

December 15th, 2019 | 3rd Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday), Year A

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, 11:30 am

DAILY MASSES

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday – Saturday 7:55 am
Monday – Friday 5:10 pm

ROSARY

Monday – Saturday 9:00 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

WEBSITE



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*“Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

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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 September-May 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 for December 2019

- December 15 Holiday Outreach Gift Gathering & Sorting**
Today 8:00 am—Noon, Parish Hall. *Volunteers Welcome!*
- December 15 Concert, Caroling & Christmas Tree Lighting**
Today 3:30 pm, Church; 5:00 pm, Dominican Garden
- December 16 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) Service**
Monday 7:30 pm, Church (*Five priests for confessions!*)
- December 16, 23 Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)**
6:05 pm, Church (*See page 3 for more details.*)
- December 17 RCIA Sessions** (Catechumenate)
Tuesday Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
- December 18 SPRED (Special Religious Education)**
Wednesday Wednesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
- December 19 Faith Studies: The Story of Salvation**
Thursday Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, Norton Hall
- December 21 CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Schola Magdalena**
Saturday 8:00 pm, Church (*See page 6 for details.*)
- December 22 4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless**
Sunday 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
- December 24 Christmas Eve: Children's Mass: 5:00 pm, Church**
Tuesday **Mass in the Night; 10:00 pm, Church**
- December 25 Masses of Christmas Day**
Wednesday 9:00 am & 11:00 am [Parish Office will be closed.]



NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT



Fr. Bartholomew Hutcherson, O.P.

7:00pm - 10:30pm

Reflection
Eucharist
Festive Dessert
(provided by the Dominican Sisters)

Join Us

Tuesday
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7:00-10:30pm

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Gaudete Sunday, Year A ~ December 15th, 2019

Collections: Week Ending December 8 th			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/08/2019	\$13,064.64	\$8,843.00	\$4,221.64
Year-to-Date:	\$423,005.19	\$444,964.00	-\$21,958.81

Thank you for your generosity.



Exposition and Benediction (Holy Hour) takes place at 6:05 pm on Monday, Dec. 16th & 23rd.

St. John Paul II: "Our communal worship at Mass must go together with our personal worship of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration in order that our love may be complete." (*Redeemer of Man.*)

Please join your fellow parishioners as we are led by Fr. Laurent, Fr. Ngema, and Dn. Stanley.

A Huge Thank You from the Berkeley Food Pantry

"St. Mary Magdalen's parishioners [and school-children] do it again! I tally a total of 991 pounds for November, Thanksgiving, & December! Wow!!!"



Would you like to help organize funerals in our parish? Fr. Nick needs one or two more people to join our team of rotating parish Funeral Coordinators. Training is provided. The time commitment varies; all duties are shared with other volunteers. If interested, please email pastor@marymagdalen.org.



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Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Jerry Britschgi
Sunday	8:00	William Perez RIP
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Elisa Y. Adorna RIP
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Vivian Zelaya
	5:30	Alberto Lao RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Adris Scollin
	5:30	Carol Brill RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Bill & Ann Betschart
	5:30	Carol Brill RIP
Thursday	8:30	Rex Vaubel RIP
	5:30	Carol Brill RIP
Friday	8:30	Jean Bissionette Whalen RIP
	5:30	Peter Hurd RIP and Intentions of Mary Hurd
Saturday	8:30	Alejandro Lukban RIP and Intentions of Leila Lukban

Scripture Readings for the Week

15th 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1-10 / James 5:7-10 /
Matthew 11:2-11

16th Weekday in Advent

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 / Matthew 21:23-27

17th Weekday in Advent

Genesis 49:2, 8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17

18th Weekday in Advent

Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25

19th Weekday in Advent

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 / Luke 1:5-25

20th Weekday in Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14 / Luke 1:26-38

21st Weekday in Advent [St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor]

Zephaniah 3:14-20 / Luke 1:39-45

Notes from Fr. Nick

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tomorrow evening we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a community for the first time since the summer. In a culture that continuously promotes our sense of well-being, it is easy for us to avoid the parts of our lives and personalities that are not so savory. Instead of frankly admitting to ourselves that we do not always live up to the ideals we profess, we often find ways to justify our behavior. In short, we are sinners, even though we may not want to admit it.

Gathering as a community to publicly acknowledge our sorrow and ask forgiveness is an important means of confronting the rationalizing tendencies that enable us to avoid our faults. Sometimes our sinfulness hits us squarely in the face, and it is fairly easy to recognize our guilt. However, more often than not, sin creeps in through morally ambiguous situations. Further, we sometimes find ourselves participating in immoral behavior, where (although we are not the direct cause) we do share in some of the guilt. Finally, when we survey our personal attitudes, we may

realize that — although we can't put our finger on a specific instance of sinfulness — we are nevertheless sinful by the way our negativity poisons our lives and the lives of those around us.

