

December 12th, 2021 | 3rd Sunday of Advent, (Gaudete Sunday) 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
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*“Together we share our
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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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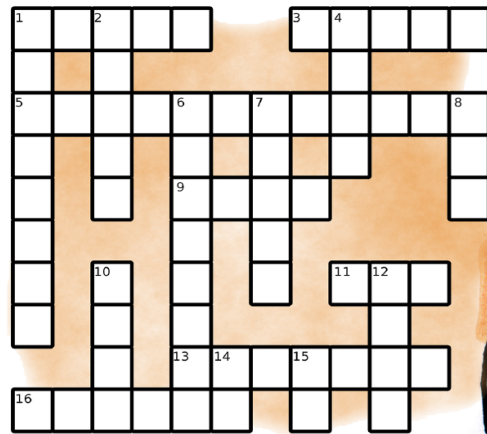
YOU BAPTIZING YOU
 WITH WATER, BUT ONE
 MIGHTER THAN I IS COMING.
 I AM NOT WORTHY
 TO UNITE THE THONG
 OF HIS SANDALS.
 HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH
 THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE.



Luke 3:10-18

God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. What did he say when some of the people thought that he might be the saviour? Look in the mirror to find out!

Philippians 4 Cross-Word



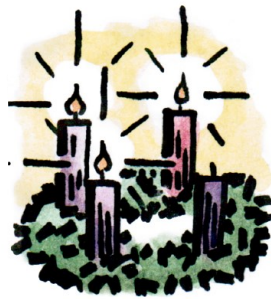
Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom and fit them into the puzzle.
 a=across
 d=down



Brothers and _____ (13a): Rejoice in the _____ (12d) always. I _____ (3a) say _____ (14d) _____ (2d): rejoice! Your _____ (6d) should be known _____ (15d) all. The Lord is _____ (9a). _____ (4d) no anxiety at _____ (11a), but in everything, by prayer and _____ (1d), with _____ (5a), make _____ (10d) requests known to _____ (8d). Then the _____ (1a) of God that surpasses all understanding will _____ (7d) your hearts and minds in _____ (16a) Jesus.

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 CHRIST ALL KINDNESS SISTERS
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Collection for the Week Ending December 5 th , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/05/2021	\$15,272.20	\$8,471.00	+\$6,801.20
Year-to-Date	\$398,039.92	\$425,608.00	-\$27,568.08
<i>A great week — thank you!</i>			

HOLY HOUR
Will Take Place at
6:05 pm on Friday,
December 10th
and December 17th



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 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

Last Day to Contribute to the Giving Tree!



TODAY is the LAST DAY to donate to the Giving Tree! We are requesting 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 **Saint 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	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Czesław ("Chet") Grycz RIP
	9:30	Ann Regan & Souls of the Nguyen Family RIP
	11:30	Claire McWalters RIP
Monday	8:30	Juanito Donor RIP
	5:30	Daniel Cawthon RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Holy Souls
	5:30	Simon Tapia-Urdaneta RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Br. Moses Mary
	5:30	Daniel Cawthon RIP
Thursday	8:30	Richard A. Day RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Br. Ephrem
Friday	8:30	Nicholas Espejo RIP
	5:30	Mary Lee Lao RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Br. John Paul

Readings for the Week

12 th	<i>THIRD (GAUDETE) SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> Zephaniah 3:14-18 / Philippians 4:4-7 / Luke 3:10-18
13 th	<i>Memorial: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr</i> Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 / Matthew 21:23-2
14 th	<i>Memorial: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor</i> Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 / Matthew 21:28-32
15 th	<i>Advent Weekday</i> Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25 / Luke 7:18-23
16 th	<i>Advent Weekday</i> Isaiah 54:1-10 / Luke 7:24-30
17 th	<i>Advent Weekday</i> Genesis 49:2, 8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17
18 th	<i>Advent Weekday</i> Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25

Notes from Fr. Nick

Advent Penance Service

Tomorrow evening—Monday, December 13th—we will have our Advent Penance Service at 7:30 pm. 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.

Reconciliation can be seen as the flip side of Eucharist. While the Eucharist celebrates our joy and thanksgiving to God for entering our lives, penance recognizes the need for God to heal our brokenness. No healthy spirituality contains only one or the other.

Perhaps one reason some people feel a shallowness about the Christmas season is that they often focus only on the positive, 'happy', side of their relationship with God. Although it is good to express joy at the inauguration of our salvation through the birth of the Savior, we also need to recognize that the reason it was necessary for Him to come in the first place was to redeem us for our sins.

During the last couple of Covid-filled years, the polarization of our culture, global warming, and political problems may not seem much to celebrate. Maybe this is the opportunity for our parish to 'clean up our act' as a community and ask for God's mercy.

Our penance service recognizes that all is not right between God and ourselves, 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 tomorrow evening to slow down, re-focus, and recognize the wonderful gift that the birth of Jesus is to us and to all the world.

Our Reconciliation Service

Our Reconciliation Service will take place at 7:30 pm **TOMORROW, December 13th**, in the church. A beautiful liturgy composed by newly-ordained Deacon, Joel Thompson, SJ, will help direct our intentions to 'get ourselves right with God'. At its conclusion, four priests will be stationed around the church to hear our individual confessions.



TODAY at 4:00 pm: Procession of The Virgin of Guadalupe and Lighting of our Christmas Tree!

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. At 4:00 pm, we'll begin with a short liturgy on Berryman Plaza. There we'll light our candles and process up Berryman Street 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, we'll enjoy Mexican hot chocolate and other treats!



Boy Scouts Complete Parish Infrastructure Project



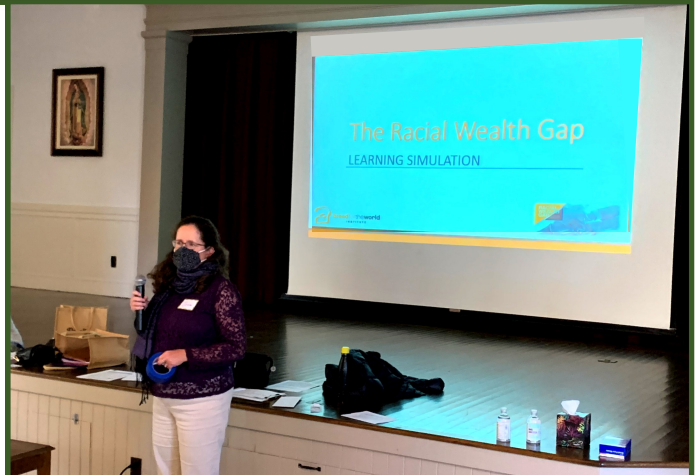
St. Mary Magdalen's **Boy Scout Troop 24**, which holds its weekly meetings in the Parish Hall, recently repaired a 30-foot section of the retaining wall in the driveway leading into the parking lot. The section had been literally coming apart at the seams under the pressure of the hillside. This work was part of an Eagle Scout Project led by **Dominic Storella**, a School of the Madeleine graduate and a parishioner at St. Mary Magdalen.

Photos: Parishioner Lisa Aliferis



A Taste of *JustFaith* in the Parish Hall

Joan Bell (*pictured at right*) led an interactive exercise on **The Racial Wealth Gap** last Sunday afternoon. Sponsored by our parish Racial Equity Committee, the program used materials developed by *Bread for the World*. Joan reports: *"We had a fantastic time and great attendance! I am very proud that St. Mary Magdalen was able to welcome people from St. Benedict, St. Columba and Newman Hall parishes, as well as from the diocesan school department. We also had several high school students and 8th-graders. This is an event we can do again, now that we know there is interest in the community."*



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