

December 25th, 2022 | The Nativity of the Lord, 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)

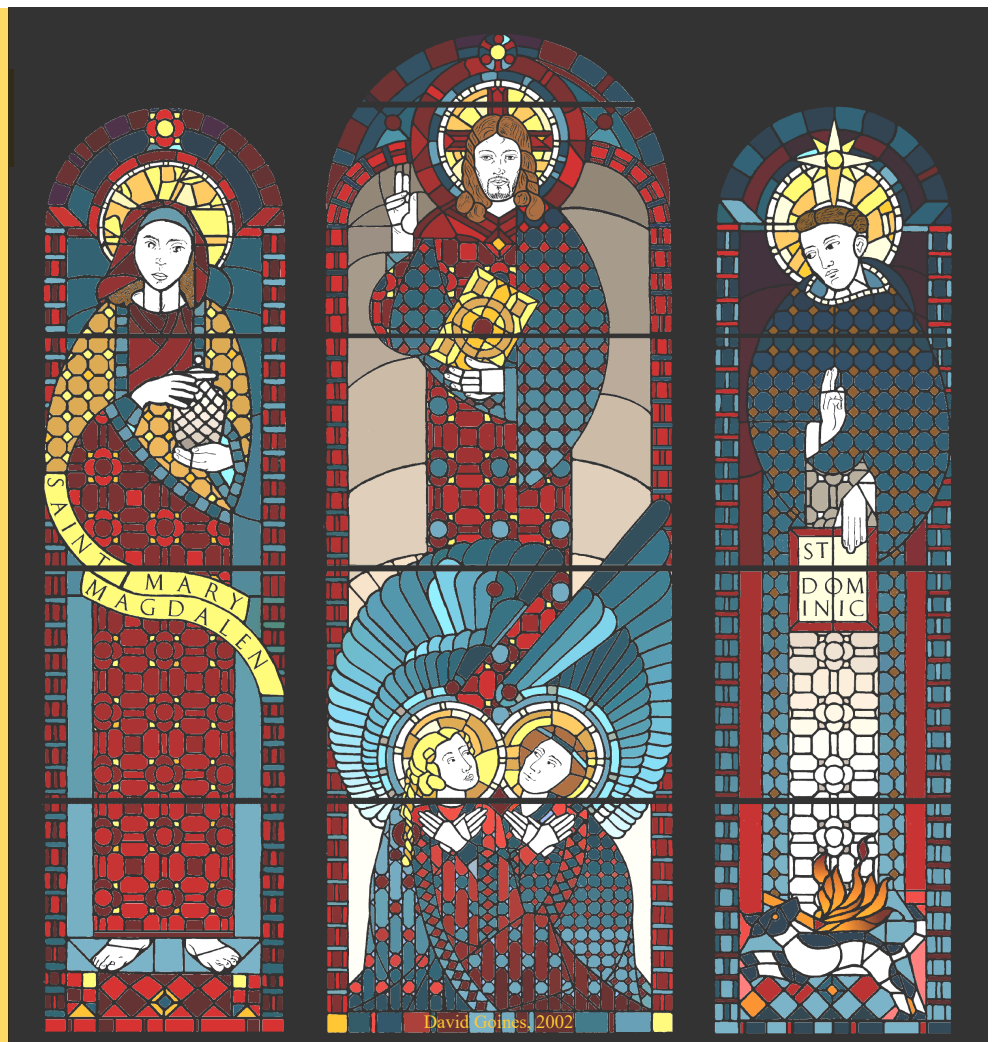
OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Closed for Lunch: Noon-1:00 pm
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*“Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

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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 January 9th, 2023

December 23	OFFICE CLOSED Friday (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY)
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	CHRISTMAS "MASS IN THE NIGHT" 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 Monday (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY)
December 30	OFFICE CLOSED Friday (NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLIDAY)
January 2	OFFICE CLOSED Monday (NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY)
January 3	Racial Equity Committee Monthly Meeting Tuesday 7:00 pm; Zoom. (Contact Office for Zoom link.)
January 3	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel (All are welcome!) Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
January 4	SPRED (Special Religious Education) Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall
January 6	First Friday Adoration (Holy Hour) Friday 6:05 - 7:00 pm, Church
January 9	St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting (on Zoom) Monday 7:00 pm; svdp@marymagdalen.org for link

