

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
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### 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.

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

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# The Kids' Bulletin



Luke 1.39-45

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Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah.  
What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her?  
Use the code to find out!

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## Mary Visits Elizabeth True or False?

How well do you know the story of the Visitation?  
See if you can figure out which are true and which are false!

1. Mary was expecting baby Jesus when she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. True or False?
2. Elizabeth was married to Jeremiah. True or False?
3. Elizabeth was a bit sad when she saw Mary. True or False?
4. When Elizabeth heard Mary, her baby inside her jumped. True or False?
5. Elizabeth's baby was Saint John the Baptist. True or False?
6. Mary had to tell Elizabeth that she was going to have a baby because Elizabeth didn't know. True or False?
7. Elizabeth knew that Mary's baby was the Messiah. True or False?





# 4th Sunday of Advent, Year C ~ December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Collection for the Week Ending December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/12/2021	\$7,530.27	\$8,471.00	-\$940.73
Year-to-Date	\$405,570.19	\$434,079.00	-\$28,508.81
<i>Thank you for your stewardship!</i>			

**HOLY HOUR**  
**Will Take Place at**  
**6:05 pm on Friday,**  
**December 17<sup>th</sup>**



## Readings for the Week

- 19<sup>th</sup> *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*  
 Micah 5:1-4 / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-4
- 20<sup>th</sup> *Advent Weekday*  
 Isaiah 7:10-14 / Luke 1:26-38
- 21<sup>st</sup> *Advent Weekday [St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor]*  
 Song of Songs 2:8-14 / Luke 1:39-45
- 22<sup>nd</sup> *Advent Weekday*  
 1 Samuel 1:24-28 / Luke 1:46-56
- 23<sup>rd</sup> *Advent Weekday [St. John of Kanty, Priest]*  
 Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 / Luke 1:57-66
- 24<sup>th</sup> *Advent Weekday*  
 2 Samuel 7:16 / Luke 1:67-7
- 25<sup>th</sup> **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
 Isaiah 52:7-10 / Hebrews 1:1-6 / John 1:1-18

## Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 Intentions of Fr. Anthony Rosevear, OP
- Sunday 8:00 Intentions of Br. Isaiah  
 9:30 For the People of the Parish  
 11:30 Intentions of Betsy Fabro
- Monday 8:30 Intentions of Laura Morland  
 5:30 Eunice Jackson RIP
- Tuesday 8:30 Intentions of Paul Sporer  
 5:30 Intentions of Michael & Bridget Wilson
- Wednesday 8:30 Intentions of Walter & Evelyn Betschart  
 5:30 Alberto Lao RIP
- Thursday 8:30 Intentions of Evelyn Betschart  
 5:30 Intentions of Emma & Kaitlin
- Friday 8:30 Jorge Mora RIP  
 3:00 For the Children of the Parish  
 10:00 Intentions: Ubillus Reyes Karpen Lazo
- Saturday 9:00 Catherine Andres RIP  
 11:00 For the People of the Parish

## A Taste of *Just Faith* during Advent—the Racial Wealth Gap

Fifty people attended an event in the Parish Hall on December 12<sup>th</sup> to explore the racial wealth gap in the United States. Our parish welcomed middle and high school students, parishioners from St. Columba, St. Benedict and Holy Spirit parishes, and a host of guests from around the Bay Area. Participants explored 13 governmental policies and financial practices, learning how they have excluded or negatively impacted Blacks, contributing to the stark racial wealth gap in our country.

This *simulation activity* was designed by *Bread for the World*; it enabled participants to understand in a dramatic way *how and why the wealth gap between White households and Black households is typically so stark*: in a certain income bracket, White households usually have 13 times the wealth of Black households.

Participants spoke to this reality with passion and compassion. Most were astonished that much of this history is *not known or taught*, and that it should be. So what's next? Learning more, and turning that learning into activism for change.

This event was organized by SMM's **Racial Equity Committee**. If you are interested in participating in future *Just Faith* programs here at St. Mary Magdalen, or in joining the Committee to continue our work for racial equity, please email Brian King at [brian.king\\_personal@gmail.com](mailto:brian.king_personal@gmail.com).



Photo: Kate Campbell, King

Participants examine cards showing how governmental policies undermined most Blacks' opportunities to amass wealth.

*Notes from Fr. Nick*

# Merry Christmas!

Does God need us? I remember posing this question as a student in the seminary. It halted the professor's lecture while we pondered the answer. In the end, we decided that God *does* need us. Not in the sense that God cannot exist without us, but in the way someone in love needs his or her beloved. God created us and then became our suitor.

This may help us understand why He did not manifest himself as a bedazzling Wonder-God, but as a simple human being, accepting all the limitations our material life entails.

