

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | Fourth 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)

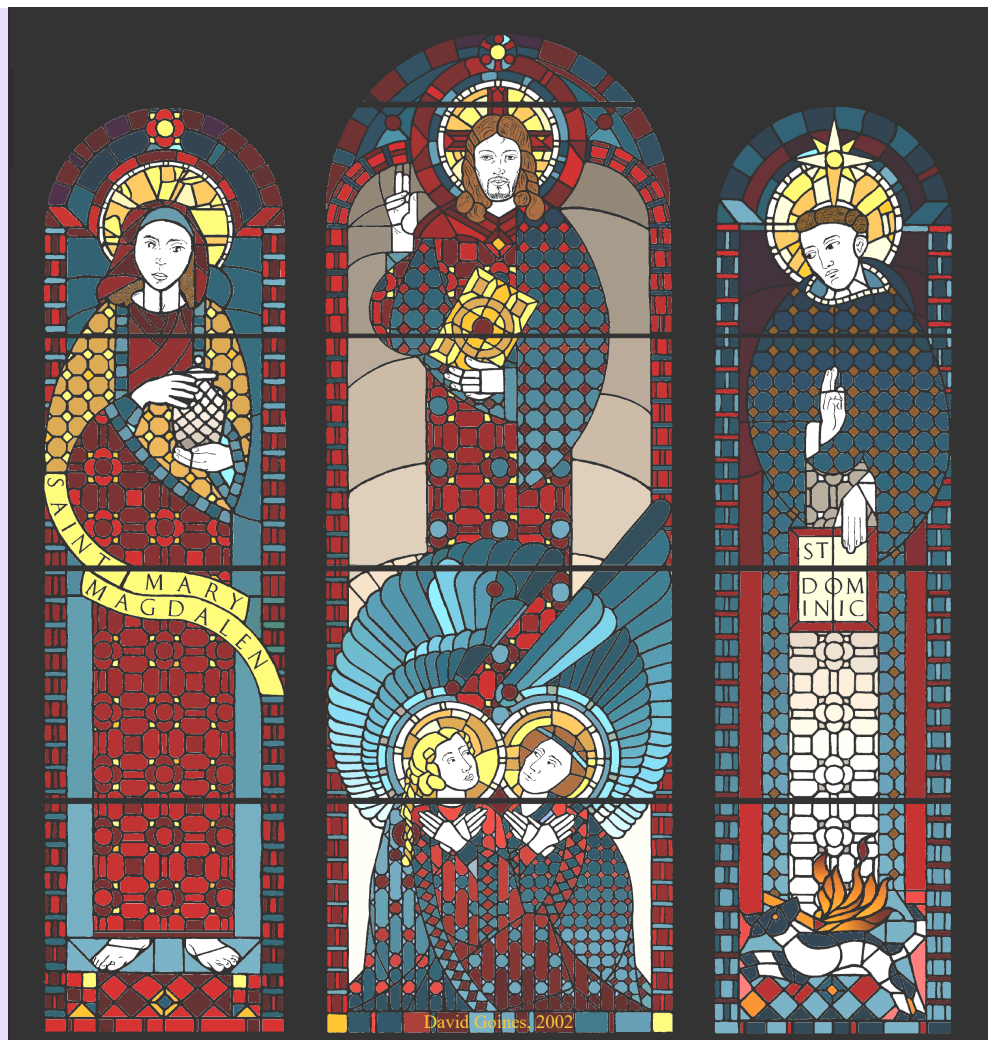
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Monday – Friday  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
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### BAPTISM:

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.

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

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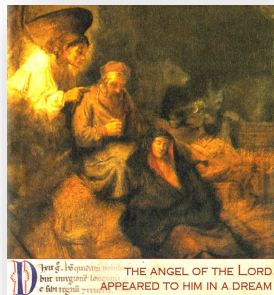
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## Parish Calendar through January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

