

December 23rd, 2018 | 4th 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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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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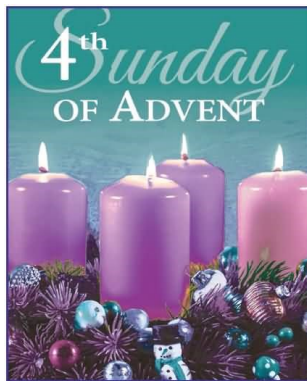
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Parish Calendar: December—mid-January

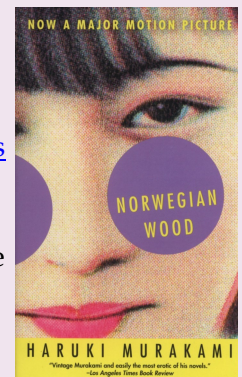
December 23	4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor
Sunday	12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
December 23	CONCERT: <i>Voices of Music</i>
Sunday	7:30 pm, Church. <i>Baroque Trumpet & Violin</i>
December 24	Mass of Christmas Eve
Monday	5:00 pm, Family Liturgy Christmas Mass
December 24	CHRISTMAS CONCERT + Mass in 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 29	5th Sunday—the Sacrament of Anointing & 30
	The Sacrament is given at the end of each Mass.
December 29	5th Sunday Collection for St. Vincent de Paul & 30
	Please donate through envelopes or online .
December 31	New Year's Eve
Monday	Regular Mass Schedule (8:00 am & 5:30 pm)
January 1	New Year's Day [Parish Office Closed]
Tuesday	Regular Mass Schedule (8:00 am & 5:30 pm)
January 6	1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor
Sunday	12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
January 6	Annual Epiphany Rectory Open House
Sunday	Noon—2:30 pm, Rectory
January 7	Meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Conference
Monday	7:15 pm, Norton Hall
January 9, 16, 23, 30	SPRED (Special Religious Education)
	Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00 pm in Norton Hall
January 14, 21, 28	RCIA Class (Inquiring about the Faith)
	Now on MONDAY, 7:00-9:00 pm, Norton Hall
January 11	Refugee Aid Committee Meeting
Friday	4:00 pm, Conference Room. All are welcome!
January 13	Christmas "Undecorating" Event & Party
Sunday	12:00 Noon, Church.
January 13	CONCERT: <i>Music Sources</i>. 5:00 pm, Church.
Sunday	"Musical Fireworks of the 17th Century"

Next Meeting of the Parish Book Group:

NEW DATE: February 9th, 2019

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 morning** in the Rectory Conference Room. Buy or check out *Norwegian Wood* from a nearby library, and come join us!



4th Sunday of Advent ~ December 23rd, 2018

Collections: December 3rd - 9th

Sunday Plate + EFT	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/09/2018	\$10,928.05	\$8,255.00	+\$2,673.05
Year-to-Date:	\$413,265.58	\$417,240.00	-\$3,974.42

Collections: December 10th - 16th

Sunday Plate + EFT	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/16/2018	\$12,807.62	\$8,255.00	+\$4,552.62
Year-to-Date:	\$426,073.20	\$425,495.00	+\$578.20

Thanks to your donations, we have erased our deficit for this year! Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Estate Planning: 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 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Michael Dillon RIP
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Iñigo José Guzman
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:00	Mary O'Hara RIP
Monday	8:00	Intentions of Necole Traylor
	5:00	For the Children of the Parish
	10:00	For the People of the Parish
Tuesday	9:00	Intentions of Craig and Sylvia On
	11:00	Charles C. O'Connell, Finuala O'Connell-Pol, & Kieran O'Connell RIP
Wednesday	8:00	Intentions of Liz, Will & Roger Silloway
Thursday	8:00	Intentions of Fr. Stephen Maria Lopez, OP
	5:30	Intentions of Phil McKee
Friday	8:00	Intentions of Maria Curtis & Family
	5:30	Intentions of Anthony Joseph Lukban

Essential Information & Dates for Advent, Christmas, and Beyond

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Parish Fundraising Event ~ Piano Concert by Andy Canepa.** Hillside Swedenborgian Church, El Cerrito. Sunday, April 7th

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

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Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday, December 23: [Micah 5:2-5a](#), [Psalm 80:1-7](#)

[Hebrews 10:5-10](#), [Luke 1:39-45, \(46-55\)](#)

