

January 1st, 2023 | Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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)

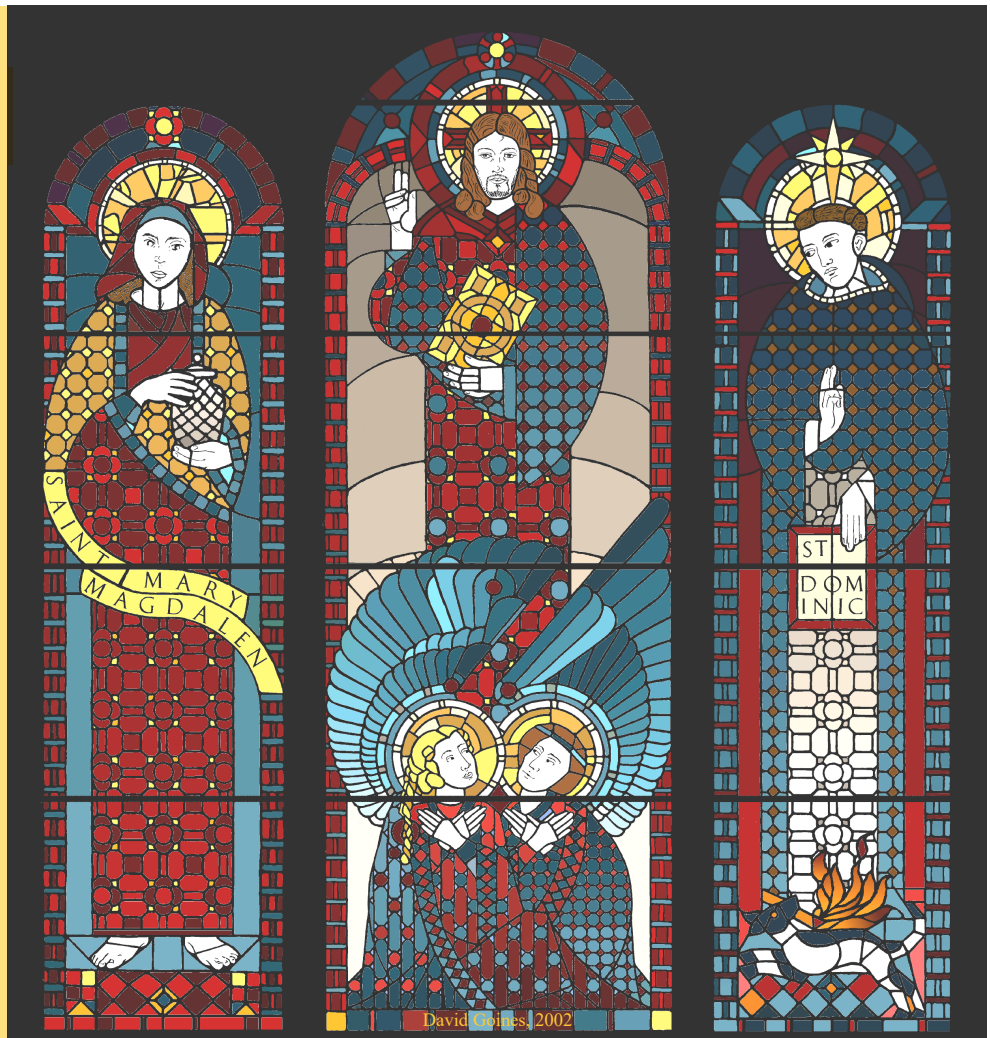
OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Closed for Lunch: Noon-1:00 pm
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WEBSITE



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*“Together we share our
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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.

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

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Parish Calendar through January 13th, 2023

December 30 OFFICE CLOSED

Friday (NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY)

January 3 Racial Equity Committee Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 7:00 pm; Zoom. (Contact the 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, Norton Hall

January 6 First Friday Adoration (Holy Hour)

Friday 6:05 - 7:00 pm, Church

January 7 LITURGY COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

Saturday 10:00 am, Conference Room + Zoom.

January 8 FREE CONCERT: Bach Cantata Collective

Sunday 5:00 pm, Church. (See page 6 for details.)

January 9 St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting

Monday 7:00 pm; svdp@marymagdalen.org for location

January 10 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel (All are welcome!)

Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm: tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup

January 10 Parish Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 7:30 pm; request Zoom link from Parish

January 11 SPRED (Special Religious Education)

Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall

January 13 Peace & Justice Monthly Meeting

Friday 4:00 pm, Norton Hall

Save the Date !

