

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

December 27th, 2020
The Holy Family

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor
His Excellency, Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland



Notes from Fr. Nick



I have no doubt almost all of us have similar wishes for the year 2021. We want an effective vaccine and complete eradication of Covid-19! Short of that, we'll be happy for a rapid test that proves we're not communicating the disease so we can get on with our lives.

All of us have been forever changed by the events of 2020, and I don't think any of us wants a repeat of the fires, disgusting politics, racial tensions and, most of all, the stress brought on by the virus. Maybe this is a good thing. We are, at least, all united in putting 2020 behind us.

Perhaps more important than having survived 2020 is the question: did we grow through the experience? What have we learned about ourselves and our values over the past year? For me, the essential foundation of community was made clear when we were forced into isolation. More than ever I'm aware of the fundamental role of gathering as a people united in faith in order for sacraments to be celebrated. We managed to carry on with the RCIA, First Communions and Confirmations. Baptisms, weddings, and funerals took place. Maybe they weren't the picture-perfect events we would have liked for our scrapbooks, but they nevertheless took on a new importance for us as touchstones in a world seemingly out of control.

I've also been made aware of how much I need community for my emotional health. On one hand, being unable to travel to visit my family and friends brought out the necessity of those relationships for my emotional well-being. On the other, the parish staff, my fellow priests and, most all, you—the parish community—were anchors in a chaotic world.

I am an introvert. Working quietly in isolation, curling up with a good book, or taking a hike in solitude invigorates me, while crowds, public performance and leadership roles drain me. Nevertheless, my spirit requires contact, interaction and conviviality. I appreciate my friends and acquaintances, and I hope I'll no longer take them for granted.

How have you grown through the experience of 2020? Did it make you more humane? What do you now appreciate that you took for granted before this year? Rather than make New Years' resolutions, maybe we need to pause and give thanks for the recent events that have made us aware of all the things we cherish.

*"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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Monday—Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed for Lunch: Noon-1:00 pm

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Saturday 4:00 pm

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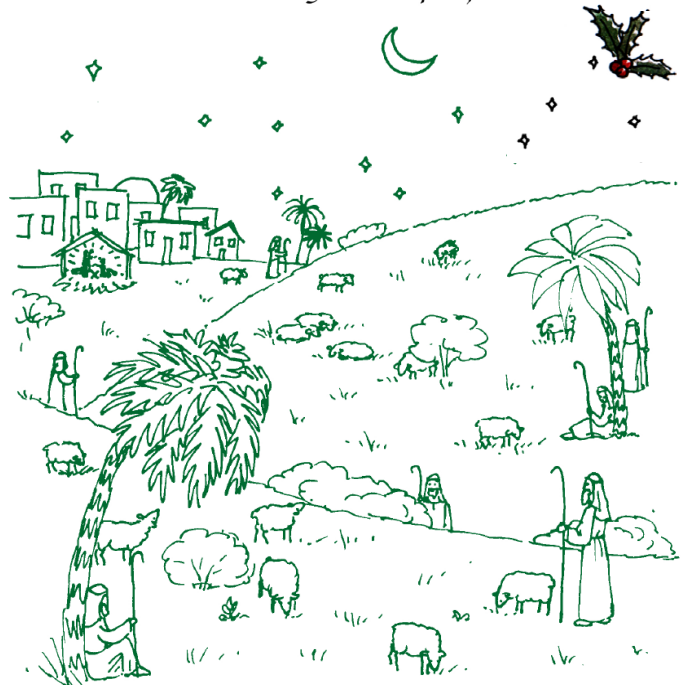
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The Kids' Bulletin

Christmas Day and Feast of the Holy Family
December 25th & 27th, 2020

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Can you find all the shepherds in this picture?
How many are there?
You can colour in the picture too!



Who did What?

Write the number of the person beside what they did in the Christmas Story.

1. Saint Joseph _____ Announced the joyful news of the Saviour's birth
2. Our Lady _____ Commanded that everyone register in their hometown
3. The Shepherds _____ Did not have room for the man and his wife
4. The Angels _____ Took his wife to Bethlehem
5. The Innkeeper _____ Pondered all these things in her heart
6. Baby Jesus _____ Went to find the newborn Saviour
7. The Emperor _____ Came to save the people from their sins



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Due to the early publication deadline, the collections for the week of December 20th will be reported next week.

A Tribute to Beethoven: New Dates

Andy Canepa, Solo Piano
Lourdes Guzman, German Feast

Streaming

Saturday, January 23rd, 7:30 pm

Sunday, January 24th, 2:30 pm

Live Concert in the Church

Friday, January 22nd, 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 23rd, 2:00 pm

Sunday, January 24th, 2:00 pm



All tickets must be purchased through the parish office: 510-526-4811

Scripture Readings for the Week

27th **THE HOLY FAMILY**

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 / Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19 / Luke 2:22-40

28th **Feast: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

1 John 1:5-2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18

29th **Octave of the Nativity [St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr]**

1 John 2:3-11 / Luke 2:22-35

30th **Octave of the Nativity**

1 John 2:12-17 / Luke 2:36-40

31st **Octave of the Nativity [St. Sylvester I, Pope]**

1 John 2:18-21 / John 1:1-18

1st **Solemnity: MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21

2nd **Memorial: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

1 John 2:22-28 / John 1:19-28

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00	Intentions of James Burns
	11:00	Intentions of the Silloway Family
Monday	8:30	Emilio Onglatco, Jr. RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Lee Guerrero
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Anthony Joseph Lukban
	5:30	Intentions of Robert Drew Luttrell
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Carol Seuferer
	5:30	Saturnno & Augusta Cariaga RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Felicitas de Guzman
	5:30	Pete Hurd RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Ubillus Reyes and Karpen Lazo
	5:30	Alverta Vasilauskas RIP
Saturday	8:30	Carol Larkin RIP

Peace & Justice Notes

Words to Live By: Keep Pope Francis's message for Advent alive in your heart and in your actions as we begin the New Year: *"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world ... the desire of many people tormented by hunger, by injustice and by war ... the desire of the poor, the weak, the abandoned. This is a favorable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives."* (Pope Francis, Angelus, 2nd December 2018)

Join the National Catholic Pledge To End the Death Penalty: By signing on, you pledge to educate yourself and your community about the injustices of the death penalty; advocate for the dignity of all life, including those on death row; and pray for the mercy and healing of all those affected by crime and involved in the criminal justice system.

Learn: Read Pope Francis's encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*: *"The Church is firmly committed to calling for [the death penalty's] abolition worldwide."* For more background, visit deathpenaltyinfo.org.

Act: Sign on to the Pledge. Also petition to stop the execution of Lisa Montgomery on January 12th at catholicismobilizing.org.

Pray: Join the [upcoming vigils](#) for the remaining scheduled executions ordered by Attorney William Barr and the Trump Administration: register and RSVP for the vigils at the website above.

[Virtual Prayer Vigil for Lisa Montgomery](#)

◆ Tuesday, Jan. 12 | 11:00 am-Noon, PST

[Virtual Prayer Vigil for Corey Johnson](#)

◆ Thursday, Jan. 14 | 11:00 am-Noon, PST

[Virtual Prayer Vigil for Dustin Higgs](#)

◆ Friday, Jan. 15 | 11:00 am-Noon, PST

In contrast to the 13 Federal executions in 2020 (after a moratorium since 2003), this year U.S. states executed prisoners at the lowest level since 1991. Other indicators that we as a nation are trending away from capital punishment: only 55% of the population supports capital punishment (the second lowest level of support in 47 years), and 25 states have made it illegal or have imposed a moratorium.

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