Monday, December 24: [Isaiah 9:2-7](#), [Psalm 96](#),

[Titus 2:11-14](#), [Luke 2:1-14, \(15-20\)](#)

Monday, December 25: [Isaiah 62:6-12](#), [Psalm 97](#),

[Titus 3:4-7](#), [Luke 2:\(1-7\), 8-20](#)

Wednesday, December 26: [Psalm 148](#); [2 Chronicles](#)

[24:17-24](#); [Acts 6:1-7](#); [7:51-60](#)

Thursday, December 27: [Psalm 148](#); [Proverbs 8:32-36](#);

[John 21:19b-24](#)

Friday, December 28: [Psalm 148](#); [Isaiah 54:1-13](#);

[Revelation 21:1-7](#)

Saturday, December 29: [Psalm 147:12-20](#); [1 Chronicles](#)

[28:1-10](#); [1 Corinthians 3:10-17](#)

Our God Becomes Human



Martín Torner (documented in Valencia, Spain, from 1480 to 1497),
Natividad. [Museu de Belles Arts de València](http://www.museuvalencia.com)

Merry Christmas to all as we celebrate the great feast of the Incarnation. Images of Baby Jesus, presents gathered around the tree, and attending Christmas parties are wonderful symbols of the season we celebrate, but sometimes they obscure the profoundness of the mystery that is its foundation.

Our God is not an idea or an abstraction. Our God enters the human, material, world and stands with us. Our God knows the joys and sorrows human beings share from personal experience and thus empathizes with what it means to be human. None of this would have happened had Christ not entered human history. Profound as the passion, death, and resurrection are, they would not have happened had Jesus not been born into our world.

Just as the birth of Jesus inaugurates God's entry into our world, so it also begins human entry into God's. As we join Christ in building the kingdom of God, we are drawn into the Godhead and become his brothers and sisters. Christmas truly is the season of hope, because Christ's birth sets in motion the redemption of the world and our participation in the life of God.

Masses of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Family Mass, with Pageant: 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Fr. Ioane Ono, Celebrant

Mass in the Night, with Choir: 10:00 - 11:00 pm

Fr. Nicolas Glisson, Celebrant

First Mass of Christmas Day: 9:00 am

Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi, Celebrant

Second Mass of Christmas Day: 9:00 am

Fr. Nicolas Glisson, Celebrant



Last year we celebrated our first Christmas as a Diocesan Parish with Priest-in-Residence, Fr. Ioane Ono. (Photo: Fr. Nicholas Glisson.)

Parish News

Our 4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor and Homeless falls just before Christmas. In the spirit of this holy day, please join us in serving our brothers and sisters a warm, tasty meal.

We set up and cook from Noon to 1:00 pm, prepare to serve at 2:45, and clean up the Kitchen and Parish Hall starting at 3:30. We especially need volunteers to clean up. Many hands make the work go quickly. Desserts are always welcome and thoroughly appreciated. Please bring them to the Parish Hall by 1:30.



The Reining family (Jolanda Sullivan's granddaughters) distributed desserts at November's 4th Sunday Dinner.

New to the parish? The Parish Hall is located directly below the Church. Walk down the steps from the parking lot and turn left.

Former St. Mary Magdalen Parishioner Ordained a Permanent Deacon in Rome

On November 24th, former parishioner **Marcello Ciampi** was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Rome by **Mgr. Daniele Libanori** at the church of St. John Lateran. Marcello's father Enzo, an engineer, spent several research sabbaticals at UC Berkeley, and Marcello attended CCD here, where he prepared for his first Holy Communion.



Marcello now lives in Rome with his wife, Ilaria, and their three children, Marta, Agnese and Alberto. He will serve at the **Basilica of Sant'Agnese fuori le Mura**.

To watch the entire ceremony, go to: tinyurl.com/MC-Diaconato.

(Many thanks to parishioners Michael Cassidy, for the news tip; and to Maria Curtis, for the photo and additional information.)

Social Justice Actions

Transformed People, Transformed Church, Transformed World – A presentation by *Jack Jezreel*, creator of *JustFaith*, “a community of people compelled by the Gospel to build a more just and peaceful world...and sustain each other as we work for social justice.” JustFaith provides a structure for small groups to gather as a prayerful community for 8 weekly sessions to discuss critical issues in church social teaching. The January 13th workshop will be an inspirational presentation by Jack Jezreel; opportunities to participate in a local JustFaith group will be shared in the New Year.

