

December 11th, 2022 | Third Sunday in Advent — *Gaudete Sunday* — Year A

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



TODAY 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)

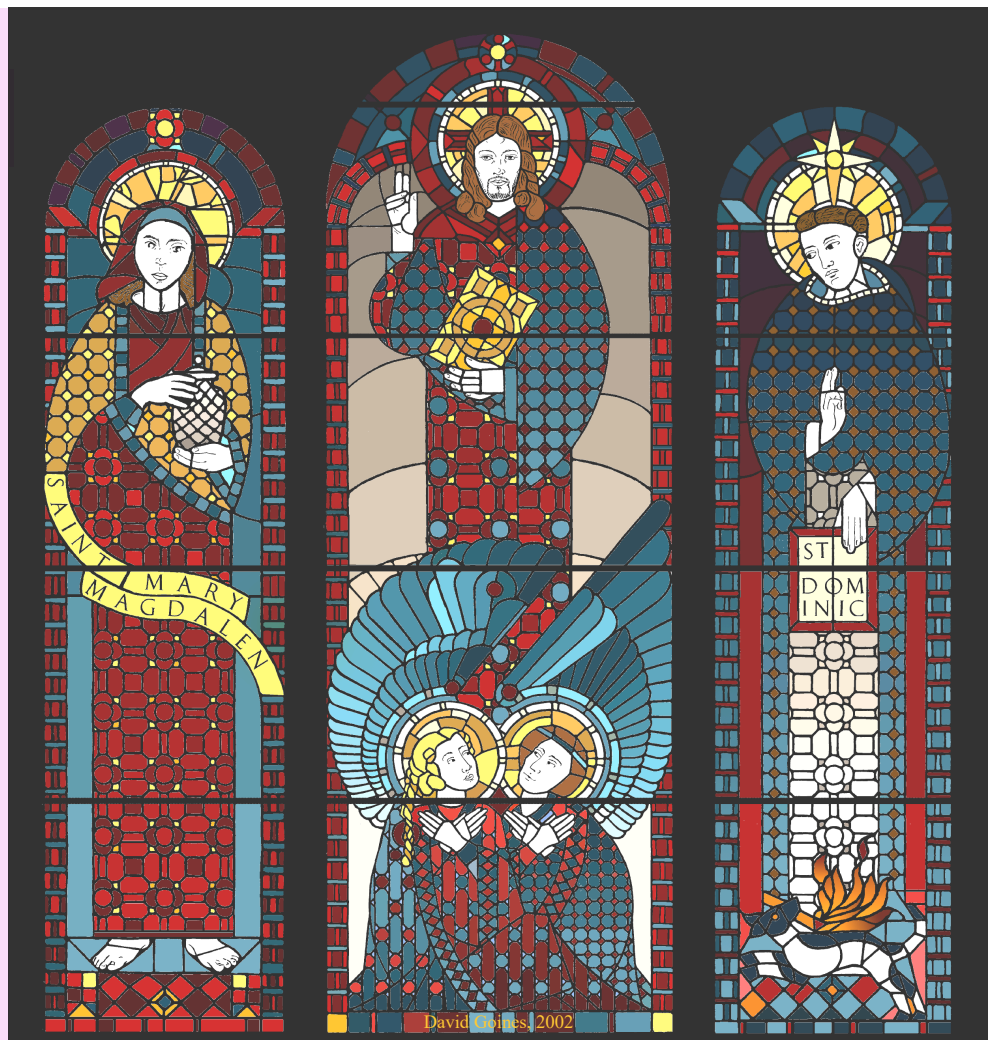
OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday
9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Closed for Lunch: Noon-1:00 pm
Phone: 510-526-4811

WEBSITE



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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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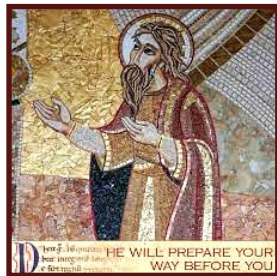
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Parish Calendar through December 2022

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, Parish 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 Christmas Concert; 10:00 pm, Service.
December 25	MASSES OF CHRISTMAS DAY Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am, Church
December 26	OFFICE CLOSED (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY)
December 30	OFFICE CLOSED (NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY)

Last Chance to Support the 2022 Bishop's Ministries Appeal!

All the funds raised help support the vital ministries of our Diocese.

tinyurl.com/BA-Ministries





“Feed my lambs,
feed my sheep”

2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES
APPEAL



Gaudete Sunday, Year A ~ December 11th, 2022

Collection for the Week Ending December 4 th , 2022			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/04/2022	\$16,445.90	\$8,580.00	\$7,865.90
Year-to-Date	\$423,028.01	\$436,840.00	-\$13,811.99
A great week! Thanks to a generous donor!			



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Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival
Christmas Tree Lighting

3:30 pm, TODAY, December 11th
MASS: 3:30 pm
Followed by Guadalupe Procession to the Garden, then Tree Lighting!

Scripture Readings for the Week

11th **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 Isaiah 35:1-10 / James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11

12th **FEAST: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
 Zechariah 2:14-17 / Luke 1:26-38

13th **Memorial: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**
 Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 / Matthew 21:28-32

14th **Memorial: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor**
 Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25 / Luke 7:18-23

15th **Advent Weekday**
 Isaiah 54:1-10 / Luke 7:24-30

16th **Advent Weekday**
 Isaiah 56:1-8 / John 5:33-36

17th **Advent Weekday**
 Genesis 49:2, 8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17



Mass Intentions 

Saturday	5:30	Angela Backman RIP
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Fr. Bruno Gibson, OP
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Intentions of Floreni Arevalo Mancia
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Sarah Mills
	5:30	Intentions of José and Lee Guerrero
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Maria Curtis
	5:30	Intentions of Alyssa Whalen
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Br. Dominic Hoang Nguyen, OP
	5:30	Intentions of Donna Marie Whalen
Thursday	8:30	Steven Aldo Benczik RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Cincy Ward
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Maria Curtis
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Saturday	8:30	Nicholas Espejo RIP

A Biblical Walk through the Mass

A beautiful new course on the Mass will start on January 18th in the Parish Hall, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The course, entitled *A Biblical Walk Through The Mass*, will explore 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 (510) 526-4811 or email Cat at website@marymagdalen.org.