Annual Parish Conference — Centennial Appraisal

Keynote Speaker:

Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP

**Saturday, February 11th, 2023
10:00 am - 3:00 pm**



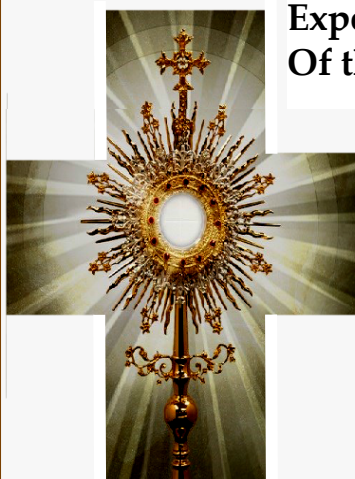
And Mary kept all
these things, reflecting
on them in her heart.

Luke 2:19

Exposition & Benediction Of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place in the
Church after the 5:30 pm
Mass (approx. 6:05 pm) on
the **FIRST FRIDAY OF THE
MONTH: JANUARY. 6TH.**

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



Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Year A ~ January 1st, 2023

| Collection for the Week Ending December 18, 2022 | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sunday | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| 12/18/2022 | \$5,714.61 | \$8,580.00 | -\$2,865.39 |
| Year-to-Date | \$437,778.17 | \$454,000.00 | -\$16,221.83 |
| <i>Thank you for your stewardship.</i> | | | |



Please join
us for
COFFEE HOUR
in Norton Hall
following the
8:00 & 9:30 am
Masses.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 1st **SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21
- 2nd *Memorial: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors*
1 John 2:22-28 / John 1:19-28
- 3rd *Christmas Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Jesus]*
1 John 2:29—3:6 / John 1:29-34
- 4th *Memorial: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
1 John 3:7-10 / John 1:35-42
- 5th *Memorial: St. John Neumann, Bishop*
1 John 3:11-21 / John 1:43-51
- 6th *Christmas Weekday [St. André Bessette, Religious]*
1 John 5:5-13 / Mark 1:7-11
- 7th *Octave Weekday [St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest]*
1 John 5:14-21 / John 2:1-11

Mass Intentions

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|-----------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday | 5:30 | Intentions of Nemensio Tatlonghari and Alvaro & Sonia Martinez |
| Sunday | 8:00 | For the People of the Parish |
| | 9:30 | Intentions of John Ernst |
| | 11:30 | Intentions of Ben & Marjorie Mathias |
| Monday | 8:30 | Intentions of Maria Curtis |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Br. Ivan Nicoletto, Cam. |
| Tuesday | 8:30 | Joseph McWalters, Jr. RIP |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of José & Lee Guerrero |
| Wednesday | 8:30 | Intentions of Elizabeth Silloway |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Velma Richmond |
| Thursday | 8:30 | Intentions of Fr. Nicholas Glisson |
| | 5:30 | John Malish RIP |
| Friday | 8:30 | Intentions of Martha Cesares |

Peace & Justice Notes

Fighting the U.S. Death Penalty in 2023

Join Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, in efforts to end the death penalty across our nation. In November alone, five individuals on death row were executed. The state of Oklahoma, which has already killed four men this year, announced that **it plans to kill 23 more prisoners, approximately one man a month, over the next two years.**

Several of the Oklahoma prisoners scheduled for execution have strong innocence claims, histories of intellectual disability that should disqualify them from the death penalty, or cases that have claims of racial bias, their lawyers say.

Sister Prejean refuses to succumb to efforts by death penalty supporters to dehumanize and demonize the men and women who have been sentenced to death. She has stated: *"I can't and won't stop because I believe the life of every person on death row is as valuable as yours and mine."* She is a longtime supporter and friend of **Death Penalty Focus**, based in California.

Death Penalty Focus educates, advocate, and organizes to raise awareness of *"this racist, classist, unjust, and broken death penalty system ... that is a stain on our country's reputation in the rest of the world."* At their website, you can add your voice to support for **HR262/SB582, 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. You can also donate to Death Penalty Focus at deathpenalty.org. Every dollar that DPF receives directly supports its efforts to abolish the death penalty.

Peace & Justice Committee at St. Mary Magdalen

Join us! We meet monthly at 4:00 pm in Norton Hall on the **Friday** after the second Wednesday of each month. **Our next meeting is January 13th.** This is a wonderful way to connect your faith to peace and justice initiatives and activities that also develop a deep sense of community amongst the participants. You are invited to join in!

Happy New Year!



The date on which the New Year begins has changed over the course of time. The Romans began the year on March 1st until 153 B.C., when it was changed to January 1st, because the Roman Consuls after whom each new year was named were chosen on that date. After 525 A.D., the Christian calendar began on March 25th to commemorate the Annunciation of Christ, although many calendars continued to begin the months in January. European countries reverted to January 1st sometime before Pope Gregory corrected the calendar in the 18th century.

