

February 2nd, 2020 | Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 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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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 run from September through 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 with a priest.

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Parish Calendar for February

February 1 & 2	Berkeley Food Pantry Collection (<i>See page 4.</i>) Please leave your donations in either vestibule.
February 2 Sunday	1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
February 3 Monday	St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting First Mondays, 7:15 pm, Norton Hall
February 4, 11, 18, 25	RCIA Sessions (Catechumenate) Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
February 5, 12, 19, 26	SPRED (Special Religious Education) Wednesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Faith Studies: <i>The Story of Salvation</i> Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Norton Hall
February 7 Friday	First Friday Adoration (Holy Hour) 6:05 pm, Church
February 8 Saturday	Liturgical Ministers Training 9:00 am - Noon, Norton Hall.
February 8 Saturday	Taizé Prayer with Adoration of the Cross 8:00 - 9:00 pm, Church.
February 8 & 9	ARISE (Small Faith Groups) Sign-Up Weekend Tables on Berryman Plaza & Lot after all Masses
February 9 Sunday	CONCERT: <i>Music Sources: Baroque Orchestra</i> 5:00 pm, Church. Telemann, Purcell, Rameau....
February 11 Tuesday	Parish Pastoral Council (<i>All are welcome.</i>) 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Conference Room.
February 14 Friday	Peace & Justice / Refugee Aid Committee 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall. (<i>All are welcome.</i>)
February 22 through 28	First Week of ARISE (Small Group) Gatherings Times & Locations to be published on Feb. 16th.
February 22 Saturday	Annual School of the Madeleine CRAB FEED 6:30 pm, Parish Hall. info@themadeleine.com
February 23 Sunday	4th Sunday Dinner for the Poor & Homeless 12:00 (set up); 3:00 pm (dinner), Parish Hall
February 26 Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am; 5:30 & 7:30 pm
February 28 Friday	Stations of the Cross + Soup Supper 6:00 pm, Church + 6:30 pm, Norton Hall



Taizé Service on Saturday, Feb. 8th

The next Taizé service will take place from 8:00 to 9:00 pm on **Saturday, February 8th** in the church. Come, join us in song, prayer, and adoration of the Cross!

What is Taizé? See: tinyurl.com/what-is-taize

Presentation of the Lord, Year A ~ February 2nd, 2020

Collection for January 26 th , 2020			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
01/26/2020	\$6,924.46	\$8,829.00	-\$1,904.54
Year-to-Date	\$35,019.72	\$35,316.00	-\$296.28

Thank you all for your donations!

Fr. Nick Needs YOU!

Do you like to attend the 5:30 pm or the 11:30 am Mass? Fr. Nick is looking for parishioners to serve as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** ('Eucharistic Ministers') and **Altar Servers** (both Adult and Youth) for every Mass, but our need is greatest at these two Masses.

Please contact the parish office, or simply come to the **training session in Norton Hall at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 8th**. (All current Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers are also expected to attend this session.)



Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Pete Hurd RIP
	9:30	Christine Ndzefer Ngwane RIP
	11:30	Spencer Yeh RIP
Monday	8:30	Elisa Y Adorna RIP
	5:30	John Paine RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Alejandro Lukban RIP
	5:30	Josefine Gaechter RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Kevin Kadow RIP
	5:30	Moura Keavney RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intention of the Donor
	5:30	Nioclas O'Maitiu RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Pocha Reyes
	5:30	Intentions of Sylvia Grycz
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Patricia Reyes

Fellowship Event for Parents with Young Children

Come join us on the school playground after the 9:30 Mass **TODAY, February 2nd**, for a fellowship event for parents with young children. Get to know other like-minded parents while the little ones have fun in the outdoors! *For more information:*

- ◆ Lauren Dutra lamccarl@gmail.com
- ◆ Celine Koh celinekohfc@gmail.com

TODAY, February 2nd
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Note New Location:
School of the Madeleine Playground

