

December 22nd, 2019 | 4th Sunday in Advent, 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
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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—January 3rd

December 22 4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless
Sunday 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall

December 22 Decorate the Church for Christmas!
Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Church. *All are welcome!*

December 23 Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)
Monday 6:05 pm, Church (*See page 3 for more details.*)

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.]

December 28 Anointing of the Sick at all Masses & 29 (*Takes place on every 5th Sunday.*)

December 28 Special Collection for St. Vincent de Paul & 29 At all Masses, or via marymagdalen.org/donate

January 1 Holy Day of Obligation-Solemnity of the BVM
Wednesday Masses at 8:30 am & 5:30 pm

January 3 Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)
Friday 6:05 pm, Church (*First Fridays of the month.*)

4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless

Before our call for help with this Sunday's Dinner, we want to acknowledge and remember the Founder of our Dinners, the late **Pete Hurd**, who died on Nov. 29th. In the late 1980's Pete saw hungry people in Berkeley and did something about it: he began serving a monthly Sunday meal that continues to this day. Enough cannot be said about Pete's compassion and many contributions to the Parish. His altruism is an inspiration for all of us.

Today's Dinner falls just before Christmas. In the spirit of this holy day, please join us in serving our brothers and sisters a warm, tasty meal in a safe, welcoming environment. We set up and cook from Noon to 1, prepare to serve at 2:45, and clean up the Kitchen and Parish Hall starting at 3:30. We especially need volunteers to set up and clean up. Desserts are always welcome and greatly appreciated; please deliver to the Parish Hall by 1:30 pm.

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
December 31,
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7:00-10:30pm

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Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A ~ December 22nd, 2019

Collections: Week Ending December 15th

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/15/2019	\$8,615.83	\$8,843.00	-\$227.17
Year-to-Date:	\$431,621.02	\$453,807.00	-\$22,185.98

Thank you for your generosity.



At the CRS Rice Bowl awards on December 11th, our conference of St. Vincent de Paul was among 40 organizations honored with a grant. CRS awarded them \$500! Thanks to your generous donations to CRS during Lent, we will be able to provide financial assistance to many of our Berkeley and Albany neighbors in need.



The final Exposition (Holy Hour) of 2019 will take place at 6:05 pm tomorrow, December 23rd.

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Canae*)

"How great is the value of conversation with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness!" (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

Please join us in prayer tomorrow evening!



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	Stefan Hemmerich RIP
Sunday	8:00	Lilia Giacomazzi RIP
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Jerry Acuña RIP
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Iñigo José Guzman
	5:30	Michael Moura RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Jorge Mora RIP
	5:00	For the Children of the Parish
	10:00	For the People of the Parish
Wednesday	9:00	Intentions of M. Emily Onglatco
	11:00	Intentions of Fr. Mark Padrez OP
Thursday	8:30	Helene Maher RIP
	5:30	Helen Sommers RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Br. Matthew Pancoe
	5:30	Jerome (Jerry) Thomas RIP
Saturday	8:30	Michael Martin RIP and Jessie Dolores Reilly RIP

Scripture Readings for the Week

22nd 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Isaiah 7:10-14 / Romans 1:1-7 / Matthew 1:18-24

23rd Weekday in Advent [Saint John of Kanty, Priest]

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 / Luke 1:57-66

24th Last Weekday in Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-12, 14-16 / Luke 1:67-79

25th The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Isaiah 52:7-10 / Hebrews 1:1-6 /
John 1:1-18

26th Weekday in Christmas [St. Stephen, the First Martyr]

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Matthew 10:17-22

27th Weekday in Christmas [St. John, Apostle & Evangelist]

1 John 1:1-4 / John 20:1-8

28th Weekday in Christmas [The Holy Innocents, Martyrs]

1 John 1:5—2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18

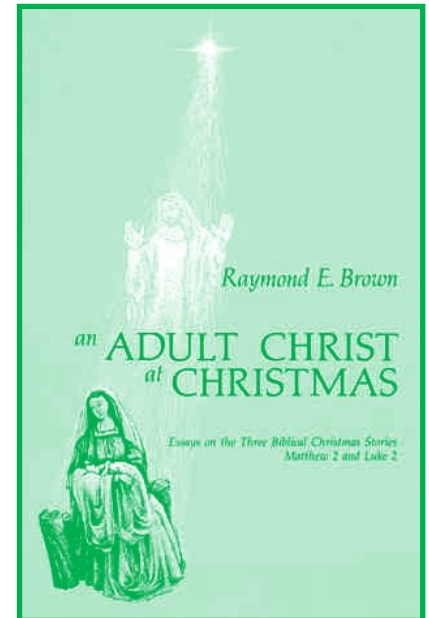
Notes from Fr. Nick

Merry Christmas!

