

December 5th, 2021 | 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. The Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:30 pm (Livestreamed)
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 (Garden Mass)
11:30 am

DAILY MASSES

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am
Monday – Friday 5:15 pm

ROSARY

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 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



marymagdalen.org



*“Together we share our
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; contact the office for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

ANONING OF THE SICK: The Sacrament is offered at every 5th Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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The Kids' Bulletin



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In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

Saint John the Baptist Word Puzzle

Here is a prophesy about Saint John the Baptist. Use the words from the list below to fill in the blanks. The letters that are in circles fit into the matching spots at the bottom.

A voice of one ○³ out in the desert:
 "○⁵ _____ the way of the Lord, make straight his ○² _____.
 Every valley shall be ○⁷ and every ○⁸ and hill shall be made low.
 The winding roads shall be made ○¹, and the ○⁶ ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of ○⁴."

GOD **MOUNTAIN**
PATHS **STRAIGHT**
ROUGH **PREPARE**
FILLED **CRYING**



What was St. John the Baptist?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Isaiah 40:3-5

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Collection for the Week Ending November 28 th , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
11/28/2021	\$5,891.22	\$8,471.00	-\$2,579.78
Year-to-Date	\$382,767.72	\$417,137.00	-\$34,369.28
<i>Thank you for your stewardship.</i>			

HOLY HOUR
Will Take Place at
6:05 pm on FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 10th, 2021
 ~ Back to its usual time!



Why Engage in Eucharistic Adoration?

According to St. Pope 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.*) In the encyclical *Dominicae Cenae*, the Holy Father wrote: "*The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration.*"

Adoration will take place on Friday, December 3rd (at 3:00 pm) and December 10th & 17th (at 6:05 pm). The people who come to this hour of prayer do so in order to find some quiet time to be with God, to discern His movement in their lives, and to dive more deeply into their relationship with the Divine.

Consider attending at least one of these evenings of communal contemplation before the Lord.

The Giving Tree

Holiday Outreach
2021 Has Arrived!



On Thanksgiving Day, a Giving Tree was placed in the church. We will be providing Target gift certificates to our parish conference of **St. Vincent de Paul**, and financial assistance to the **Mercy Brown Bag Program, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, St. Mary's Center, Elizabeth House, and the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room.**

At this point the parish has been asked to contribute either \$25 Target gift certificates or money — *no physical gifts this year* — as our donations to the organizations noted above.

Make out checks to St. Mary Magdalen with « HO » on the memorandum line. *Thanks for your support!*

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Daniel Cawthon RIP
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Jessie Parrish Morland RIP
Monday	11:30	George Huang RIP
	8:30	Intentions of Lukban Family
Tuesday	5:30	Joe McGruder RIP
	8:30	Librada Donor RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Daniel Cawthon RIP
	8:30	Intentions of Norah Hippolyte
	5:30	Intentions of Fr. Joseph Sergott, OP
Thursday	7:30	For the People of the Parish
	8:30	Intentions of Richard Day
Friday	5:30	Daniel Cawthon RIP
	8:30	Intentions of Lenna Lopes
Saturday	5:30	Richard Wahl RIP
	8:30	Intentions of the Foley Family

Readings for the Week

5 th	<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> Baruch 5:1-9 / Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 / Luke 3:1-6
6 th	<i>Advent Weekday [St. Nicholas, Bishop]</i> Isaiah 35:1-10 / Luke 5:17-26
7 th	<i>Memorial: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor</i> Isaiah 40:1-11 / Matthew 18:12-14
8 th	SOLEMNITY: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Genesis 3:9-15, 20 / Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 / Luke 1:26-38
9 th	<i>Advent Weekday [St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin]</i> Isaiah 41:13-20 / Matthew 11:11-15
10 th	<i>Advent Weekday [Our Lady of Loretto]</i> Isaiah 48:17-19 / Matthew 11:16-19
11 th	<i>Advent Weekday [St. Damasus I, Pope]</i> Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 / Matthew 17:9-13

Notes from Fr. Nick

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Every December, we celebrate two important solemnities dedicated to the Blessed Mother. This coming Wednesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; a Holy Day of Obligation on which we celebrate the mystery of Mary being born without the stain of Original Sin. (We will have three Masses that day: 8:30 am, 5:30 pm, and 7:30 pm.)