We know how to love other people in a way that could never apply to an apocalyptic vision of a God. He meets us on our terms, so we can enter into a love-relation with Him.

That's why the Incarnation took place in a stable rather than on a mountaintop. That's why the Christ's birth has meaning to us. And that's why in the midst of all the ballyhoo and gaudiness accompanying the celebration, we can still find peace at its core.



*Giorgio Barbarelli da Castelfranco (Giorgione)  
Venice, 1505 - 1510. National Gallery of Art, Washington.*

## *Adult Sunday School During Lent*

Newly-ordained **Deacon Joel Thompson, SJ**, has been teaching Adult Sunday School in the church after the 8:00 am Mass during Advent.

- ◆ Are you a **8:00 am Mass** attendee? Stay in the church after Mass and hear the presentation, then head downstairs for coffee & donuts.
- ◆ **9:30 am Mass attendees**, come to the church at 9:00 am, enjoy the presentation, then walk over to the Dominican Garden for Mass.
- ◆ Those of you who attend the **11:30 am Mass**, come at 9:00 am, listen to Deacon Joel's presentation, and then go down to Norton Hall for coffee, donuts, and chat with fellow parishioners until Mass begins.





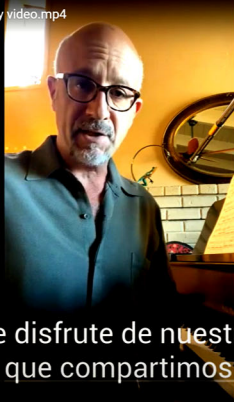
# St. Mary Magdalen salutes our Sister Parish on their Feast Day!

Saludos y Ofrendas  
a Nuestra Parroquia Hermana  
En Honor a la Festividad  
de Santa Maria de Guadalupe.

Mexicali Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day video.mp4



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Esperamos que disfrute de nuestras selecciones musicales que compartimos con usted.

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Last Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, was the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and also of our sister parish, Santa María de Guadalupe in Mexicali, Mexico. Staffed by Friars of the Western Dominican Province, the parish comprises four sites spread over the northernmost (and poorest) parts of Mexicali. In 2019 Fr. Nick led a group of parishioners in what was meant to be an annual visit to this parish (we will return after the pandemic), and parishioners from Mexicali have participated in our St. Mary Magdalen Festivals in July. For their feast day, the mother-son team of Sharon and Noa Henthorn-Iwane prepared this lovely video, in which both Fr. Nick and Andy Canepa delivered personal messages. It is illustrated with photographs of parish life and videos of concerts (both live and virtual). See: [tinyurl.com/SisterParishVideo](https://tinyurl.com/SisterParishVideo)

*Excerpts from a recent letter from Sharon Henthorn-Iwane, Chair of the group that liaisons with our Sister Parish in Mexicali:*

## Ways we have given to our Sister Parish in 2020-2021:

- ◆ We purchased Spanish Bibles for the parish at the beginning of 2020.
- ◆ We pray for the parish of Santa María de Guadalupe at all the Masses on every 4th Sunday of the month.
- ◆ Since the Fall of 2021, we have been supporting two orphaned parish girls, Laura and Citlali, in their education. We have been donating \$100 per month (\$50 per girl) to support their needs as they attend the local public school. We also provided laptops so they could attend online school during the pandemic. (See Laura and Citlali at minute 5:35 here: [tinyurl.com/MexicaliOrphans](https://tinyurl.com/MexicaliOrphans).)
- ◆ We recently made a donation of \$2,500.00 to the Santa María de Guadalupe parish general fund.

## Ways our Sister Parish has given to us:

- ◆ They pray for us on every 4th Sunday Mass of the month.
- ◆ They have sent greetings and offerings of music to share with our community during our Festival in [2020](#) and [2021](#) (*click links!*).
- ◆ Partnership with Doña Maria Teresa and Fr. David Bello, O.P., to participate in acts of mercy and justice.

## Scholarship Fund for Laura and Citlali:

[...] It has become apparent that without educational intervention and investment, Laura and Citlali are at a very high risk of falling victim to systemic problems that lead many Mexican girls down a potentially dark path. Their grandparents don't have the resources to lift them out of this situation, but thankfully we do. **What has emerged is an exciting new opportunity: underwriting a Catholic education for both girls!** Working closely with Doña Maria Teresa, we have created a plan that will provide funding plus oversight, support, and accountability to bring both girls through a secondary Catholic school education. The total cost of this program over the course of the next seven years is roughly \$55,000. Please consider making an end-of-the-year financial gift toward this scholarship initiative. You can write a check with "**Laura and Citlali Scholarship Fund**" in the memo field. You may also donate online to *Mexicali Mission Support* on our website ([marymagdalen.org/donate](https://marymagdalen.org/donate)). Thank you for your generosity!

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