A while back, the famous scripture scholar and priest, Raymond Brown, published a collection of essays called [An Adult Christ at Christmas](#). The book covers the story of Jesus' birth from the perspective of scripture study, but also discusses its significance as part of Jesus' whole life. Jesus would be just another baby were he not the one who later suffered, died, and rose. The book is only 50 pages long, and I recommend it for anyone who wants to delve more deeply into the significance of Christmas.

An Adult Christ at Christmas prompts me to consider the meaning of Jesus' birth as part of his passion and its meaning for me. The Gospels include the virgin birth, the martyrdom of the Holy Innocents, the flight into Egypt and the finding of the Christ child in the temple in order to make a point: Jesus was a normal child in every way, and at the same time everything that occurred to him from His conception onwards led to the moment He would suffer, die, rise, and save us.

As we look on the image of the Christ child in the crèche, when we sing the hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, it's essential to ponder how the baby Jesus is also Christ Crucified. Without Good Friday and Easter, the birth of Jesus would be no more significant than any other birth. Yet Easter would not be possible without Christmas!



In this digest of his longer work, The Birth of the Messiah, Father Brown puts the adult Christ back into Christmas, treating the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke as the entire Gospel story in miniature.
~ Goodreads

SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual Parish Leadership Conference

Saturday, January 25th, 2020

9:00 am - 3:00 pm, St. Perpetua Parish, Lafayette

Topic: *Parish Renewal as we Approach our Centenary*

Photos from the 1st PLC in Orinda: *Below left*: Tom Hall shared a laugh with Barney Quinn and Monica Grycz; Music Director Andy Canepa in rear. *Below*: the late Fr. Daniel Danielson was our Plenary Speaker that year, and Ann Flemer, then-incoming Finance Council Chair, delivered a report on the state of the Parish. *Below right (left to right)*: John Rengel, Therese Pipe, Alex Saldanha, George Grant Nakamura. *Photos: Theresa Thomas*



Parish News

Christmas Mass Schedule

- 5:00 pm, **Christmas Eve:** Children's & Family Mass
["smokeless" (no incense)]
- 10:00 pm, **Christmas Eve:** "Mass of the Night"
- 9:00 am, **Christmas Day:** Mass of Christmas Day
["smokeless" (no incense)]
- 11:00 am, **Christmas Day:** Mass of Christmas Day

St. Vincent de Paul Thanks You!

The St. Mary Magdalen Conference of St. Vincent de Paul asks for your donations only four times a year. Next weekend, December 28th & 29th, you will find envelopes in the pews for this special collection.



Chaplain Rob of Golden Gate Fields happily received 20 turkeys for the GGF backstretch workers from SVdP member Troy Kaji.

Last month your generous donations helped our Berkeley and Albany neighbors to celebrate Thanksgiving; 27 received a turkey with trimmings, including twenty backstretch workers at Golden Gate Fields.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

**Holy Day of Obligation
for all Catholics in the
United States**

**Masses:
8:30 am & 5:30 pm**
Preceded by Morning
& Evening Prayer



Peace & Justice

Buck\$ for Blanket\$ Campaign a Success!

St. Mary Magdalen did it! Our parish donated over \$2000 during this campaign to provide blankets to refugees camped out in miserable conditions in Matamoros, Mexico, while they await asylum hearings. Thank you for your generosity and kindness towards others in need. The situation in these loose encampments along the Mexico-U.S. border is dangerous, unhealthy and inhumane. Blankets are simply one effort to keep people warm during freezing nights, and our total contribution of \$2500 will provide over 100 blankets. Thank you, all!

Please consider joining the Parish *Peace & Justice Committee*, which meets monthly in Norton Hall at 4:00 pm on the second Friday after the second Wednesday (check the Bulletin or website for precise dates!). **Our next meeting will take place on Friday, January 10th.**

INTERFAITH VIGIL

Friday, January 10th, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Join the interfaith community in solidarity with immigrants and refugees seeking safety and new lives in the U.S. It meets monthly in front of the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services Building, 630 Sansome St., S.F. (You may simply show up and join others outside the building.)

