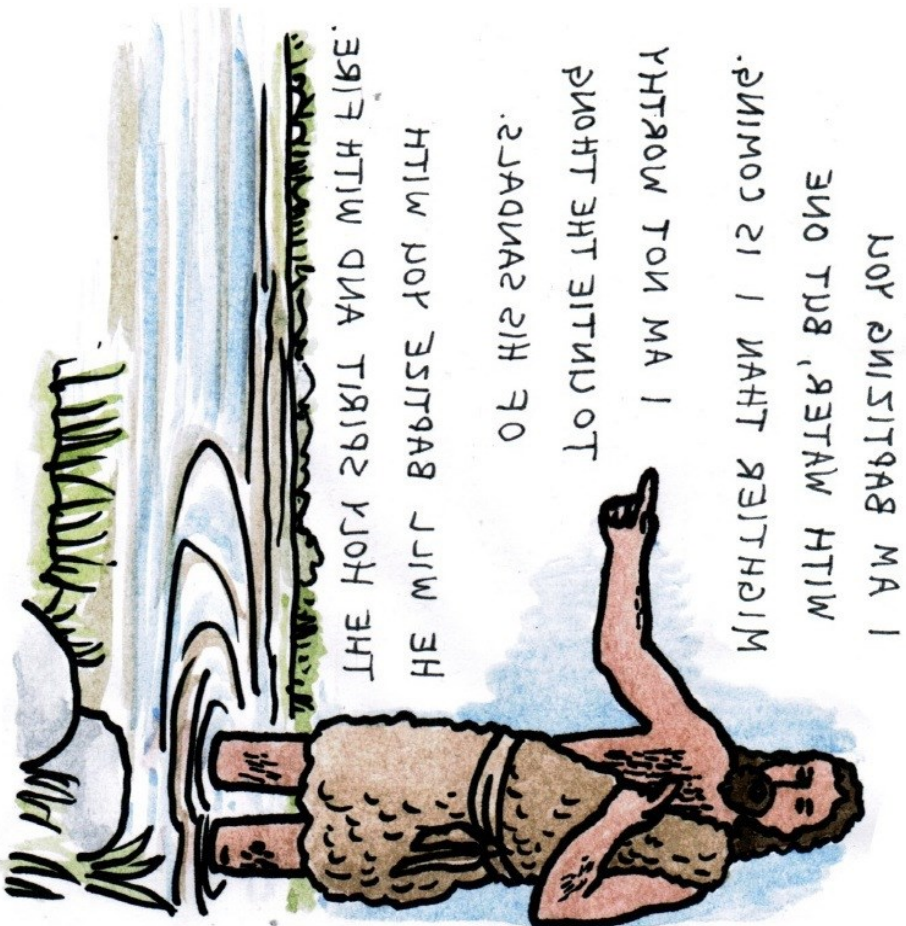
Concert, Caroling and Christmas Tree Lighting

Choir Directors **Andy Canepa**, **Joan Bell**, and **Heather Skinner** led the Magdalen 9:30 a.m. Mass Choir and the upper- and lower-school Madeleine choirs in a Christmas concert last Sunday, along with members of **Jennifer Ashworth's "MAD Band."** Afterwards everyone gathered in the Dominican Garden for caroling in the darkness; eventually Principal **Joseph Nagel** lit the 12-foot tree. *Photos: Fr. Nicholas Glisson & Samuel Leung*



The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent



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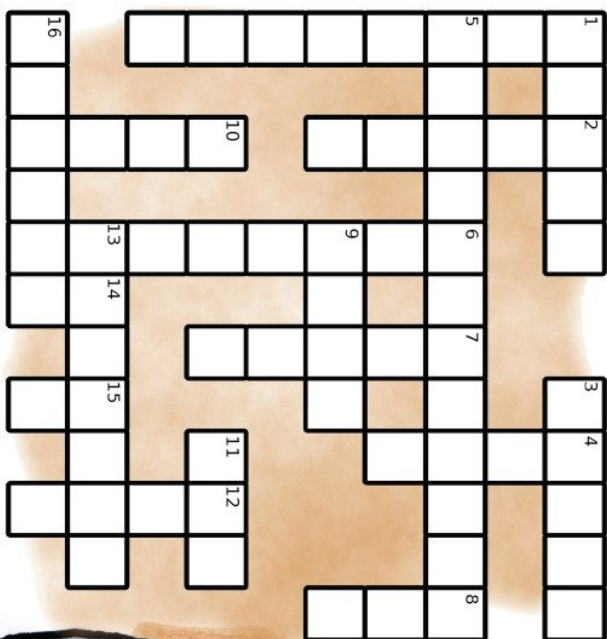
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*God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare
the people for the coming of Jesus.
What did he say when some of the people
thought that he might be the saviour?
Look in the mirror to find out!*

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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.

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CHRIST ALL KINDNESS SISTERS
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