

December 3rd, 2023 | First Sunday of Advent, Year B

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



CELEBRATING
100 YEARS

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. The Most Reverend Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday 8:30 am
Monday/Wednesday/Friday 5:30 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am
Mon./Wed./Friday 5:10 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm
(and by appointment)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – Noon
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
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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.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK:

The Sacrament is offered at every 5th Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

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Weekly Collection Report for November 19 th , 2023			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
11/19/2023	\$7,936.70	\$8,980.00	-\$1,043.30
All Saints/Souls	\$70.00		\$70.00
Weekly Collection Report for November 26 th , 2023			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
11/26/2023	\$6,607.25	\$8,980.00	-\$2,372.75
Year-to-Date	\$394,051.96	\$444,060.00	-\$50,008.04
Our Thanksgiving weekend collection was small.			



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Scripture Readings for the Week

3rd FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Isaiah 63:16-19; 64:2-7/1 Cor. 1:3-9 / Mark 13:33-37

4th Weekday [St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor]
Isaiah 2:1-5 / Matthew 8:5-11

5th Advent Weekday
Isaiah 11:1-10 / Luke 10:21-24

6th Advent Weekday [St. Nicholas, Bishop]
Isaiah 25:6-10 / Matthew 15:29-37

7th Memorial: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor
Isaiah 26:1-6 / Matthew 7:21, 24-27

8th SOLEMNITY: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M.
[Holy Day of Obligation] Genesis 3:9-15, 20 / Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 / Luke 1:26-38

9th Advent Weekday [St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin]
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26/Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5-8

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Alice Mazzucchi RIP
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of the Kaer Family
	9:30	Laura Spinden RIP
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	5:30	Antonio Gonzalez RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Maria Lewicka RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Fr. Francis Lynch RIP
Thursday	8:30	Fr. William ("Bill") O'Donnell RIP
Friday	8:30	For the People of the Parish
	5:30	Intentions of Norah Hippolyte
Saturday	8:30	Antoni Lewicki RIP

Parish Calendar through December 10th, 2023

December 1	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel
Friday	9:15 am, Norton Hall
December 1	Adoration & Benediction (Holy Hour)
Friday	6:05 pm, Church (<i>1st of four Fridays in a row</i>)
December 2/3	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Dn. Jeff Burns
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
December 4	Pre-Baptismal Seminar
Monday	5:30 pm. <i>Contact parish for Zoom link.</i>
December 5	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel <i>Zoom link:</i>
Tuesday	2:00 - 3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
December 5	Racial Equity Committee Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 - 8:30 pm. <i>Contact parish for Zoom link.</i>
December 5	RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)
Tuesday	7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall.
December 5	Meeting of SPRED Catechism
Wednesday	6:30 pm, Norton Hall
December 7	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel
Friday	9:15 am, Norton Hall
December 7	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Friday	Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 5:30 pm
December 7	Adoration & Benediction (Holy Hour)
Friday	6:05 pm, Church (<i>Every Friday in Advent</i>)
December 9	Liturgy Committee Monthly Meeting
Saturday	11:30 am, Conference Room & Zoom
December 9/10	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
December 9	FILM: The Japanese-American Experience
Saturday	6:30 pm, Parish Hall (<i>Light dinner to be served</i>)
December 10	CHRISTMAS CONCERT & TREE LIGHTING!
Sunday	3:00 pm, Parish Hall



Exposition & Benediction

of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place in the Church shortly after the 5:30 pm Mass (approximately around 6:05 pm) on

Friday, December 3rd, and all the Fridays of Advent!

Please join us in this time of sacred prayer and quiet reflection in the presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

St. Mary Magdalen Parish Celebrated Black Catholic Month
 Our 12 Honorees were featured on our church walls and on the Henry Street fence.
 (Go to marymagdalen.org/bcm or click on any Honoree below to read a biography.)