The fact is: January 1st is an arbitrary date. Nevertheless, it has significance for us because we choose to mark our time beginning with it. In this light, resolutions and celebrations are appropriate. Regardless of how we mark

our time, it is still important to take stock of where we have been and plan for the future.

As we look forward to 2023, let's keep our resolutions realistic, preserve our hopes, and avoid the trap of counting our mistakes and setbacks as losses. May 2023 be a time of grace and mercy for ourselves and those whom we meet. May the new year portend an end to the divisions and rancor that have overwhelmed public discourse. May it become an opportunity to encounter Christ in our work, in the people who cross our paths, and in the grandeur of the world that is our home.

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.

The Story of the Founding of our Parish

In this, our centennial year, we will be reprinting parts of our church history, taken from a monumental volume written by former Business Manager, the late 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 are excerpts from Barb's narrative of the first founding of our parish; they are found on pp. 5-7 of her history.

The earliest Catholic residents of Berkeley attended Mass at **St. Anthony's Chapel** in the new town of Oakland. Located on Seventh Street between Jefferson and Grove, the name of the parish was later changed to **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**, and later still to **St. Francis de Sales Cathedral**.

The first Catholic Masses in Berkeley were celebrated in 1877 in a barn on the **Michael Curtis Ranch** in Ocean View by a priest who was stationed at the church in the village of San Pablo. This community eventually developed into **St. Joseph the Worker Parish**, founded in 1879 on land donated by another Irish farmer, **James McGee**.

In the first decade of [the last] century, in response to the rapid population growth in the city, two new Catholic churches were established: **Holy Spirit Parish** in 1906 to serve the student community, and **St. Ambrose** in 1909 to serve the largely Italian-American Catholic population in West Berkeley.

When **Fr. Francis Pius Driscoll, OP**, was summoned by his Provincial to Berkeley in June of 1923, there was no church, nor did he have a house of his own. His temporary address, and that of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, was at **St. Dominic's Church** in San Francisco. Fr. Driscoll had been assigned there earlier in the century and was familiar with those surroundings. What awaited him in Berkeley, however, was another story.

Traveling by ferry from San Francisco to Berkeley, a trip of only a few minutes, Fr. Driscoll would have seen on the approaching skyline almost treeless hills, and he would have been able to pick out only a few remarkable landmarks — among them, **North and South Halls** and the **Campanile** on the campus; the **Claremont Hotel**; the twin towers of **St. Joseph the Workman Church**; and the single spire of the **City Hall**.

After docking at the 3-1/2-mile-long municipal pier at the foot of University Avenue, if he was not met by automobile, a quick ride by electric train would have taken Fr. Driscoll up toward the campus and then

north to **Berryman Station**, to meet for the first time the handful of men who had been drafted to help him in the selection of a site for the new church, rectory, and, eventually, school.

Denis Hennessey, at the time principal of the new **Garfield** [later Martin Luther King, Jr.] **Junior High**, was one of these men. We don't know for certain who the others were, nor do we know how or by whom they were selected, but Mr. Hennessey has left us with a written account of some of the earliest activities in the history of our parish. In his remarks given in our Parish Hall on October 21, 1948, on the occasion of our 25th Anniversary, Mr. Hennessey recalled how "[t]hose of us who were called into consultations during the organization will always remember pleasantly the harmonious and optimistic atmosphere that prevailed. It was in this spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm that our founding parishioners, together with Fr. Driscoll, set off to carry out the mandate they had been given to provide the Catholics of North Berkeley with a center of worship, education, and community."



St. Joseph the Workman Church.



Denis Hennessey, founding parishioner.



cantata collective

Sunday, January 8th at 5:00 pm

St. Mary Magdalen Church

Sehet, welche eine Liebe BWV 64

Schau, lieber Gott, wie meine Feind BWV 153

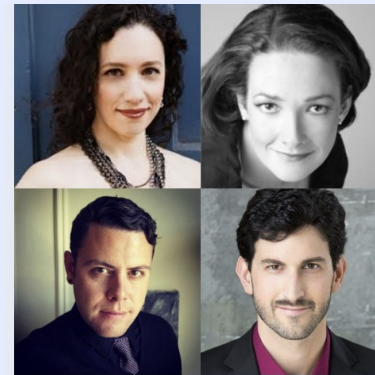
Tonia D'Amelio, soprano

Heidi Waterman, alto

David Kurtenbach Rivera, tenor

Ben Kazez, bass

Admission is Free!



