

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C

# St. Mary Magdalen

## Catholic Parish



### Reconciliation (Penance) Service TOMORROW @ 7:30 pm

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  
Phone: 510-526-4811  
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#### WEBSITE

[marymagdalen.org](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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## Parish Calendar: December

<b>December 9</b>	<b>Free Christmas Concert; Singalong, Tree Lighting</b>
Sunday	4:00 pm, Church; 5:00 pm-ish, Dominican Garden
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Advent Reconciliation (Penance) Service</b>
Monday	7:30 pm, Church
<b>December 11</b>	<b>RCIA Class (Inquiring about the Faith)</b>
<b>&amp; 18</b>	7:00-9:00 pm, Norton Hall
<b>December 12</b>	<b>SPRED (Special Religious Education)</b>
<b>&amp; 19</b>	6:00-9:00 pm in Norton Hall
<b>December 14</b>	<b>EXPOSITION &amp; BENEDICTION</b>
<b>&amp; 21</b>	Fridays after the 5:30 pm Mass, Church. [See below.]
<b>December 22</b>	<b>Christmas Concert</b> featuring <i>Schola Magdalen</i>
Saturday	7:30 pm. <i>Medieval &amp; Renaissance Songs of Joy</i>
<b>December 23</b>	<b>4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor</b>
Sunday	12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
<b>December 23</b>	<b>CONCERT: <i>Voices of Music</i></b>
Sunday	7:30 pm, Church. <i>Baroque Trumpet &amp; Violin</i>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Mass of Christmas Eve</b>
Monday	5:00 pm, Family Liturgy Christmas Mass
<b>December 24</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS CONCERT + Mass of the Night</b>
Monday	9:30 pm, Concert & Carols; 10:00 pm, Mass.
<b>December 25</b>	<b>Masses of Christmas Day</b>
Tuesday	9:00 am & 11:00 am
<b>December 31</b>	<b>New Year's Eve</b>
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 6:10 pm) on the next two Fridays of Advent: December 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Please join us on one or both of these evenings for a sacred time of prayer with our Lord.

## Let us Treat our Neighbors as We Would Ourselves

A Letter from our Neighbors on Berryman and Milvia:  
"Could you please park in the church lot instead of on the street? Parking in our neighborhood is very limited. Many people don't have driveways, and some people have difficulty walking distances between a parking spot and the house.  
"Each year, the situation has become a little more difficult, and since you do have a large lot right next to the church, it would be wonderful if those who attend events or services could use that lot. Thank you."



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Collections: November 26<sup>th</sup> - December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday Plate + EFT	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/02/2018	\$9,886.90	\$8,255.00	+\$1,631.90
Year-to-Date:	\$402,337.53	\$408,985.00	-\$6,647.47

People are making end-of-year contributions, which is boosting our collections more than expected. Thank you for your commitment to St. Mary Magdalen.

## Advent Penance Service

Tomorrow night (Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Church.



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



The Fridays of Advent, after the 5:30 pm Mass (around 6:10 pm). *Presider: Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi.*

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Sarah Mills
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Br. Peter Ciolino, OFM Cap.
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:00	Intentions of Jim & Eunice Burns
Monday	8:00	Intentions of Anne Godbold
Tuesday	5:30	Intentions of Jason Reid
Wednesday	8:00	Intentions of Br. Elias Guadalupe Ford, OP
Thursday	5:30	Joseph Pietras, Nellie Aweeka and Selma Aweeka RIP
Friday	8:00	Cynthia Puech RIP
	5:30	Claire McWalters RIP
Saturday	8:00	Fr. Conrad Antonsen, OP RIP

## Essential Information & Dates for Advent and Christmas

- ◆ Our **Advent Wreath**, now on a pulley system to be lowered and raised during Mass, needs **strong teenagers for the job**. Interested? Leave a message for Mary Ernst at the parish office.
- ◆ **Reconciliation Service: Tomorrow**, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm.
- ◆ **Adoration (Holy Hour)**, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 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.*]

## 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](mailto:rcia@marymagdalen.org). (Or fill out the form at [marymagdalen.org/rcia](http://marymagdalen.org/rcia).)