Venerable Pierre Toussaint
 1766 - 1853



Venerable Mary Lange
 1789 - 1882



Venerable Henriette Delille
 1813 - 1862



Servant of God Julia Greeley
 (1833/1848 - 1918)



Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton
 (1854 - 1897)



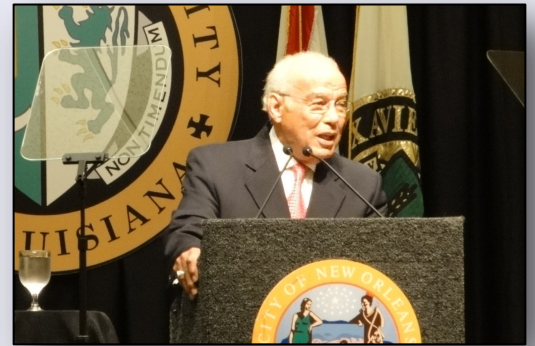
Fr. Charles Uncles, SSJ
 (1859 - 1933)



A.P. Tureaud
 (1899 - 1972)



Eunice Jackson
 (1926 - 2021)



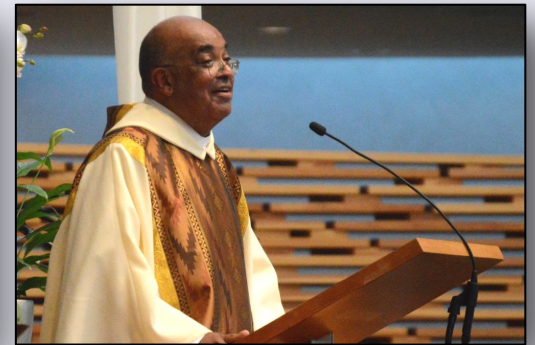
Norman Francis
 (1931 - present)



Maud Green
 (1935 - 2021)



Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman
 (1937 - 1990)



Rev. Fr. Jay Matthews
 (1948 - 2019)

Honorees chosen and biographies composed by members of the St. Mary Magdalen Parish Racial Equity Committee and Madeleine Vice Principal Heather Skinner.

St. Nicholas of Myra

Greetings from the Caribbean island of Dominica aboard the *Queen Mary 2*! It seems odd to be in balmy, tropical weather while California is experiencing late autumn. I'm enjoying my voyage as ship's chaplain, but I'm looking forward to being back with you next weekend, ready for the Christmas season.



This Wednesday, December 6th, is the feast of Saint Nicholas — my feast day. Most of us know that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra in modern-day Turkey. We may also know that he is the patron saint of children. We might not be aware that St. Nicholas is also the patron saint of sailors, merchants, pawn brokers, archers, brewers, pharmacists, students, unmarried people, prisoners and repentant thieves.

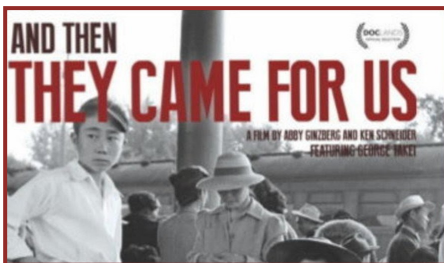
Some of these patronages are from the tradition that Nicholas secretly cared for children and placed coins in their shoes. The three gold balls seen over the doors of pawn shops symbolize the treasure he pawned to buy three young girls out of slavery.

St. Nicholas died in Myra on December 6, 343. When Emperor Romanus IV temporarily lost control of the Byzantine Empire in 1071, Italian sailors (over the objections of Orthodox Christian monks) removed his bones from Turkey to their home port of Bari in southern Italy, in order to protect them from the Moslem invaders. Nicholas' bones remain in Bari to this day, and from this incident he became the patron saint of sailors.

Saint Nicholas' connection with Christmas is a little more obscure. In the Middle East and Europe, gift-giving to children takes place on Nicholas' feast day. Apparently, his association with Christmas came from the Netherlands. Sailors and former sailors would go to coastal towns to celebrate the feast on December 6th. As they returned home, they purchased hard-to-come-by goods and trinkets for their children. The little gifts would be given to children as soon as the men got back, but bigger gifts would wait until Christmas day.