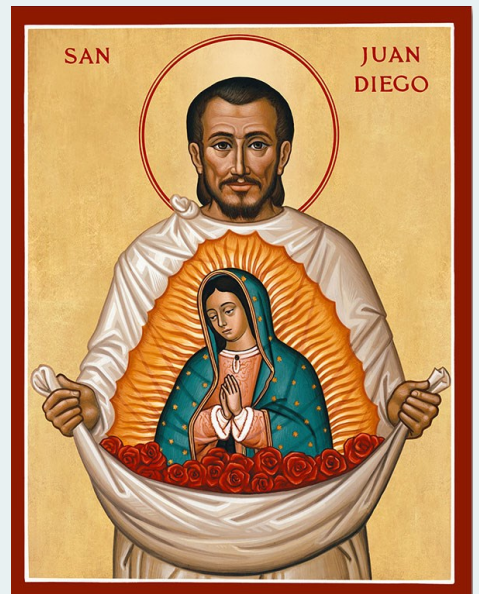
Notes from Fr. Nick

Our Lady of Guadalupe

This Sunday afternoon, we will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and inaugurate our Christmas season. Although we will draw upon elements of the traditional Latino festivities, our festival will truly be our own. While most Mexican parishes in North America begin their celebrations early on the morning of December 12th (around 6:00 am), we will be celebrating on the vigil of the feast.

We will start with Mass at 3:30 p.m. which will conclude about sunset. The Mass will be followed by a candlelight procession down the sidewalk on Henry Street to the Dominican Garden behind our school. A Marian hymn as well as Christmas carols will mark our assembly there. The celebration will be topped by lighting the Christmas tree, followed by Mexican *chocolate* and *pasteles*.

Most of us know the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but here is a greatly abridged account: in December of 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego, an Aztec peasant. She asked him to request the Archbishop of Mexico City to build a church for her on the site. Unsurprisingly, the archbishop refused. Then he asked for a truly miraculous sign to convince him. Distracted by an uncle's illness, Juan Diego did not immediately return to the site of the vision after seeing the archbishop. The Virgin intercepted him, told him that his uncle had recovered, and asked him to take in his cape a bouquet of Castilian roses to the archbishop as a sign. When Juan Diego showed the roses to the archbishop, a miraculous image of the Virgin appeared on his cape. The archbishop kept the cape and, per the Virgin's wishes, later erected a church at the site, where Juan Diego's cape remains today.



This event was the catalyst for the conversion of most indigenous people in Mexico to the Catholic faith. It was not lost on the local population that Mary spoke to Juan Diego in his native language. Moreover, there are elements of the native culture present in the image, which is one of the few of the Virgin where she is visibly pregnant — her pregnancy is symbolized by the black band holding together her gown.

I suspect that some people will object to our fusing our Guadalupe celebration with Christmas. However, beyond her devotion in Latin America, Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of *all* the Americas. I see no reason not to adapt our celebration outside the traditional one. Also, while the Christmas season does not technically begin until the Vigil on Christmas Eve, the reality is that most of us are already celebrating by anticipation during Advent. I hope our hybrid celebration will allow us to make an appropriate transition.

The Giving Tree

Last Week for
Holiday Outreach
2022!



Have you seen the Giving Tree in the NE corner of 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.* Please return your donations by next Sunday, December 18th. Thank you again.

TODAY, 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" day; a sea day; fourth port: **Victoria, British Columbia**; another sea day, then return to dock in San Francisco.

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 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:
TODAY, December 11th
1:00 pm in the Parish Hall

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



Come see our new Advent Banners!
A project of the parish Liturgy Committee,
they were designed by Convener Mary Ernst.



On the first weekend of Advent, Mary Ernst posed with the banners just installed on our Henry Street fence.



ADVENT

WEEK THREE

Rejoice!



The Third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete," or "Rejoicing" Sunday. We have arrived at the midpoint of Advent. The rose colored candle is lit, and the priest wears rose-colored vestments at Mass.

Our preparations are now half over, and Christmas is near. Our hearts are filled with joyful anticipation!

CHRIST is COMING

(Banner by parishioner Mary Ernst.)

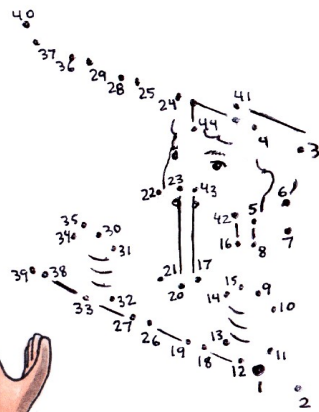
The Kids' Bulletin

What Happens When Jesus Comes?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples to tell John the Baptist what He does.

What happens to whom?

Match up the people with what happens to them.



Saint John the Baptist was the messenger who prepared the world for Jesus' coming.

*Where was he in today's Gospel reading?
Connect the dots to find out!
Then you can finish colouring in the picture.*

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| the blind • | • are raised up |
| and the lame • | • have good news preached to them |
| lepers • | • hear |
| the deaf • | • are cleansed |
| the dead • | • receive their sight |
| and the poor • | • walk |



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