Participating in the Parish Penance Service at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow (Monday), is a means for us to right the great and small wrongs that have accumulated in our lives over the past several months. It is a way to make this Advent a true preparation for the feast of Christmas. Finally, this Sacrament is a means by which we acknowledge before God and the Christian Community that while our lives are filled with grace, we still need God's mercy.



The Giving Tree

Holiday Outreach
2019—Help Out
TODAY !!



Today, December 15th, we'll welcome volunteers of all ages to help sort and wrap the gifts in the Parish Hall from 8:00 am to Noon. Please drop off unwrapped gifts today, December 15th, between 8:00 and 11:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Your checks are welcome! Please make them out to St. Mary Magdalen with « HO » on the memorandum line. Our recipient charities are: *St. Mary's Center*, the *Mercy Center Brown Bag Program for Seniors*, *Elizabeth House*, *St. Vincent de Paul*, *East Bay Sanctuary* and *Catholic Charities*.

Parish News

TODAY: Children's Concert & Tree Lighting



Come to the Children's Concert at 3:30 pm in the Church, followed by a **Caroling & Tree Lighting Ceremony** in the Dominican Garden at 5:00 pm!

2018 photos: Parishioner Samuel Leung



Final Stretch for Buck\$ for Blanket\$!

You can help asylum-seekers awaiting immigration hearings at the border who are enduring the squalid conditions at the Matamoros, Mexico, encampment. Donating to the **Buck\$ for Blanket\$** campaign [see column at below right] will provide much-needed blankets for refugees.



The *Peace & Justice Committee* of St. Mary Magdalen has already sent \$500.00 to the **Buck\$ for Blanket\$** campaign.

However, our goal is to provide 100 blankets before Christmas!

The cost will be \$2,500.00.

Please prayerfully give what you are able.



Peace & Justice

Government Oversight Reports on the Administration's "Zero Tolerance Policy"

Recent reports by the *Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of the Inspector General (OIG)* conclude the following about the Trump Administration's "**Zero Tolerance Policy**" on immigration:

- ♦ orders to prioritize prosecuting people for immigration-related offenses in 2017 and 2018 put a significant strain on law enforcement across the border, diverting resources away from drug and organized crime prosecutions. The increase in immigration prosecutions, which played a primary role in the family separation crisis, also led to overcrowded jails, backed up court dockets, and overwhelmed prosecutors and federal public defenders."
- ♦ *DHS* was "not fully prepared to implement the Zero Tolerance Policy."
- ♦ *DHS* was not prepared to "deal with certain effects" of the policy, such as family separation, deportation of parents back to possible harm without their children, detention of children in government custody without their families, and psychological trauma suffered by children and parents alike.
- ♦ The audit confirms that the policy of family separation existed, despite denials by then-head Kirstjen Nielsen that there was any such policy.
- ♦ *OIG* requested all data from *DHS* on family separation after April 19, 2018, a date selected because Border Patrol officials "stated that they could not feasibly identify children who were separated before that date."
- ♦ *OIG* noted Border Patrol was unequipped to handle non-verbal children – babies & toddlers.

Asylum Seekers and Buck\$ for Blanket\$

Thank you if you have already donated! Our parish *Peace & Justice Committee* hopes to provide 100 blankets (\$2500) before Christmas. So please join the **Buck\$ for Blanket\$** campaign and donate on the Parish website to *Refugee Aid* (under Special Collections) or drop off a check at the office (specify *Refugee Aid* on the memo line). The *Peace & Justice Committee* will report on the results of our funds drive in the December 22nd *Bulletin*.

Les Fils Médiévaux:



Featuring pieces from the:

Cantigas de Santa Maria
Llibre Vermell
Roman de Fauvel

and works by:

Dufay ~ Binchois ~ Anchieta



Musicians:

The Schola Magdalena, voices
Letitia Berlin & Frances Blaker, recorders
Roy Whelden, vielle, viola da gamba
Amy Brodo, viola da gamba
Cheryl Ann Fulton, harps
Andy Canepa, conductor and percussion

Saturday, December 21st

7:30 pm Lecture by John Prescott

8:00 p.m Concert

Tickets range from \$15 to \$35

Advance (discount) tickets: medievalthreads.bpt.me



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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15th, 2019



Saint John the Baptist was the messenger who prepared the world for Jesus' coming.



Where was he in today's Gospel reading?
Connect the dots to find out!
Then you can finish colouring in the picture.

thekidsbulletin.com

What Happens When Jesus Comes?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples to tell John the Baptist what He does.

What happens to whom?

Match up the people with what happens to them.

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| the blind • | • are raised up |
| and the lame • | • have good news
• preached to them |
| lepers • | • hear |
| the deaf • | • are cleansed |
| the dead • | • receive their sight |
| and the poor • | • walk |