In the late 1950s, officials were allowed to examine St. Nicholas' bones. Researchers from the University of Manchester determined in 2004 that Nicholas was about 5' 6" tall, and had a partially-healed broken nose.

Film, Food, and Discussion: *The Japanese-American Experience, Part II*



Join parishioners **Troy Kaji, MD,** and **Arlene Makita-Acuña,** who will discuss their experiences growing up as the children of

WWII internees in the context of the 40-minute, award-winning documentary, *And Then They Came for Us*.

Delicious Japanese food will be served before the screening. **This is a free event: bring your friends!**

6:30 to 8:30 pm - Saturday, December 9th - Parish Hall

Holiday Outreach Giving Tree



Our Giving Tree is again soliciting donations for *St. Mary's Center, the Mercy Center Brown Bag Program for Seniors, Elizabeth House, Catholic Charities, the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center and St. Vincent de Paul.* The Tree's « ornaments » request either cash, a check, or a Target gift certificate (which our charities have asked to be purchased *online*, due to scams).

Your generous monetary donations are very welcome! All donations can be dropped off at the Parish rectory or in the collection basket up to Sunday, December 10th. On that morning (12/10), we'll be in Norton Hall from **9:00 am to 11:00 am.**

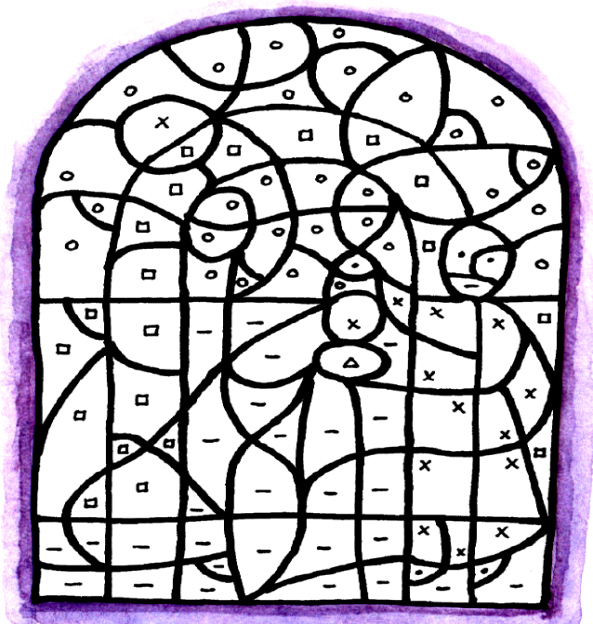
Fr. Nick's Inaugural Men-Only Event — *Exploring Catholic Masculinity*



On Friday, November 16th, 43 men gathered for discussion, prayer, and a convivial meal. Entitled *Benediction, Bourbon and Barbecue*, the tripartite event began with a talk by Deacon Jeff in Norton Hall, then Benediction led by Fr. Rigo, and finally dinner in the Rectory, prepared by Brian King. "The exchanges were profound," it was said; follow-up events are planned.



The Kids' Bulletin



thekidsbulletin.com

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to always be ready.
Here's someone waiting
for his master to return...

Use this code to colour the picture in:

- DARK BLUE ◻ GREY - BROWN
- SKIN COLOUR × WHITE ▲ RED

Fill in the Blanks

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be ready for His next coming.
Fill in the blanks with the words at the end and use the letters in squares to fill in the blanks at the end, in the order they come.

You do not _____ [] when
the time will come.

It is like a _____ [] _____ traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places
his _____ [] _____ in charge,
_____ [] _____ with his own work,
and orders the gatekeeper
to be on the _____ []

Watch, _____ [] _____;

_____ [] do not know
when the [] _____ of the house is coming.

Be _____ !

THEREFORE KNOW MAN
EACH WATCH
SERVANTS LORD YOU



ONE NAME TO REMEMBER
WHEN IT'S TIME TO
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