

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

December 20th, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Advent

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His Excellency, Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland



Notes from Fr. Nick

Joseph and Mary

Imagine that you are Joseph. You are about to get married and start a family. You find out your betrothed is already pregnant. Not only that, but an angel tells you to go ahead with the marriage. You marry Mary anyway, and then you find out there is to be a census and you'll have to travel to Bethlehem, your hometown, just at the time your new wife is to give birth. What else could go wrong? Oh, but there's no room where you can lodge for



the night in all of Bethlehem. Sleep in a barn? And if that's not enough, your wife's labor has begun, Mary is going to give birth out in the cold—couldn't this have waited at least another day? And the crises didn't end with your child's birth. Rumor has it the local king is after your baby and is killing any child who might challenge his rule. The king has to be demented, but quick, let's head for Egypt, just to be safe!

Joseph and Mary were nothing if not resilient. They adapted to each situation as it came about. We hear no complaining about things not going as planned. Instead, they apparently took their problems in stride and went on with their lives. Probably many others were suffering the same kind of hardships, but that didn't make their difficulties less formidable.

Sound familiar? Just about every time we regained our footing over the last year, some new crisis came along forcing us to adopt new plans. I doubt that any of us are where we expected to be—emotionally, spiritually, financially, or physically—at the beginning of this year. Yet here we are. For the most part we've taken things good-naturedly and survived. We are celebrating the birth of the Christ in a similar context to his actual birth.

Perhaps this year will give us a better appreciation of how central the Incarnation—Jesus' birth—is in human history. God interrupted human history to set it on a new course. From then on humankind has been headed toward the kingdom of God, rather than futility. The theologian Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J., saw all creation as drawn toward an "Omega Point" in which there would be perfect union with God. The birth of Christ was a fulcrum that tipped human striving away from futility to real progress in that union.

I doubt that it was obvious to Mary and Joseph, as they traveled toward Bethlehem, that they were participating in a major shift in human history. For the moment, they just needed to find a place to stay, register for the census and return home. Maybe the privations we've suffered over the past year seemed pointless as they unfolded, but like the Holy Family, we can't necessarily see the greater meaning of events as they are happening. On account of this, maybe we can identify with the lives of Jesus, Mary and Joseph a little more deeply this year.

Merry Christmas!

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

*We live the Gospel,
and we care for others."*

MASS TIMES

Sunday 9:00 am—Livestream Mass
Sunday 11:00 am—Dominican Garden

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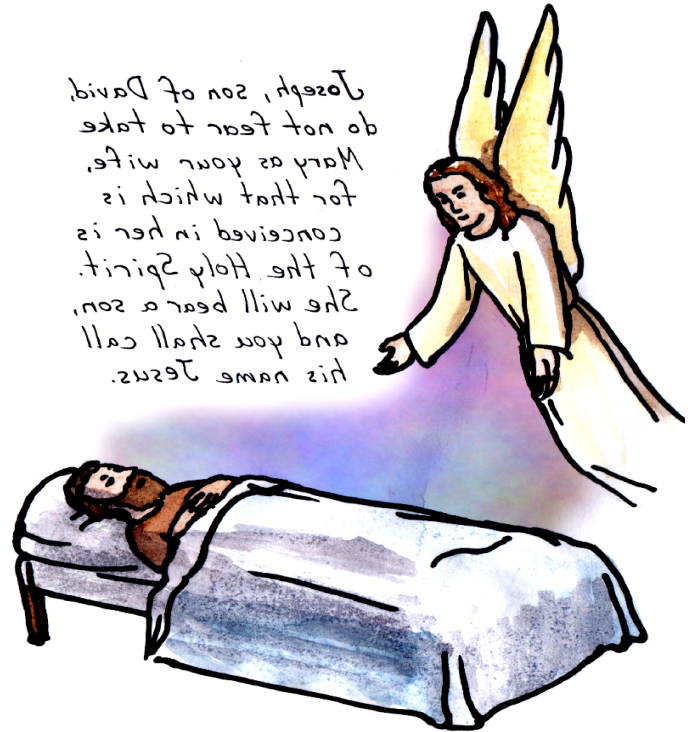
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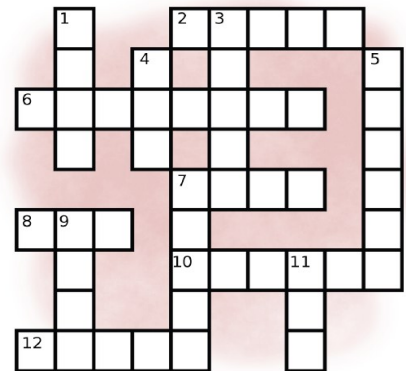


An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him what God wanted him to do. What did the angel say? Look in a mirror to find out!

