

December 4th, 2022 | Second Sunday in Advent, Year A

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



Next Sunday at 3:30 pm: Guadalupe Festival + Christmas Tree Lighting

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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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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Parish Calendar through December 2022

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

A beautiful new course on the Mass will start January 18th in the Parish Hall, from 7:00pm to 9:00 pm. The course, entitled *A Biblical Walk Through The Mass*, explores the roots of the gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This five-session program created by *Ascension Press* will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. For more information, please contact José Guerrero or Cat Nielsen at the parish office, or website@marymagdalen.org.

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Collection for the Week Ending November 27, 2022			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
11/27/2022	\$8,086.82	\$8,580.00	-\$493.18
Year-to-Date	\$406,582.11	\$428,260.00	-\$21,677.89
<i>A good week!</i>			



Scripture Readings for the Week

- 4th **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Isaiah 11:1-10 / Romans 15:4-9 / Matthew 3:1-12
- 5th *Advent Weekday*
Isaiah 35:1-10 / Luke 5:17-26
- 6th *Advent Weekday [St. Nicholas, Bishop]*
Isaiah 40:1-11 / Matthew 18:12-14
- 7th *Memorial: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor*
Isaiah 40:25-31 / Matthew 11:28-30
- 8th **SOLEMNITY: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M.**
Genesis 3:9-20 / Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12 / Luke 1:26-38
- 9th *Advent Weekday [St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin]*
Isaiah 48:17-19 / Matthew 11:16-19
- 10th *Advent Weekday [Our Lady of Loreto]*
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Matthew 17:9-13

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 Dick Brill RIP
- Sunday 8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Katherine Orlandi RIP
11:30 Intentions of Fr. Bruno Gibson, OP
- Monday 8:30 Intentions of Jane Dennis
5:30 Intentions of Velma Richmond
- Tuesday 8:30 Intentions of Br. Patrick Rooney, OP
5:30 Intentions of Kathy Alagar Ross
- Wednesday 8:30 Intentions of Mary Emily Onglatco
5:30 Moises Rico RIP
- Thursday 8:30 Intentions of Norah Hippolyte
5:30 Intentions of Br. Columban Mary Hall, OP
7:30 For the People of the Parish
- Friday 8:30 Intentions of Maria Curtis
5:30 Intentions of Miriam Ravnik
- Saturday 8:30 Intentions of Lenna Lopes

Peace & Justice Notes

Every Friday, *Ceasefire* walks bring people of faith together to demonstrate a collective will to end gun violence. The *Ceasefire* program unites clergy, law enforcement, and community members to help reduce gun violence. Our Diocese is a partner, and Bishop Barber describes *Ceasefire* as “a good movement because it shows that people of faith care and we can express our care in a public way, reaching out to everyone, whether religious or not. We care about everyone.”

Check the parish website for more information about the *Ceasefire* program and the calendar of walks. Both the *Racial Equity* and the *Peace & Justice Committees* at SMM are active participants, and **your participation** would be welcome!

How? Gather at 6:00 pm in these Oakland churches:

First Mt. Sinai, 1970 86th Avenue — **December 9**

At Thy Word, 8915 Int'l Blvd. — **December 16**

Remembering Homicide Victims: St. Columba (a partner in *Oakland CeaseFire*) places a cross in its church garden for each person killed by violence in Oakland during the year. Perhaps you have noticed them as you drive down San Pablo Avenue. At year's end, the names of each victim are read aloud as the crosses are brought to the altar. **We have been invited to join St. Columba at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 31st** for this ceremony, where we stand witness to the many members of our community who lost their lives to violence this year.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival
+ Christmas Tree Lighting**

3:30 pm, Sunday, December 11th

See page 5 for details!

St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier, whose feast day was yesterday (December 3rd), often gets overlooked amid the beginning of Advent and the feasts of St. Nicholas (December 6th), Immaculate Conception, and Guadalupe (December 8th & 12th). Like St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, St. Francis was critical in spreading the Christian faith in the Far East.

Francis had a wanderlust that would rival even today's world travelers. Born on April 7, 1506, to a noble family in Spain, Francis' father died when he was a young boy. Later he traveled to Rome, where he joined the Jesuits and was ordained a priest in 1537.



Peter Paul Rubens, *Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna*.

Francis began the missionary work that would consume the rest of his life in 1540, when King John III of Portugal sent him with other colonists to the East Indies. Francis almost completely circumnavigated the continent of Africa before visiting India and Portuguese colonies in Indonesia, China and Japan. At each stop along the way, he preached the Gospel and founded Christian communities.

Today we are often blasé about intercontinental trips, but when Francis made his missionary journeys, the difficulty and time required made them more akin to interplanetary travel today. Francis saw new worlds that had only recently been discovered by Europeans. No travel brochures existed to prepare him for the people and places he visited. Adapting the Gospel to be understood in new lands that had had no previous contact with Western thought required Francis to use imagination, skill, and discipline. After 12 years of missionary work, he died on the Chinese island of Shangchuan on December 3, 1552. He was canonized by Gregory XV in 1662, at the same time as his fellow Jesuit, Ignatius Loyola.