## 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 always needed.

*If you have a bike available to donate, please phone Monica Grycz at 526-0637.*



Notes from Fr. Nick

## The Virgin of Guadalupe

The apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego in 1531 represents a major turning point for the indigenous people of North America, and a more refined understanding of Mary for the Church in general.



Miguel Cabrera, *Altarpiece of the Virgin of Guadalupe with Saint John the Baptist, Fray Juan de Zumárraga, and Juan Diego*. Museo Nacional de Arte, Mexico City.

*"No se entristezca tu corazón... ¿Acaso no estoy yo aquí, que soy tu Madre?"*  
*"Do not let your heart grieve. I am your mother, and am I not here with you?"*  
~ A message from the Blessed Virgin to Juan Diego.

For the native North American people, Mary's apparition symbolized a change of consciousness that allowed Christianity to be accepted. It began the process of inculturation, whereby European culture and Native American culture began to live side-by-side and borrow from the richness of each others' traditions. Even though this process has not been an easy one, Mary's embrace of native peoples has provided a path for various cultures to follow.

From the Christian perspective, Our Lady of Guadalupe opened the native people of Central Mexico (later most of North America) to the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. As with other peoples around the world, their participation in the great Christ event provided a direct path to the kingdom of God.

In return, the native people of North America gave the greater Church a re-humanized image of the Mother of God. Mary is depicted as pregnant, which affirms the dignity of womanhood that had suffered in the Middle Ages and Reformation. Her dark skin also reveals her universal character as well as that of her Son. The Church still struggles with a Eurocentric view of Christianity, but through Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are reminded that Christ is for all people and cultures.

### Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Este Miércoles

St. Augustine Parish, 400 Alcatraz Avenue in Oakland, invites us to celebrate **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patroness of the Americas, with them this **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** 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.





## 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 **TODAY, December 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 4:00 pm.



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

### Holiday Outreach Giving Tree

This year 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. **All donations can be dropped off at the Parish rectory any time before December 16<sup>th</sup>.** Or you may bring them to the Parish Hall on **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, between 8:00 am and 11:00 am; the earlier the better. (Volunteers are needed on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to Noon; let [Mary Hurd](#) know by leaving a message at the office.)



### Funeral Assistance Needed

The Funeral Ministry is in need of a few individuals to assist facilitating at funerals. A Funeral Coordinator is a valuable ministry to the bereaved, and is an essential service to the pastor or presider as well.

Training will be provided. Please contact Norah at [nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org](mailto:nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org) or at 526-4811 x 111.

## Social Justice Actions

**Ask Governor Brown** to leave no one on death row – Go to [deathpenalty.org](http://deathpenalty.org) to sign the petition to commute the sentences of 747 individuals on California's death row. This does not mean they leave prison, but that they will no longer face execution. Within the Catholic Church, the death penalty is "*inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person*" and the Church "*works with determination for its abolition worldwide.*" These are new Church teachings, as of August 2018.

The petition is sponsored by **Death Penalty Focus**, a San Francisco organization committed to abolishing the death penalty. **DPF** has determined that it is an "*ineffective, cruel and simplistic response to the serious and complex problem of violent crime. It institutionalizes discrimination against the poor and people of color, diverts attention and financial resources away from preventative measures that would actually increase public safety, risks the execution of innocent people, and does not deter crime.*"

### **20 states have already abolished the death penalty.**

The state of California has not executed an inmate in over a dozen years. The last man to be killed happened in 2006; the condemned inmate was 76, and he had been on death row for 23 years.

**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! After 7 years of vigils and the termination of the ICE contract at West County Detention Facility in Richmond, the interfaith community will continue to demonstrate support for our immigrant communities in this new SF location. Organizers hope that the monthly vigils will connect affected families and community members in this struggle to end the violence of detention and deportation.

**Ending Hunger** – Last month our school and parish sent letters to California legislators, asking for a budget that will end hunger. Did you know that **more than 11% in the Bay Area are at risk of not being able to afford adequate nutrition?** And many families do not qualify for aid, because of the relatively higher income levels in our area, despite the much, much higher cost of housing!