<b>December 16</b>	<b>Peace &amp; Justice Monthly Meeting</b> Friday 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Near or in Norton Hall
<b>December 16</b>	<b>Adoration / Exposition (Holy Hour)</b> Friday 6:05 - 7:00 pm, Church
<b>Dec. 17 &amp; 18</b>	<b>Preacher at all Masses: Fr. Nicholas Glisson</b> Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
<b>December 18</b>	<b>OCDS (Lay Carmelites) Monthly Meeting</b> Sunday Noon - 5:00 pm, Norton Hall; Church
<b>December 19</b>	<b>ADVENT RECONCILIATION (PENANCE) SERVICE</b> Monday 7:30 pm, Church. Preacher: Norah Hippolyte
<b>December 20</b>	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel (on Zoom)</b> Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a>
<b>December 23</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Friday (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY)
<b>December 23</b>	<b>Final Adoration (Holy Hour) of Advent</b> Friday 6:05 - 7:00 pm, Church
<b>December 24</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS</b> Saturday 5:00 pm, Church.
<b>December 24</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS "MASS IN THE NIGHT"</b> Saturday 9:30 pm, Christmas Concert; 10:00 pm, Service.
<b>December 25</b>	<b>MASSES OF CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am, Church
<b>December 26</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Monday (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY)
<b>December 30</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Friday (NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY)
<b>January 2</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting</b> Monday 7:00 pm; <a href="mailto:svdp@marymagdalen.org">svdp@marymagdalen.org</a> for location
<b>January 3</b>	<b>Racial Equity Committee Monthly Meeting</b> Tuesday 7:00 pm; Zoom. (Call Office for Zoom link.)
<b>January 3</b>	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel (All are welcome!)</b> Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a>
<b>January 4</b>	<b>SPRED (Special Religious Education)</b> Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall
<b>January 4</b>	<b>Faith Studies: Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come</b> Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall
<b>January 6</b>	<b>First Friday Adoration (Holy Hour)</b> Friday 6:05 - 7:00 pm, Church
<b>January 8</b>	<b>FREE CONCERT: Bach Cantata Collective</b> Sunday 5:00 pm, Church.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm — Family Mass

9:30 pm — Christmas Concert

10:00 pm — Mass in the Night

**December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day**

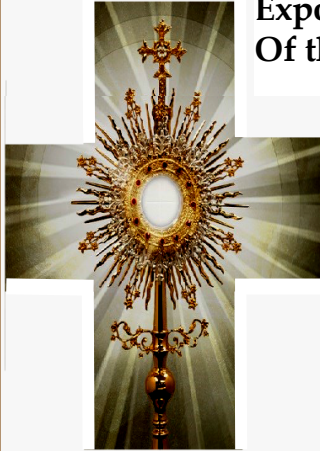
9:00 am — Mass celebrated by Fr. Ioane

11:00 am — Mass celebrated by Fr. Jean-Claude

# Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A ~ December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Collection for the Week Ending December 11, 2022			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/11/2022	\$9,035.55	\$8,580.00	\$455.55
Year-to-Date	\$432,063.56	\$445,420.00	-\$13,356.44
<i>A great week!</i>			

**Advent Reconciliation Service**  
 7:30 pm Monday in the Church  
*Why participate?*  
 See Fr. Nick's Column on Page 4!



**Exposition & Benediction Of the Blessed Sacrament**

will take place in the Church after the 5:30 pm Mass (approx. 6:05 pm)

**THIS & NEXT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Please join us in this time of sacred prayer and quiet reflection in the presence of our Lord, led by our priest-in-residence, **Fr. Ioane Ono.**

## Scripture Readings for the Week

- 18<sup>th</sup> **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 Isaiah 7:10-14 / Romans 1:1-7 / Matthew 1:18-24
- 19<sup>th</sup> *Advent Weekday*  
 Judges 13:2-7, 24-25 / Luke 1:5-25
- 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> *(Morning) Advent Weekday*  
 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-16 / Luke 1:67-79

## Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 Terry Colvert RIP
- Sunday 8:00 Bedros Agopovich RIP  
 9:30 Intentions of Fr. Bruno Gibson, OP  
 11:30 For the People of the Parish
- Monday 8:30 Intentions of Maria Hartman  
 5:30 Willard Tressel RIP
- Tuesday 8:30 Intentions of the Cortez Family  
 5:30 Gustavo & Janet Stahl Robles RIP
- Wednesday 8:30 Bill Henthorn RIP  
 5:30 Jack Murphy RIP
- Thursday 8:30 Rich Fineberg RIP  
 5:30 Lewis Stanley Hanson RIP
- Friday 8:30 Bill Henthorn RIP  
 5:30 Intentions of Sharon Ceasar
- Saturday 8:30 Gerraldine Olesiak RIP

## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe + Tree Lighting and Christmas Carols

Rain forced the carols and tree indoors, and so parishioners and school families gathered in the Parish Hall, where Music Director Andy Canepa, VP Heather Skinner, and Band Director Jennifer Ashworth led the assembly in joyful song — our first large gathering there since the pandemic began! *(More photos on pages 5 & 6.)*



*Photo: Fr. Nicholas Glisson*

Notes from Fr. Nick

# Reconciliation

*Eucharist and Reconciliation* are two sides of the same coin. Since the Second Vatican Council, the emphasis has been on the positive side of our relationship with God, and this was an overdue shift in Church teaching. It's important that we understand that *the foundation of our relationship with God is based in his love for us*. God's creation is good, and so human beings are, in their essence, good.

On the other hand, God also created us in freedom. Our goodness is not just rote behavior, but a choice.

In our complacency, sin enters the world.