"Seeking Asylum at the Southern Border" Tuesday, February 11th

The Commonwealth Club is hosting this discussion of conditions for asylum seekers (and what you need to know) with guest speaker **Clara Long**, Senior Researcher at Human Rights Watch (focusing on border and immigration issues) and moderator **Julie Small**, KQED Public Radio reporter and host (focusing on criminal justice and immigration). Location: *The Commonwealth Club*, 110 The Embarcadero, Max Thelen Boardroom, San Francisco. Check-in at 5:30 pm followed by the program from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Tickets are required (\$8 students; \$20 non-members); purchase at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Scripture Readings for the Week

2 nd	<i>PRESENTATION OF THE LORD / CANDLEMAS</i> Malachi 3:1-4 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40
3 rd	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time [Sts Blaise & Ansgar, Bishops]</i> 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 / Mark 5:1-20
4 th	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> 2 Samuel 18:9–19:3 / Mark 5:21-43
5 th	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time [St. Agatha, Martyr]</i> 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 / Mark 6:1-6
6 th	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time [St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs]</i> 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 / Mark 6:7-13
7 th	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> Sirach 47:2-11 / Mark 6:14-29
8 th	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time [St. Josephine Bakhita & St. Jerome Emiliani; Blessed Virgin Mary]</i> 1 Kings 3:4-13 / Mark 6:30-34

Notes from Fr. Nick

Feast of the Presentation, Purification of Mary, Candlemas & Groundhog Day

Today, February 2nd, is significant for three reasons: the Purification of Mary, Candlemas and Groundhog Day. All of them are connected.

According to Jewish law ([Leviticus 12](#)), a woman was required to wait forty days after giving birth before she was allowed to enter the Temple and participate in a ritual of purification. It is described in Chapter 2 of the Gospel of Luke, where Mary's purification rite is combined with the Jewish ceremony of the redemption of the firstborn ([Luke 2:23–24](#)). From early times, the Church has observed it as the solemn presentation of Jesus in the House of God. It was originally celebrated on February 14th, forty days after January 6th, which is the Eastern feast of Christmas. Accordingly, when the Western Church moved Christmas to December 25th, this feast was moved back to February 2nd.



Giovanni Bellini, Presentation at the Temple, ca. 1472. Venice, Italy.

Candlemas is the ancient day on which the candles used in the church for the next year are blessed, and congregants in many Christian denominations bring their home candles to church to be blessed. It is connected to the Feast of the Purification in that Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, was presented to the community on this date. A possibly more ancient reason for Candlemas is that the date falls midway between the beginning of winter Solstice (December 21st) and the Vernal Equinox (March 21st).

Midwinter is where the feast connects to Groundhog Day. The story takes place in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where tradition holds that if a groundhog looks out of its den and sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. Like the Church at Candlemas, the German founders of Punxsutawney marked winter's passing. On a personal note, in the 1930s my great uncle, Charles Margiotti, was the Mayor of Punxsutawney (and later became Pennsylvania's Secretary of State). It was therefore my uncle's duty to pull the groundhog out of its den to check for his shadow. We don't have groundhogs here in Northern California, but after the liturgy for the Feast of the Purification we will bless candles and look forward to the eventual coming of Spring.

Berkeley Food Pantry Collection Pickup THIS Weekend

Please drop off any of the below items in either vestibule:

- **Peanut butter** (in plastic jars only)
- **Breakfast cereal**—low-sugar
- **Canned soups & beans** [low-sodium]
- **Brown rice**
- **Healthy snack foods** for kids
- **Canned tuna & chicken**
- **Gluten-free grains & pasta**
- **Non-dairy milk**—soy, almond, oat (shelf-stable)
- **Condiments**—ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, & mayonnaise & **cooking oil** (in plastic jars / bottles only)
- **Seasonings**— salt, pepper, herbs, spices, **Tea** (in bags)
- **Meal replacements**
- **Toiletries**—toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.

Parish News



Prepare for Season Two of ARISE !

ARISE Season One was a great success last Fall: 20% of active parishioners participated in one of the nine Small Faith Groups that met in homes or in the parish. The Renewal Committee has chosen to continue with the ARISE program during Lent. Groups will begin meeting the week of *Saturday, February 22nd* through *Friday, February 28th*, and continue for six weeks, ending on April 3rd.