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**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](http://mysteryandjoy.brownpapertickets.com)

## School Corner

News from the School of the Madeleine:  
A Message from Principal Joseph Nagel

A big "Thank You" to our Madeleine families for all of your recent generosity. We raised \$438.00 through our "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" campaign on Halloween. This money has been donated to UNICEF to assist children in need.



Our annual Thanksgiving Drive collected 18 full Thanksgiving meals, including pies and turkeys, and raised \$2500 to provide Safeway gift cards to families in need at St. Elizabeth parish in Oakland.

We also donated 15 bags of groceries to the Berkeley Food Bank.

Thank you, Madeleine families!



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### Save These Upcoming Dates!

- **Open House:** Sunday, Jan. 27, 11:00 am-12:30 pm
- **Priority Application Deadline:** Friday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

### Help our Parish School through Amazon!

During this 'shopping season', if you wish to shop at Amazon, don't click on the regular site; instead go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select the "School of the Madeleine."

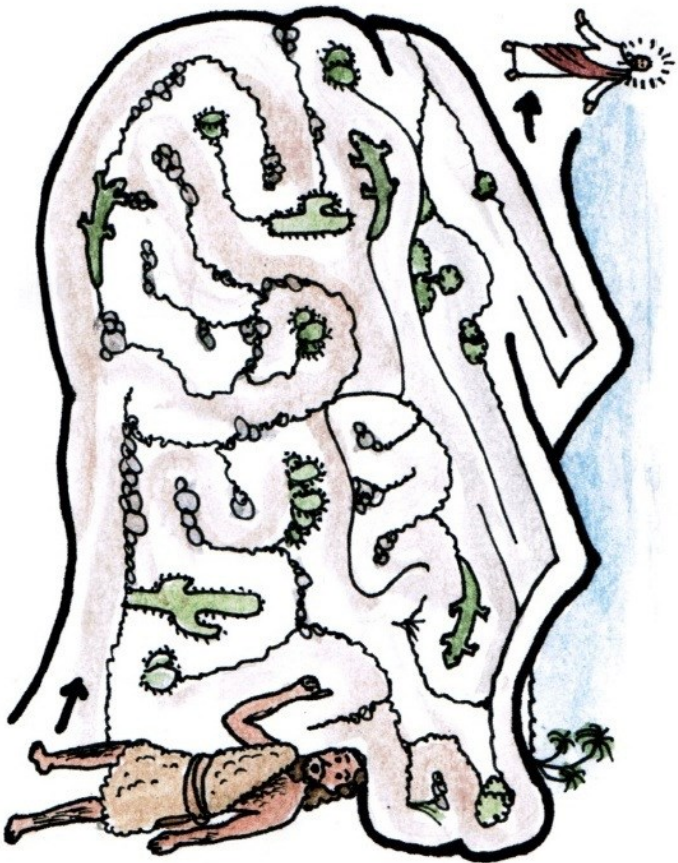


You'll still be in your own account, but Amazon will donate a few cents of your purchase to the school. It will cost you nothing, and benefit our Parish School!



# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent



In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

[thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com](http://thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com)

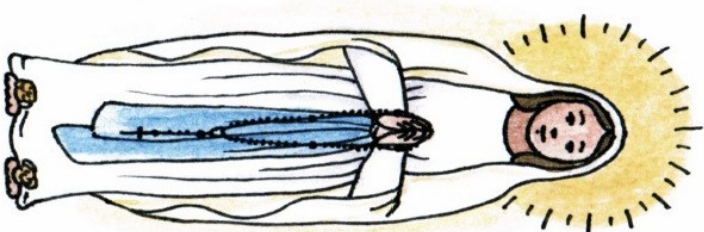
## *Immaculate Conception* *Word-Find*

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*See if you can find the words that are written in CAPTALS.*

*The leftover letters spell the name of a special prayer we can say to Mary on her feast day.*

December 8th is the feast day of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. That is a name for MARY that means that GOD made her WITHOUT SIN because he had CHOSEN her to be the MOTHER of HIS SON. Her SOUL was FREE from ORIGINAL sin even before she was BORN. All her life she KEPT her HEART PURE and without the STAIN of sin. Mary NEVER OFFENDED God, and with his GRACE, she spent her whole life LOVING JESUS.



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