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

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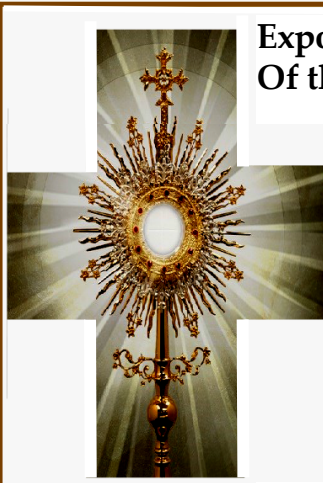


"Feed my lambs,
feed my sheep"

**2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**



The Nativity of our Lord, Year A ~ December 25th, 2022



Exposition & Benediction Of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place in the Church after the 5:30 pm Mass (approx. 6:05 pm) on the **LAST FRIDAY OF ADVENT, DEC. 23RD**. 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**.

Mark the Year with the Slain of Oakland

Our neighboring parish, St. Columba, places a cross in its church garden for each person killed by violence in Oakland during the year. Perhaps you have seen 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 are invited to join St. Columba on **Saturday, December 31, at 3:00 pm**, for this moving ceremony. Please join us at 6401 San Pablo Avenue to stand witness to the many members of our community who have lost their lives to gun violence.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 25th **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**
Isaiah 52:7-10 / Hebrews 1:1-6 / John 1:1-18
- 26th **FEAST: SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR**
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Matthew 10:17-22
- 27th **FEAST: SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**
1 John 1:1-4 / John 20:1-8
- 28th **FEAST: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS**
1 John 1:5-2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18
- 29th **Octave Weekday [St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr]**
1 John 2:3-11 / Luke 2:22-35
- 30th **FEAST: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
- 31st **Octave Weekday [Saint Sylvester I, Pope]**
1 John 2:18-21 / John 1:1-18

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:30 | For the Children of the Parish |
| | 10:00 | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9:00 | Intentions of Evelyn Betschart |
| | 11:00 | Intentions of Marilyn Knight |
| Monday | 8:30 | Intentions of Maria Curtis |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Maria Hartman |
| Tuesday | 5:30 | Intentions of John Ernst |
| Wednesday | 8:30 | Emilio Onglatco, Jr. RIP |
| | 5:30 | All Babies, Living & Deceased |
| Thursday | 8:30 | Intentions of Robert Drew Luttrell |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Lee Guerrero |
| Friday | 8:30 | Intentions of the Silloway Family |
| | 5:30 | Members of the Dominican Family,
Living & Deceased |
| Saturday | 8:30 | Intentions of Norah Hippolyte |

Celebrate our Centennial with Song!



Is it possible that you're a poet but don't know it? The Parish Centennial Committee would like to create **a hymn in honor of our Patron Saint**. The music would be composed by our Sacristan, Paul Sporer, to fit lyrics written by a parishioner — maybe you!

If you find this idea intriguing, then let your inspiration flow... but in a structured way, for it would be helpful if the poem has a meter (rhythm) that repeats. Some excellent suggestions for writing a congregational hymn are found here:

magazine.byu.edu/article/hymn-writing-101/

Please submit your final draft to Norah Hippolyte at nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org.

Notes from Fr. Nick

Merry Christmas!

Once again, we celebrate the incarnation of Jesus the Christ. Christmas is so much a part of our lives that we may take for granted this astounding break with natural history. Our God, creator and sustainer of the universe, chose to enter our time and space in order that we not be bound by it. Christ became one of us so that we might know God in the most intimate way possible — through a human relationship.

Christmas is our thanksgiving to God for the most generous gift we could possibly receive, the gift of his Son. Regardless of whether this year has been a time of fortune or loss for us, we all share in the priceless gift of salvation through Christ. We are lifted out of the human condition to become God's sons and daughters. This gift puts the rest of our lives in perspective. It enables us to face the challenges of the coming year in the knowledge that every minute of it is a gift, even when we face adversity.



Francesco di Giorgio Martini, Pinacoteca Nazionale, Siena, 1475.

My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will bless you with abundant grace, and that God's presence will pervade all your endeavors. I pray that our parish will continue to be a beacon of hope for our neighborhood and the surrounding community. And, as the people of God, our mission to this part of Berkeley will enrich us all with the knowledge that we are doing God's work.

