

November 27th, 2022 | First Sunday in Advent, Year A

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, 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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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.

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

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Parish Calendar through December 2022

Nov. 26/27	Preacher at all Masses: Fr. Nicholas Glisson Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
November 29	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel (<i>All are welcome!</i>) Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
November 30	SPRED (Special Religious Education) Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall
November 30	Faith Studies: Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall
December 2	Adoration / Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 6:05 - 7:00 pm, Church
December 3	Liturgy Committee Meeting Saturday 10:00 - Noon, Conference Room
December 4	CONCERT: Voci (Women's Acapella Chorus) Saturday 4:00 pm, Church
December 4/5	Preacher at all Masses: Fr. Nicholas Glisson Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
December 5	St. Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting Monday 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Norton Hall
December 6	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel (on Zoom) Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
December 6	Racial Equity Committee — All are welcome! Tuesday 7:00 - 8:30 pm; contact the Parish for Zoom link
December 7	SPRED (Special Religious Education) Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall
December 7	Faith Studies: Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall
December 9	Adoration / Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 6:05 - 7:00 pm, Church
December 10	Taizé Service — Chants & Silent Meditation Saturday 3:00 pm, Church.
December 11	Youth Leadership Group — All youth are welcome! Sunday 1:00 pm, Norton Hall
December 11	Guadalupe Festival + Christmas Tree Lighting Sunday 3:30 pm, Church, procession to the Garden
December 13	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel (on Zoom) Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
December 14	SPRED (Special Religious Education) Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall (<i>Last meeting of 2022</i>)
December 16	Adoration / Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 6:05 - 7:00 pm, Church
December 19	ADVENT RECONCILIATION (PENANCE) SERVICE Friday 7:30 pm, Church. Preacher: Norah Hippolyte
December 23	Final Adoration (Holy Hour) of Advent Friday 6:05 - 7:00 pm, Church
December 24	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS Saturday 5:00 pm, Church.
December 24	EVENING CHRISTMAS MASS Saturday 9:30 pm Carols; 10:00 pm, Service.
December 25	MASSES OF CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am, Church
December 26	OFFICE CLOSED Monday (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY)
December 30	OFFICE CLOSED Friday (NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY)



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Collection for the Week Ending November 20 th , 2022			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
11/20/2022	\$8,214.02	\$8,580.00	-\$365.32
Year-to-Date	\$398,495.29	\$419,680.00	-\$21,184.71
<i>Thank you for your stewardship.</i>			



Scripture Readings for the Week

- 27th **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 Isaiah 2:1-5 / Romans 13:11-14 /
 Matthew 24:37-44
- 28th *Weekday*
 Isaiah 4:2-6 / Matthew 8:5-11
- 29th *Weekday*
 Isaiah 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24
- 30th *FEAST: SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE*
 Rom 10:9-18 / Matthew 4:18-22
- 1st *Advent Weekday*
 Isaiah 26:1-6 / Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- 2nd *Advent Weekday*
 Isaiah 29:17-24 / Matthew 9:27-31
- 3rd *Memorial: St. Francis Xavier, Priest*
 Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 / Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 5-8

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:30 | Holy Souls |
| Sunday | 8:00 | Intentions of Carolyn Edmondson |
| | 9:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| | 11:30 | Holy Souls |
| Monday | 8:30 | Owen Basil Fitzgerald RIP |
| | 5:30 | Bruno Barnhart, OSB Cam. RIP |
| Tuesday | 8:30 | Pete Hurd RIP |
| | 5:30 | Holy Souls |
| Wednesday | 8:30 | John Betschart RIP |
| | 5:30 | Holy Souls |
| Thursday | 8:30 | Intentions of Virginia Jimenez |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Mark Lloyd and
Mharsie & Naiara Leigh Paterno |
| Friday | 8:30 | Jewel De Bellis RIP |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Anna Johnson |
| Saturday | 8:30 | Intentions of Marielle Ponce |

Peace & Justice Notes

Sadly, three men were executed in the U.S. during the past ten days: **Murray Hopper** (Arizona), **Stephen Barbee** (Texas), and **Richard Fairchild** (Oklahoma). A fourth, **Kevin Johnson**, is scheduled to be executed in Missouri on November 29th.