Details: Sunday, January 13, 2:00-4:30 pm at Walnut Creek United Methodist Church. Register at justfaith.org/bay-area-workshops.org for this free event.

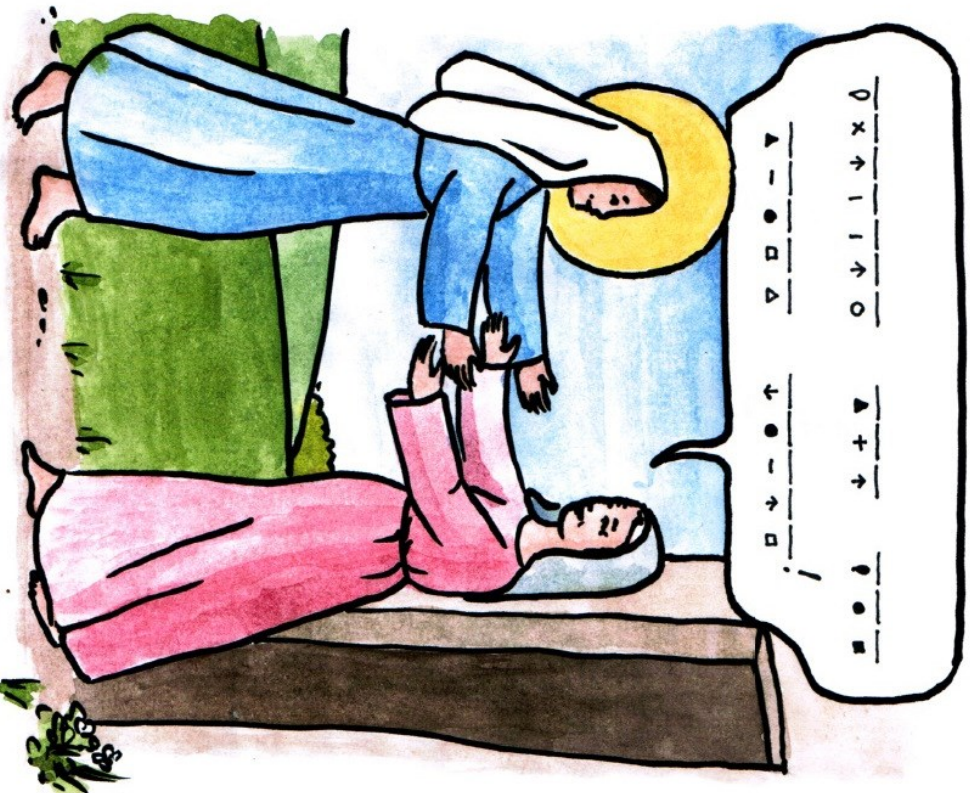
Success! Remember our Parish Offering of Letters? Earlier this month Congress finally passed the **2018 Farm Bill**, a massive legislative package that shapes our nation's food choices and affects how farmers grow our food. Our **Offering of Letters** through *Bread for the World* (and other citizen engagement) contributed to the final **Farm Bill** that notably maintains the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) without new punitive work requirements.

The Farm Bill expands funding for the **Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentives Program**, which helps low-income shoppers purchase more fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers. It supports organic farmers, new farmers, and farmers of color, and includes a new Local Agriculture Market Program, which will strengthen regional economies and better connect farmers with consumers. The bill also maintains overall funding for programs that help farmers safeguard their soil, and protect air and water quality.

Accompaniment for Immigrants – Would you like to join members of the Refugee Aid Committee to show support and bear witness to immigration court proceedings? The volunteering project **A Su Lado / By Your Side** is looking for one-day volunteers who can attend the court hearings of a person being held in detention by ICE. To sign up, email Hugo at hlopez@im4humanintegrity.org. If you would like to talk to parish members who are “accompaniers,” email krsncllns@hotmail.com.

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018

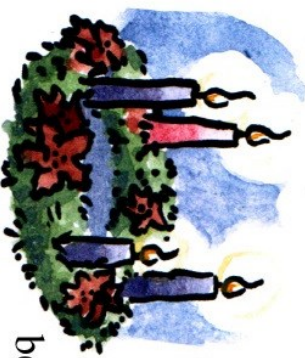


Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah.
What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her?
Use the code to find out!