It is sad to note that in many places Christianity failed to take root after Francis' missionary efforts. Local powers, who had much to lose from the proclamation of the Gospel, were in part responsible for thwarting the Church. On the other hand, Westerners' insistence on requiring Asians to adopt European culture along with the Gospel also played a role.

Now, as in St. Francis' time, it's difficult to sort out what is essential in the Good News and what is the "cultural baggage" we add to it. Adapting the Gospel to meet the needs of peoples who approach the world from very different vantage points than ours is the soul of missionary work.

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.*

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**.



Potential 100th Anniversary Parish Event — a Cruise to Alaska!

Next year, 2023, we will celebrate our Centenary. We are making plans for many events, including the Opening Mass Weekend, a Gala, a Lenten Mission preached by Fr. Jude Eli, OP, a Closing Mass with the Bishop....

Another event of our Centenary Year may be a **cruise to Alaska in late July or early August** on the Ruby Princess of Princess Cruise Lines.

Princess offers two rate plans: The first, basic, plan includes the cruise only, no perks. The second plan includes the cruise, a drink package, wi-fi, and gratuities. (The gratuities alone cost \$150.) The rates are *per person* based on two people sharing a stateroom, and do not include port taxes. The several excursions are optional and paid separately.

- ◆ **Basic rate:** *Inside cabin:* \$998.00; *Ocean View cabin:* \$1,248.00; *Balcony cabin:* \$1,548.00.
- ◆ **Perks rate:** *Inside cabin:* \$1,498.00; *Ocean View cabin:* \$1,748.00; *Balcony cabin:* \$2,080.00.

Itinerary: Depart from San Francisco; 2 days at sea; first port: **Ketchikan, Alaska**; second port: **Haines, Alaska**; third port **Juneau, Alaska**; "scenic cruising"; a sea day; fourth port: **Victoria, British Columbia**; another sea day, then dock in San Francisco. (See: tinyurl.com/SMM-Princess)

This offer is extended to all members of the parish, including the school community. Please let us know if you are interested in making this exciting cruise with Princess Cruise Lines.

Show of interest may be sent to nhippolyte@marymagdalen.com, or phone the office at (510) 526-4811. *Let us know which dates you prefer.* The cruise in **July begins on July 26th and returns on August 5th**, and the **August cruise begins on August 5th and returns on August 15th**.

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



Why Spend Time in Eucharistic Adoration?



According to Saint 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 Cенаe*, he wrote: "The Church and the world have a great need of eucharistic adoration."

Adoration will take place on **every Friday of Advent**, starting December 2nd and on all the subsequent Fridays, immediately after the 5:30 pm Mass (approximately 6:05 pm). Those who

come to this hour of prayer do so to find some quiet time to be with God, to discern the movement of God in their lives, and to dive more deeply into building a relationship with the divine.

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



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ADVENT WEEK TWO

Prepare a Way.

As during the season of Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple. Similarly, our preparations for both Advent and Lent include prayer, penance, making sacrifices, and doing good works.

Since the earliest days of the church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to return. The Advent readings tell us not to waste our time with predictions or speculation. We are to prepare by properly aligning our lives with God and our neighbors.



IDEAS FOR ADVENT

- Pray for family members, the community, and the whole world.
- Search your heart. Have you wronged anyone? How can you make it right? How will you do better next time?
- Give gifts of time and/or money to people who are lonely, hungry, sick, or needy.
- Commit to doing one extra good action each day.

CHRIST is COMING

The Kids' Bulletin

The one who is coming after me is mightier than I.

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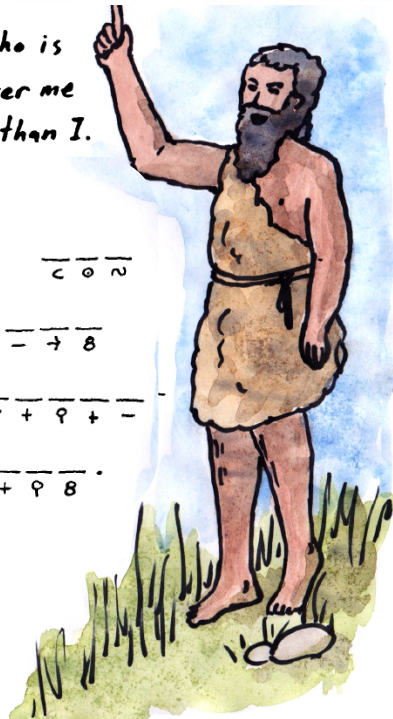
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What did Saint John the Baptist say about the one who was coming after him? Use the code to find out!

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Peace Among the Animals

In today's first reading, the prophet describes peace between animals and people in God's kingdom. Can you figure out which animals (or people) go with which?

Clue: the pictures might help!



Then the wolf shall be a guest of the _____, and the _____



shall lie down with the kid; the _____ and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.

The cow and the _____ shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the _____ shall eat hay like the ox.

The _____ shall play by the cobra's den,



baby leopard
calf bear
lamb lion



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