Grace, joy and peace to you as we look forward to a new paschal season. On behalf of Fr. Ioane, Deacon Jeff, and all the staff, Merry Christmas to all of you.



Fr. Nick celebrated & our parish children brought to life the Christmas story at the Family Mass in 2019.

Our First Christmas in St. Mary Magdalen Church

*In anticipation of our centennial year, we will be reprinting parts of our church history, taken from a monumental volume written by former Business Manager Barb Gamba... in her spare time! Barb, who was also the Bulletin Editor, originally published her work in serial form in the Bulletin; the final 83-page volume (plus 36 pages of appendices) appeared in September of 1999. You may download it from the parish website here: tinyurl.com/SMM-History. Below is an article that appeared in the *Berkeley Gazette* on December 23, 1924, reprinted on pp. 15-16 of the volume.*

The first Mass on Christmas Day at St. Mary Magdalen's Catholic church, Berryman and Milvia streets, will be celebrated by the pastor, **Rev. Francis Pius Driscoll, OP**, at midnight on Christmas Eve. Other masses will follow hourly on Christmas day, beginning at 7 o'clock in the morning and ending with the 11 o'clock Mass. At the Midnight Mass, **Very Rev. J. D. O'Brien, OP**, a missionary father, will preach the occasional sermon.

At midnight and throughout the day the musical program will be especially appropriate and pleasing. **Dr. Humphrey J. Stewart's Mass in D Minor** will be sung by an augmented choir under the direction of **Prof. Robert Romani**. **Mrs. A. Reardon** will preside at the organ, and there will also be instrumental accompaniment. Novello's "*Adeste Fideles*" will be sung by a quartet and chorus at the offertory during the Midnight Mass, and Professor Romani will sing Gounod's wonderful composition, "*Nazareth*", at the close of the Mass. At the 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock masses, the children's choir will sing the grand old Christmas hymns. **Miss Anna C. Meyer** will be the organist and **Mrs. M. W. Prather** will render violin accompaniments.

The music for the high mass, the *Mass in D Minor*, was dedicated by Dr. Stewart to Father Driscoll on the occasion of the re-opening of St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco after its destruction by the fire of 1906.

The church will be beautifully decorated in red and green flowers and shrubbery typical of the season, and a replica of the crib in

which the Saviour was laid the first Christmas morning

will be shown at the altar. The crib, which is true to tradition and shows the ruins of King David's palace as transformed into a stable in Bethlehem, was procured by Fr. Driscoll in Europe.

Special lighting effects are in place, and the church will radiate the spirit of Christmas at the stroke of midnight, December 25.



The interior of St. Mary Magdalen Church, 1924. Margaret Lusk is seated on the right.



Fr. Francis Pius Driscoll, OP, the First Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Church. (1923-1926; 1932)

Christmas Mass Schedule 2022

December 24th, Christmas Eve

5:00 pm — Family Mass, celebrated by Fr. Nick

9:30 pm — Christmas Concert

10:00 pm — Mass in the Night, celebrated by Fr. Nick

December 25th, Christmas Day

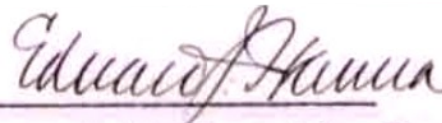
9:00 am — Mass celebrated by Fr. Ioane

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

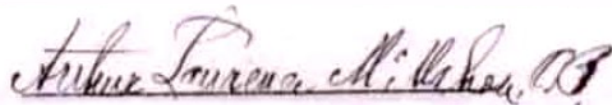
THIS AGREEMENT, made by and between the MOST REVEREND EDWARD J. HANNA, ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO, party of the first part, and the VERY REVEREND ARTHUR LAURENCE MC MAHON, PROVINCIAL OF THE PROVINCE OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS OF THE ORDER OF PREACHERS, party of the second part, WITNESSTH:

That in the interest of religion in general and of the Archdiocese of San Francisco in particular, and for the consideration of the relinquishment to the party of the first part by the party of the second part of the parish of Saint Catherine at Martinez with its mission of All Saints at Concord, and of the parish of Saint Rose at Crockett with its mission of Saint Patrick at Port Costa, the party of the first part gives to the party of the second part, in accordance with the provisions of Canon Law relative to parishes and religious, a parish to be formed in the city of Berkeley with the following boundaries: Northern Boundary, Cerrito Creek; Western Boundary, Peralta Avenue, Solano Avenue, Tulare Avenue, Sonoma Avenue, Monterey Avenue, Southern Pacific right of way, or tracks; Southern Boundary, Rose Street, Spruce Street, Eunice Street; Eastern Boundary, Contra Costa County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said party of the first part and the said party of the second part have set their hands and seals to these present this first day of February, 1923.