Sign-ups will take place next weekend: after all Masses on February 8th & 9th

Interested in leading a group? Leave a message for Claire Broome at parish@marymagdalen.org.

A Blessed Way to Avoid the Championship

Not a football fan? Want to escape the Super Bowl hype? **The 1st Sunday Dinner for the Poor and Homeless** offers you a refuge this afternoon as well as for our hungry guests.



We set up and cook from **Noon to 1:00 pm**, prepare to serve at **2:45 pm**, and clean up the Kitchen and Parish Hall starting at **3:30 pm**. **We especially need volunteers to clean up.** It's a relief to see fresh faces coming to help as the Dinner winds down. Our guests like sweets and appreciate your **desserts**. They can be brought to the Parish Hall by 1:30 pm.

Peace & Justice

Work for the Census! California needs census workers to ensure an accurate count. An accurate population count in California will bring important resources to our state, and lead to appropriate representation in Congress. If you speak Spanish, you bring added value to this important work. To apply: 2020census.gov/en/jobs.html. Pay varies by job and location; Alameda County wages are \$22.50-\$25.00 per hour.

"All Are Welcome: Migrant Solidarity from the Border to the Bay," Saturday, February 8, 7:00-9:30 pm, South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis Street. Join the Arab Resource & Organizing Center, the Interfaith Movement 4 Human Integrity and SURJ-Bay Area for an evening of sharing, solidarity and action to discuss what's happening along our southern border, how we can build solidarity with and support for migrants and asylum seekers, and larger questions about Trump's anti-immigrant policies and our foreign policy in Latin America, the Middle East and beyond.

Speakers include *Reverend Deborah Lee*, Executive Director, IM4HI, *Leila Sayed-Taha*, immigration attorney and *Al Otro Lado* volunteer attorney, and *Dr. Amy Argenal*, Adjunct Professor of Migration Studies at USF and *Bay Area Border Relief* volunteer. A recently-arrived migrant will also speak about the journey firsthand. Discussion to learn more about sponsorship, accompaniment, and volunteering at the border will follow. Suggested donation: \$10-25; no one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Tijuana-based *Al Otro Lado Border Rights Project*, which provides legal services for migrants and asylum seekers. Tickets are available through surjbayarea.org.

Bay Area Sanctuary Movement Discussion and 'Sneak Preview' of Film *Sanctuary Rising* — Thursday February 27, 6:00 - 8:00 pm: Join the interfaith community supporting the Sanctuary Movement and learn how local congregations participate, and how you can get involved. Participate in a Q&A session with director *Theo Rigby*. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 2515 Fillmore Street, San Francisco. RSVP/tickets at tinyurl.com/SRising.

Last Weekend's Parish Events: Parish Leadership Conference & Family Mass



Parishioner **Denis Ring** gave the keynote speech at the 3rd Annual Parish Leadership Conference at St. Perpetua Parish in Lafayette. Madeleine VP and Parish Director of Religious Education **Heather Skinner** led the assembly in prayer.



Breakout Sessions. *Left:* Visible at one of the discussion tables are **Monica Grycz, Greg Whitcomb, Alex Saldanha, Mary Ernst, Madge Tsang, Carolyn Tune & Maria Curtis.** *Right:* Finance & Development Chair **Ann Flemer** (center).



Madeleine students and parishioners **Charlie Higley** and **Bronwyn Jacobs-Walker** read at the 9:30 am Family Mass (*below*), where **Fr. Tegha Nji** (*above*) dismissed two of the Catechumens, accompanied by RCIA leaders **Dn. Stanley Goh** and **Cat Nielsen.** *Bottom left:* Madeleine VP **Jennifer Walwark** invited the congregants to the School Open House.