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Christmas is Almost Here!



Now it's only two days until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!



Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.

Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve.



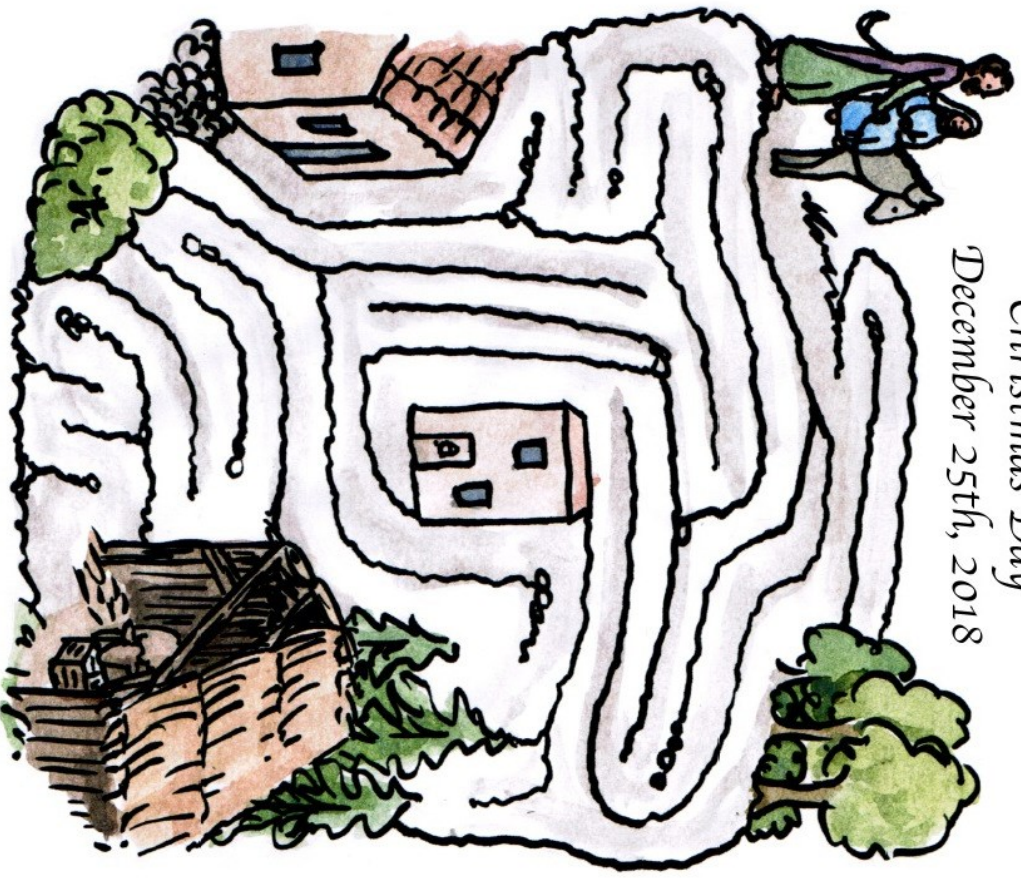
Answer to front page puzzle: Blessed are you among women!

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Christmas Day

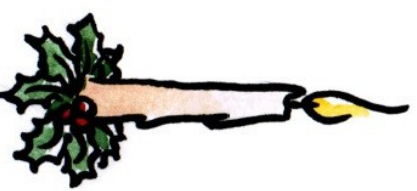
December 25th, 2018



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?

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Christmas Words to Find



J E S T A Y S S U S
 B E T H L E H E M W
 O A A S H E E P A M
 R S B A B Y P B R A
 N D L O R N H A Y N
 T O E J O S E P H G
 A N G E L S R O S E
 I K P S G O D A V R
 N E O U E X S U S O
 N Y O S N I G H T O
 C H R I S T M A S M

CHRISTMAS	OX	STAY
BETHEHEM	INN	NIGHT
SHEPHERDS	GOD	JESUS
DONKEY	HAY	
JOSEPH	BORN	
MANGER	ROOM	
STABLE	POOR	
ANGELS	MARY	
SHEEP	BABY	

Can you find these Christmas words in the puzzle? Put the leftover letters in the spaces at the bottom. They will tell you what Christmas is REALLY about!