The botched attempted execution of **Kenneth Smith** on November 17th has caused Alabama Governor Kay Ivey to “seek a pause in executions,” and she has ordered a “top-to-bottom review of [her] state’s capital punishment system” after its third failed lethal injection in the past four years.

In an effort to end the death penalty, **Death Penalty Action** has submitted these requests to Congress:

- ◆ Immediately commute the sentences of those currently on federal and military death rows;
- ◆ Deauthorize all pending federal capital trial cases;
- ◆ Order the Federal Bureau of Prisons to demolish the federal execution chamber and the building it is housed in at the Federal Correctional Institution at Terre Haute;
- ◆ Pledge to support and sign HR 262/SB 582, the **Federal Death Penalty Prohibition Act**, which abolishes federal and military death penalty laws, removes the possibility of death sentences, and mandates fair re-sentencing of those currently on federal and military death rows.

Visit deathpenaltyaction.org for information and ways to end capital punishment in the United States.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival
+ Christmas Tree Lighting
3:30 pm, Sunday, December 11th
See page 6 for details!

Advent

Looking over my bulletin columns going back almost twenty years, I was amazed that I had never written one on the season of Advent. Between Thanksgiving and the many feast days that populate the calendar at the end of November and beginning of December, other matters have crowded out the overarching season that begins our liturgical year.

Advent is a season of preparation, like Lent. It differs in character from Lent by its attitude of “joyful preparation” for Christ’s birth, while Lent anticipates Jesus’ passion and death. (Ultimately Lent also looks with hope to the Resurrection, but it clearly is more penitential than Advent.)

A good analogy for the tone of Advent is that of a pregnancy. Parents-to-be are excited about the arrival of their child, but many preparations must be made before the birth actually takes place. In modern times, mothers have known not to smoke or drink alcohol and to follow a prescribed diet. Fathers must make accommodations for the new child and support their wives through the trials of morning sickness, sleeplessness, and bodily changes. Having a child is a joyful, but also serious, business!

The season of Advent is “pregnant” with symbolism. As the Holy Family prepared for the birth of their child, so we ready ourselves for the joyful birth: our homes are cleaned and decorated, gifts are made or purchased. Arrangements are made for celebratory dinners, and perhaps we will travel (as the Holy Family did) during the season. In addition to our physical preparation, we also prepare spiritually: we relive the stories leading up to Jesus’ birth in the Bible, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, take on liturgical tasks, and refocus our lives to meanings bigger than our quotidian routines.

Unfortunately, Advent can be one of the most stressful times of the year. Somehow, we’re supposed to take on an overwhelming workload in addition to all the necessary tasks associated with the end of the year. I wish I could tell how to make Advent more manageable and less stressful. About the best advice I can offer is to give yourself a break. This is not the time to begin a diet, whittle away at undesirable habits, or launch new projects — all of that can wait until next year.

Some other advice may sound counter to what you would expect to hear from your priest. We all want Christ at the center of Christmas, but being irritated by the season’s commercialism does no one any good. It’s the one time of year when the rest of the world chooses to celebrate with us. It might be better to relax and enjoy the tinsel and garishness rather than whining about it. Instead, invite your non-Catholic friends to our coming Guadalupe celebration on December 11th, or attend a Christmas concert. Or you could join in Hanukah celebrations with our friends at [Congregation Beth El](#) a couple of blocks away. And if it all gets to be too much, beg off that office party and stay home with a nice glass of claret and a good book.

The Giving Tree

Holiday Outreach
2022 Has Arrived!



On Thanksgiving Day, a Giving Tree was placed in the church. Please take an ornament — all are for either a \$25 Target gift card or a \$25 cash donation. Make out checks to St. Mary Magdalen with "HO" on the memorandum line. *Thanks for your support!*

Our recipient charities are: *St. Mary's Center, the Mercy Center Brown Bag Program for Seniors, Elizabeth House, Catholic Charities, East Bay Sanctuary / Casa House, and our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference.* If we receive enough donations, we will also donate to the *Berkeley Food Pantry.*

In 2022, we celebrated Black History Month, Asian-American Pacific Islander Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Native American Month. (Posters & Banners were created by the Parish Racial Equity Committee.)
Click on each image to read the bios of our Native American honorees!