When we choose to place ourselves above God's will, we enter the realm of sin. Sin is basically selfishness, and all of us are guilty in one form or another.

While most Eucharistic liturgies begin with a penitential rite, they are primarily focused on the grace-filled side of our personality.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation focuses on our tendency to turn from God's love.

Attending Mass week after week while never sacramentally acknowledging the sinful side of our personality is a sure indication of an unbalanced spirituality.

I'm not advocating a return to the mentality that insisted one must receive absolution every time before they go to Communion

on Sunday, but *I think it is important to confess regularly*. This keeps our relation with God honest. Regular participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation should be a part of our spiritual discipline. I think that confession every six-to-eight weeks is a good habit that shows spiritual maturity. At a minimum, one should celebrate the sacrament during Advent and Lent.

Monday night is your chance to acknowledge the negative side of your relationship with God. **At 7:30 p.m. we will host our Reconciliation Service for Advent.** If you decry the commercialization of Christmas, this is your chance to restore some sanctity to the season.



## The Giving Tree

Last Chance for  
Holiday Outreach  
2022!



*This is the final weekend for our Giving Tree!*

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 **TODAY, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you again.

## Last Sunday: Festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe + Christmas Tree Lighting!



Fr. Rigoberto (above, between Fr. Jean-Claude and Fr. Nick) celebrated a bilingual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed by a procession to the Parish Hall.



After the procession, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was enthroned, and Fr. Nick blessed the Christmas Tree with holy water from the aspergillum.



*Jennifer Ashworth led the students of the School of the Madeleine Band.*



*Andy Canepa directed the combined Children's & 9:30 Choirs.*



(Banner by parishioner Mary Ernst.)

# ADVENT

## WEEK FOUR

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!



The Roman Church has been singing the "O Antiphons" since at least the eighth century. These antiphons all begin with the letter "O" and accompany Evening Prayer from December 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The ancient biblical imagery of the "O Antiphons" expresses the Messianic hopes of the Old Testament, and of present-day hopes as well. Their repeated use of the imperative, "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

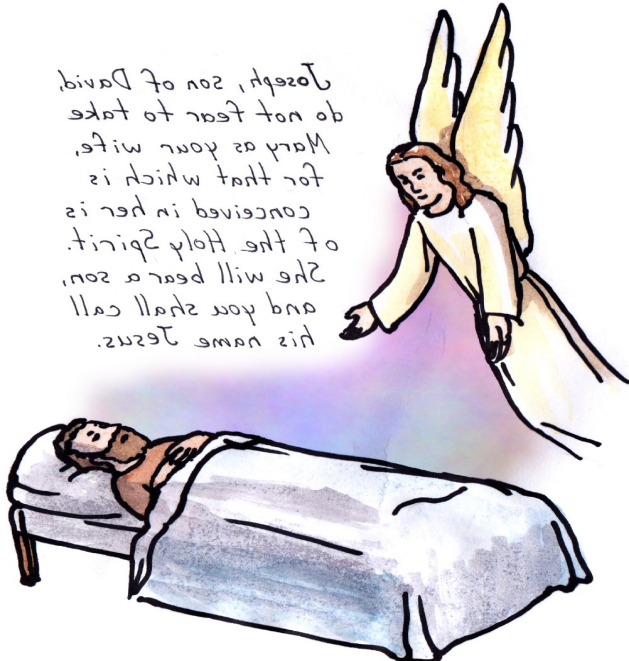


*Are you ready?*

# CHRIST is COMING SOON!

## The Kids' Bulletin

Joseph, son of David,  
do not fear to take  
Mary as your wife,  
for that which is  
conceived in her is  
of the Holy Spirit.  
She will bear a son,  
and you shall call  
his name Jesus.



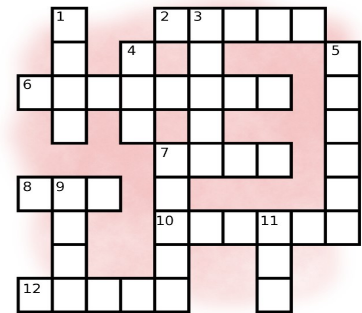
An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him what God wanted him to do. What did the angel say? Look in a mirror to find out!

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### Isaiah 7 Cross-Word

Find the words that fit into the spaces in today's first reading, and then fit them into the puzzle. A=Across and D=Down.

- HOUSE
- VIRGIN
- HIGH
- SHEOL
- CHILD
- THE
- DAVID
- HEAVEN
- NAME
- DEEP
- IMMANUEL
- GOD
- MAN



8A LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your 11D; let it be 7A as 2A or 9D, as 5D." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O 3D of 7D! Is it too little for you to weary 4D, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the 10A shall be with 12A, and bear a son, and shall 1D him 6A.



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