***Gina's Journey* - January 6th, 7th, 8th
St. Columba's Church, 6401 San Pablo Avenue**



OLD GRIMES

Mr. William Grimes, an attache of the Litchfield Law School

What began as a fifth-grader's assignment on origins and ancestry has grown into a lifelong journey for Regina Mason that led her to her great-great-grandfather, who wrote his autobiography, *Life of William Grimes, the Runaway Slave*.

Buy tickets (\$15 each) for this compelling documentary at ginasjourney-kpc127.eventbrite.com.

The Jan. 6th showing is at 7:00 pm. Jan. 7th showings are at 1:00 & 5:00 pm, and the Sunday, January 8th, showing will be at 1:00 pm. Doors will open 1/2 hour prior to each performance.



Regina Mason, author, will be present in the audience for each showing of the documentary, *Gina's Journey*.

**Prison Re-Entry:
Healing and Transformation**

Presenter: Sister Mary Sean Hodges, OP with three former inmates

Painting by Joseph Fyre, former inmate

PREP is a Restorative Justice ministry with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, founded by Sister Mary Sean, a Dominican Sister of Mission San Jose. Sister Mary Sean will introduce us to three former inmates who will each share the story of their lives: what brought them to prison, how they transformed their lives within the prison system and how they are making living amends in the community today. These are powerful stories.

We invite you to join us for this time of listening, reflecting through silence and song, and healing

Sister Mary Sean Hodges, OP, taught for 39 years in MSJ Dominican Schools. In 2002, she began her present ministry, Partnership for Re-Entry Program (PREP), which focuses on working with the Lifer population, those serving long terms for more serious crimes.

The Prep staff works with inmates in all California prisons - and over 15 facilities outside California. PREP provides 19 self-help correspondence courses as a venue for inmates to heal and transform their lives to return to the community to become faithful citizens.

📍 Dominican Center
📅 January 28, 2023 | 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
📄 Registration Fee: \$30, lunch included
(Scholarships available)

📅 RSVP by January 26, 2023
(A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Dominican Sisters Vision of HOPE, and provide tuition assistance for our inner city schools)

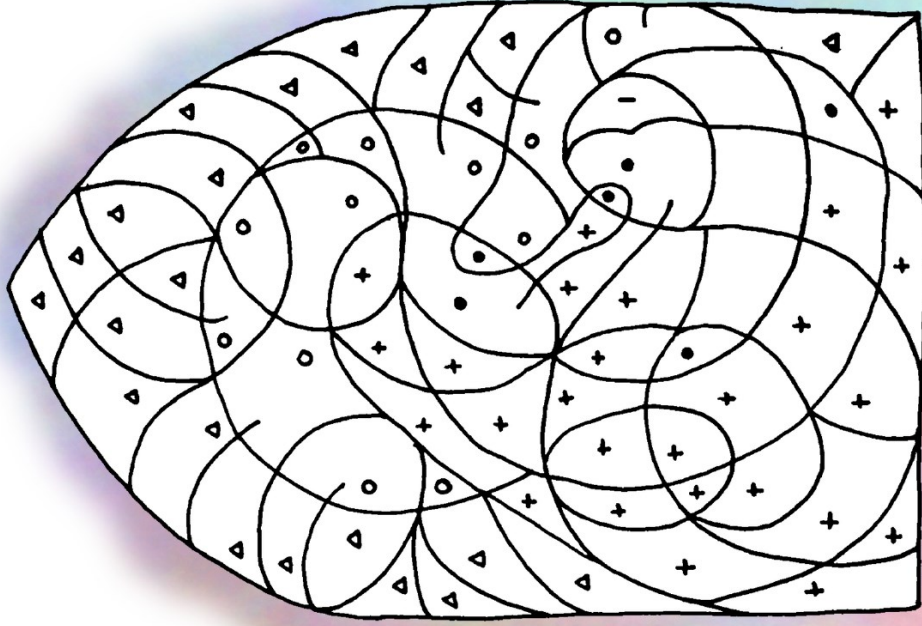
www.msjdominicans.org

For more information, contact (510) 933-3546

The Kids' Bulletin

Sunday January 1st, 2023

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God



Whose feast is it on New Year's Day?
Colour in the spaces to see! Here's the code:

- + Blue ▲ Pink ○ Yellow
- ! Brown • Skin colour

Octave of Christmas

Word-Find



Can you find all the words in the list in the puzzle below?
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

- | | | |
|-----------|--------|-----------|
| ANGELS | GLORY | PRAISE |
| ANIMALS | GOD | SAVIOUR |
| BABY | HOLY | SHEEP |
| BARN | JESUS | SHEPHERDS |
| BETHLEHEM | JOSEPH | SING |
| BORN | MANGER | SKY |
| COLD | MARY | STABLE |
| FIELDS | MOTHER | WONDER |
| FOUND | NIGHT | WORSHIP |

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