Isaiah 7 Cross-Word

Find the words that fit into the spaces in today's first reading, and then fit them into the puzzle. A=Across and D=Down.

HOUSE
 VIRGIN
 HIGH
 SHEOL
 CHILD
 THE
 DAVID
 HEAVEN
 NAME
 DEEP
 IMMANUEL
 GOD
 MAN



___ 8A LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your ___ 11D; let it be ___ 7A as ___ 2A or ___ 9D as ___ 5D." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O ___ 3D of ___ 7D! Is it too little for you to weary ___ 4D, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the ___ 10A shall be with ___ 12A, and bear a son, and shall ___ 1D him ___ 6A.



December 20th, 2020 — Fourth Sunday in Advent

Collection for the Week Ending December 13 th			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/13/2020	\$7,181.50	\$8,829.00	-\$1,647.50
Year-to-Date	\$409,125.02	\$452,621.00	-\$43,495.98

Thank you all for your support of your parish.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24th, 1:00 pm:
Family Mass — Dominican Garden

December 24th, 8:00 pm:
Christmas Vigil Mass — livestreamed [church closed]

December 25th, 11:00 am:
Christmas Mass — Dominican Garden
 [This Mass will be moved inside the church in case of rain.]

Scripture Readings for the Week

20th **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
 2 Samuel 7:1-12, 14-16 / Romans 16:25-27 /
 Luke 1:26-38

21st **Advent Weekday [St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor]**
 Wisdom 2:8-14 / Luke 1:39-45

22nd **Advent Weekday**
 1 Samuel 1:24-28 / Luke 1:46-56

23rd **Advent Weekday [St. John of Kanty, Priest]**
 Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 / Luke 1:57-66

24th **Advent Weekday [Readings for the Morning]**
 2 Samuel 7:1-12, 14-16 / Luke 1:67-79

25th **Solemnity: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
 Isaiah 52:7-10 / Hebrews 1:1-6 / John 1:1-18

26th **Feast: Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Matthew 10:17-22

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00	Intentions of Elizabeth Gil
	11:00	Intentions of Paul Sporer
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Leila Lukban and Alejandro Lukban RIP
	5:30	Rex R. Vaubel RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Virginia Abrahamson RIP
	5:30	Joe McGruder RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Íñigo José Guzman
	5:30	Joe McGruder RIP
Thursday	8:30	Jorge D. Mora RIP
	1:00	For the Children of the Parish
Friday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:00	Intentions of Evelyn Betschart
	11:00	Intentions of Ubillus Reyes & Karpen & Lazo
Saturday	8:30	Mary Abrahamson RIP



As a result of the rain forecast for last Saturday, our **Taizé Outdoor Prayer Service** was postponed to **December 19th** at 2:00 pm in the parking lot next to the Garden.

Taizé is repeated chants as a form of meditation. The chants are in English and other languages. In addition, the service includes music, readings, intercessory prayers, and moments of silent reflection.

For more information: tinyurl.com/what-is-Taize

The service will last about an hour, and would be an ideal mini-Advent retreat!

Christmas Sing-A-Long



The Music ministry is inviting everyone to participate in our 2nd **Congregational Sing-a-Long**, which will be played during the Livestream Mass at

8:00 pm on Christmas Eve. As with *Jubilate, Servite* at Pentecost, Samuel Leung will be compiling everyone's performance — this time, to *Joy to the World*. You may sing, play an instrument, or both.

Samuel has provided audio and video files to help everyone participate. The sheet music, piano recording, and instructions are all found on the home page of our parish website: marymagdalen.org.

Please submit your video recording by **Saturday, December 19th**, at sleung@marymagdalen.org.

Beethoven Tickets Available Now

The new Covid-19 restrictions have caused our Music Director, **Andy Canepa**, and parishioner and caterer **Lourdes Guzman** to postpone their musical and culinary tribute to Beethoven until January 22nd-24th. **Please call 510-526-4811 to exchange or order new tickets.**

Special Christmas Musical Event!

Andy Canepa and members of the music ministry are busy recording musical numbers for an online concert to be shown at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd**, on our Facebook page and perhaps elsewhere. *Details to come!*

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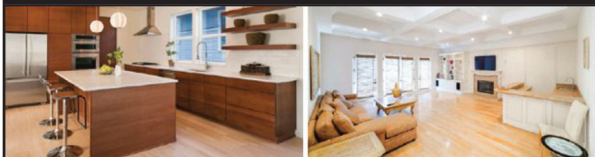
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