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrates the apparition of our Blessed Mother in the Americas. People with northern European backgrounds may not fully appreciate the role Our Lady of Guadalupe plays in the life of our brothers and sisters to the south. She is at the very heart of Latino identity. Understanding cultural diversity must include an appreciation of the Blessed Mother of the Americas.

Next Sunday, December 12th, at 4:00 pm, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in a fusion of Mexican and American traditions. We'll process the image of our Lady of Guadalupe from the church to the Dominican Garden while singing hymns in her homage. We will enthrone her image in the garden and conclude the ceremony by lighting the Parish-School Christmas tree. Afterward we'll enjoy traditional Mexican *pasteles* and *chocolatado*. We hope the celebration will honor both Latin-American and North American cultures.

It is fitting that we honor Mary during Advent. It was her "yes" to God that made the Incarnation (Christmas) possible. Celebrating the Immaculate Conception and Guadalupe ratify our belief that the Paschal Mystery began with a humble girl's acceptance of the will of God in her life.



Combined Procession of The Virgin of Guadalupe and Lighting of our Christmas Tree!

As Fr. Nick has described above, this year we are inaugurating a new tradition in the parish: an original celebration featuring the procession and blessing of our image of the Virgin of Guadalupe. Next Sunday at 4:00 pm, we'll begin with a short liturgy on Berryman Plaza. There we'll light our candles, with which we'll process down Berryman Street and through the two parking lots to the Dominican Garden. Once there, Fr. Nick will bless and incense our image of the Virgin of Guadalupe, we'll sing Marian hymns, and then the celebration of our Christmas Tree will begin, led by the School of the Madeleine Band. After Christmas Carols and the lighting of the Tree, Lourdes Guzman will regale us with Mexican hot chocolate!



A Taste of JustFaith During Advent!

Are you interested in learning more about Faith and Racial Equity? Would you like to join in the conversation around racial justice?

The **JustFaith Community** and the **St. Mary Magdalen Racial Equity Committee** are offering an in-person exercise where we will explore together how policies have contributed over time to the significant racial wealth gap in our country. We invite you to a thoughtful discussion in small groups with parishioners and guests using materials from ***Bread for the World***.

When & Where: TODAY, December 5th, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the Parish Hall (masks required)
(The Parish Hall will open at 12:30 pm for coffee and light snacks before the program at 1:00 pm.)

Who: All are welcome! Feel free to invite anyone you know who would be interested in learning and growing with us. This event is suitable for children over 12, especially 8th- or 11th-graders studying U.S. history, so bring your family! And friends!

Didn't RSVP? We may still be able to accommodate you! A few spots will be reserved at the door.

Community Friday Night Walk

Ceasefire Strategy is a City of Oakland effort to end gun violence. On Friday, November 19th, several members of the St. Mary Magdalen JustFaith community gathered at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, to march in solidarity with members of faith communities of Oakland working to raise awareness of gun violence. The photo below (courtesy of parishioner Claire Broome) shows only a fraction of the multi-ethnic group who marched for peace that night. The next walk sponsored by a Catholic church will take place on Friday December 17th, at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 2245 82nd Avenue. For more information, contact Faith in Action East Bay: info@faestbay.org or (510) 382-1687.



Advent Reconciliation Service

On Monday, December 13th, we will have our Advent Penance Service. This is an important part of our preparation of Christmas, and can be a good break from the frenzy that can attack us this time of year.



A Word from our Pastor:
"Our Penance Service recognizes that all is not right between ourselves and God, neither individually nor as a congregation. Some soul-searching now will add depth to our experience of the feast. Take an hour out of your life on 7:30 p.m. Monday to slow down, re-focus and recognize the wonderful gift the birth of Jesus is to us and all the world."

Next Peace & Justice Committee Meeting:
Friday, December 10, 4:00 in Norton Hall.
Everyone is welcome!

Earn Free Money for the Madeleine!

As Christmas approaches, if you are in the habit of shopping at Amazon, instead of the usual site, please type smile.amazon.com into your browser and then select the "School of the Madeleine" among the charities.

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