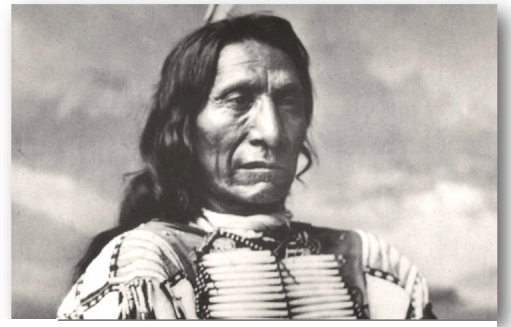
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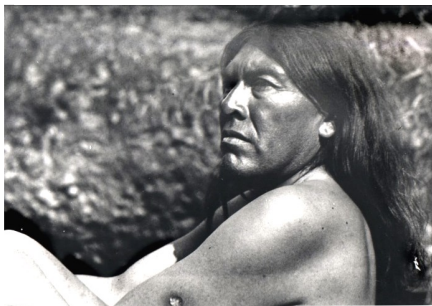
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(1925 - 2013)



Ann Marie Sayers
(1948 - present)



Joy Harjo
(1951 - present)



Secretary Deb Haaland
(1960 - present)



Rep. Mary Peltola
(1973 - present)



Nicole Mann
(1977 - present)



HOLY HOUR
Will Take Place at
6:05 pm on ALL
FRIDAYS
of ADVENT



Exposition and Benediction (Holy Hour) will take place on all four Fridays of Advent.

Please join your fellow parishioners as we are led by Fr Ioane and other visiting priests.

Bishop Fulton Sheen once wrote, "Every parish observing regular times of adoration will thrive." Seize this chance to spend an hour in meditative prayer while gazing at our Lord.

Taizé Service



Taizé Service on Saturday, Dec. 10th

The next Taizé service will take place from 3:00 to 4:00 pm on **Saturday, December 10th** in the church. Come, join us in song, prayer & adoration of the Cross!

What is Taizé ?

Read: tinyurl.com/what-is-taize

All 6th - 10th graders are invited to join our new:

Youth Leadership Group

FIRST MEETING:
Sunday, December 11th
1:00 pm in Norton Hall

If interested, please contact:
Jim Pawlak
jrbpawlak@gmail.com



Sunday, December 11th, at 3:30 pm: Procession of the Virgin of Guadalupe and Lighting of the School of the Madeleine Christmas Tree!

This year we'll inaugurate a new tradition in our parish to honor the Patron Saint of the Americas: a **Bilingual Mass** and a **Candlelight Procession** of our image of the **Virgin of Guadalupe** from the church to the Dominican Garden.

Once in the Garden, Fr. Rigo will bless and incense the image of Our Lady, we'll sing Marian hymns, and then the celebration of our **Christmas Tree** will begin, with performances by the Children's and Adult choirs and a **Christmas Carol Singalong** for everyone.

After the carols are sung and the tree is lit, we'll enjoy hot chocolate and pastries provided by the **School of the Madeleine Parents Association.**



ADVENT

WEEK ONE

*Be Alert.
Be Ready.*



THE ADVENT WREATH

The wreath, often made of evergreens, symbolizes everlasting life in the midst of winter and death.

The circle reminds us of God's unending love and the eternal life He makes possible.

The four candles are lit successively, one additional candle each Sunday, during the four weeks of Advent that lead up to Christmas.

During Advent, we both anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas, and prepare for our Lord's second coming to judge the living and the dead.

(Banner by parishioner Mary Ernst.)

CHRIST is COMING

The Kids' Bulletin

Sort the letters to fill in the blanks at the bottom



In today's second reading
Saint Paul tells the Romans to throw off the
works of darkness and put on the

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Fill in the Blanks: The Lord is Coming!



Use the words in the list at the bottom to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading. Use the letters in the boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

In those days _____ the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah

_____ the ark.

They did not know until the flood came and _____ _____ them all away.

So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.

Two will be out in the field; one will be _____, and one will be left.

Two women will be _____ _____ at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

Therefore, _____ awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

_____ !

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