Archbishop of San Francisco.

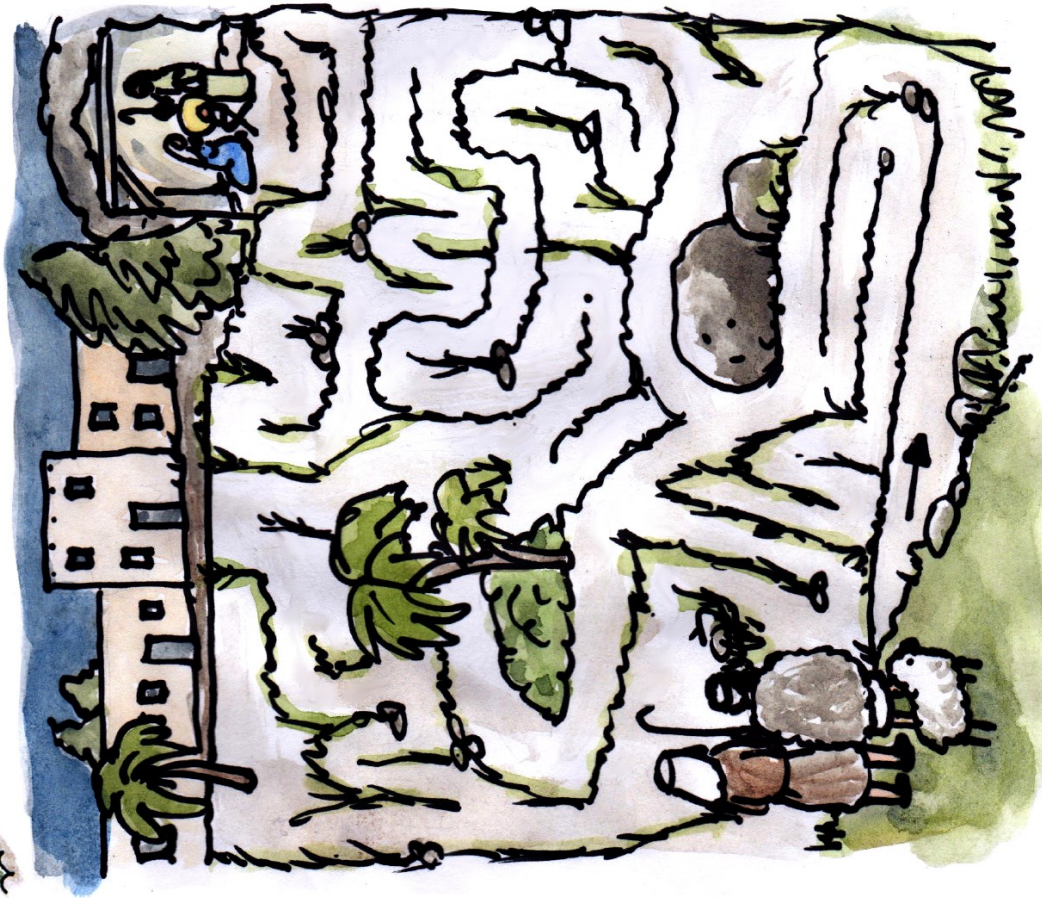


Provincial of the Province
of the Holy Name of Jesus of
the Order of Preachers.

Though formally established in February, the parish did not begin to function until July, when our first pastor, Fr. Francis Pius Driscoll, OP, arrived from Los Angeles. Fr. Driscoll was informed of his assignment to Berkeley on June 26, 1923. Our church building was completed the next year, and was dedicated at 10:30 a.m. on the morning of August 17, 1924.

The Kids' Bulletin

Christmas Day
December 25, 2022



Help the shepherds find their way to
Bethlehem to see Baby Jesus.

Christmas Word-Find



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