Family Mass photos: Fr. Nicholas Glisson

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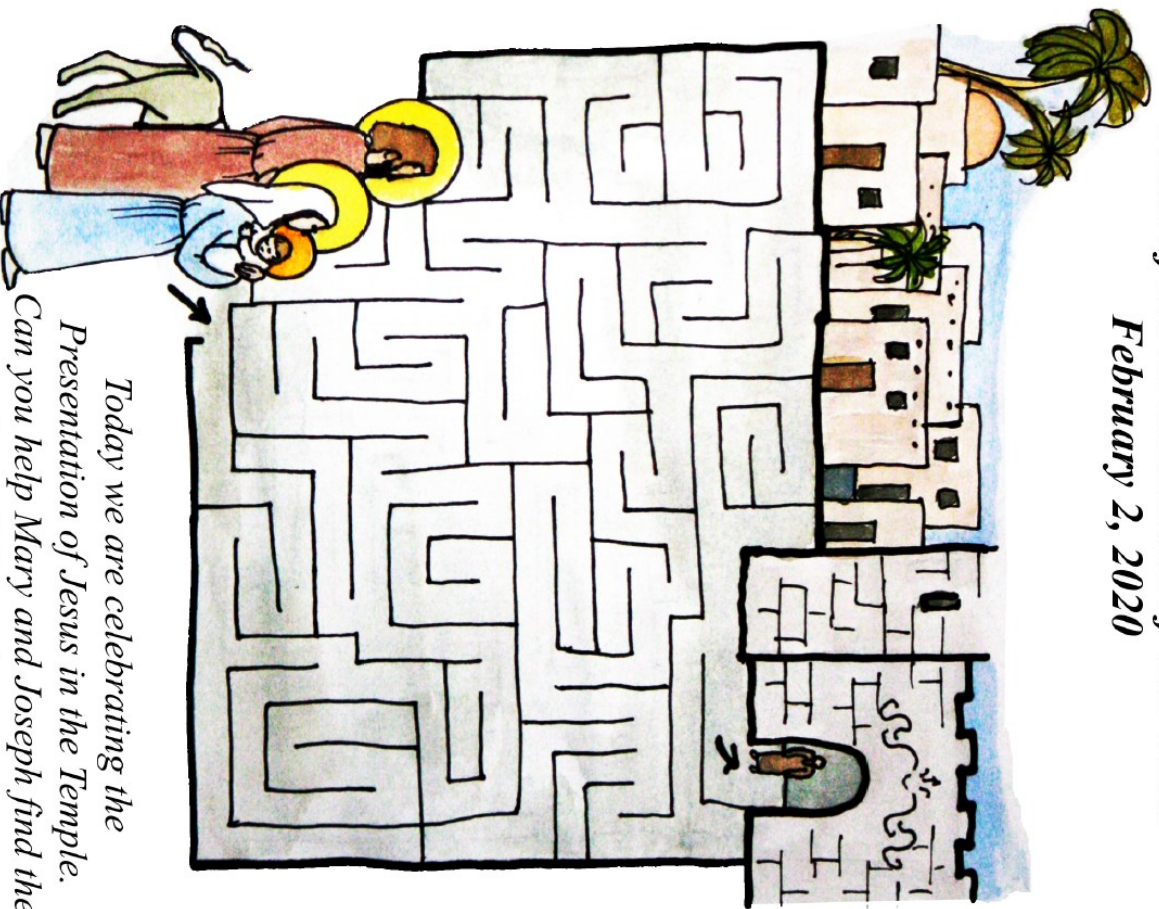
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The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord
February 2, 2020*



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True or False? The Presentation

How well do you know the story of the Presentation of

Jesus in the Temple?

*Can you figure out which of these are true
and which are false?*

1. Fifty-five days after Jesus was born His mother Mary and St. Joseph took Him to the Temple. True or false?
2. Mary and Joseph offered two doves as a sign of their offering of Baby Jesus, since that is what the law required. True or false?
3. A holy man named Solomon came to meet them in the Temple. True or false?
4. When he had seen Baby Jesus, Simeon said to God that now he was ready to die in peace, since he had seen God's salvation. True or false?
5. Simeon said, "This Child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted." True or false?
6. A holy widow named Anna who was in the temple came and looked at Baby Jesus but did not say anything. True or false?
7. When Mary and Joseph had done what the law required they went home to Nazareth. True or false?

*Today we are celebrating the
Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.*

*Can you help Mary and Joseph find the
way through Jerusalem to present
Baby Jesus in the Temple?*