Resources for immigration information: american-immigrationcouncil.org and the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops' justiceforimmigrants.org

Supreme Court Halts Capital Punishment for Federal Prisoners. The Supreme Court intervened and halted the executions (scheduled for December & January) Attorney General Barr had previously ordered. Federal executions were stopped 16 years ago, but the Trump Administration has wanted to resume the practice. There are pending legal fights, and the Administration may still prevail in reinstating the death penalty for federal prisoners. In 2018 Pope Francis updated the *Catholic Catechism* on this issue: "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."

Photographs of Parish Events Last Weekend (December 14th & 15th)



Fr. Nick blessed the urn at a funeral of a long-time parishioner on Saturday morning. (Former priest-in-residence, Dominican father **Michael Dodds, OP**, can be seen at right.)



Saturday Night Taizé Service

(All three photos by parishioner Mary Emily Onglatco)



Director of Religious Education **Heather Skinner** lights the Advent Wreath candles at the start of **Gaudete Sunday** Mass.



Andy Canepa directed the 9:30 am Choir, while **Joan Bell** combined them with the Children's Choir in Christmas songs.



Jennifer Ashworth directed members of the MAD Band, after which candles were lit, and finally, the huge tree!



Photos: Fr. Nicholas Glisson; Parishioner Samuel Leung.



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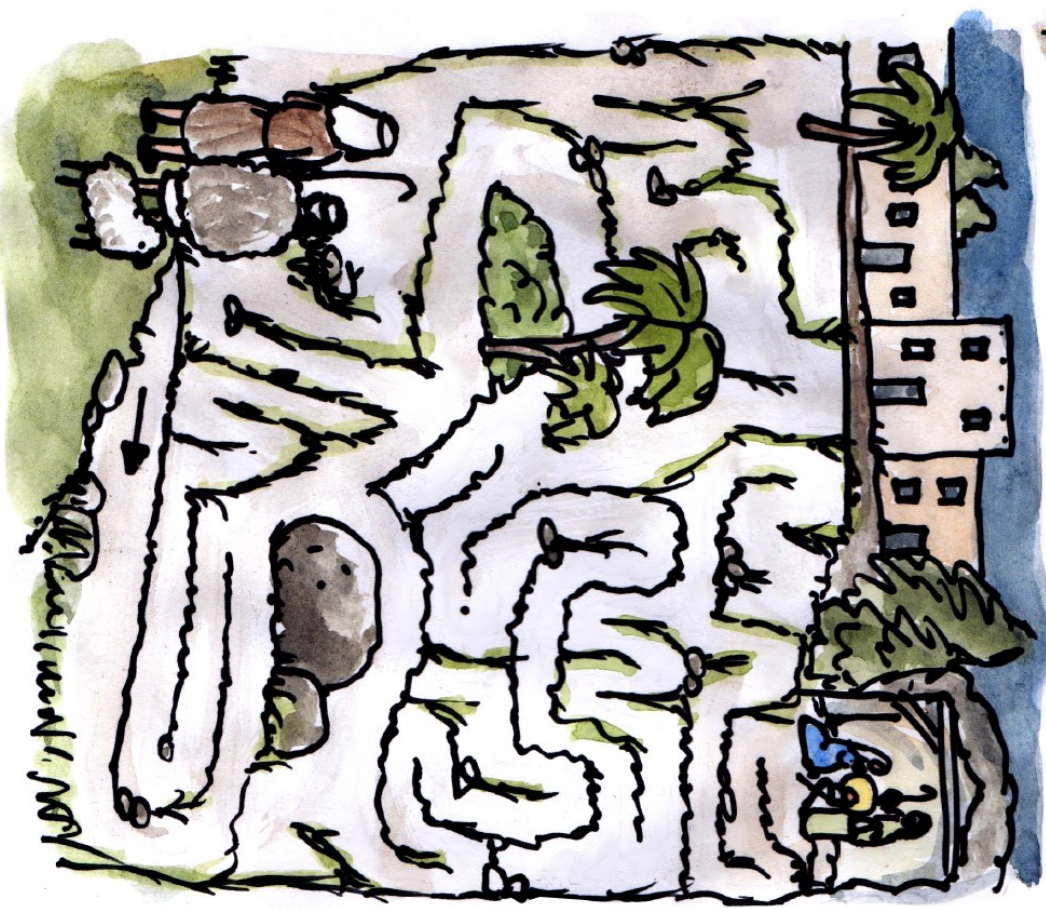


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The Kids' Bulletin

Christmas Day

December 25, 2019



Help the shepherds find their way to Bethlehem to see Baby Jesus.

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Christmas Word-Find

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| DARK | MOTHER | WRAPPED |

Why is Christmas so special? Because _____!

