

# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish



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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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### 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass, and by appointment.

# Second Sunday of Advent, Year B ~ December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Weekly Collection Report for December 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2023			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/03/2023	\$8,068.00	\$8,980.00	-\$912.00
All Souls	30.00		30.00
Immac. Concept.	25.00		25.00
Year-to-Date	\$402,174.96	\$453,040.00	-\$50,865.04

*Thank you for supporting your parish.*



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## Scripture Readings for the Week

10<sup>th</sup> **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Peter 3:8-14 / Mark 1:1-8

11<sup>th</sup> *Advent Weekday [Saint Damasus I, Pope]*  
Isaiah 35:1-10 / Luke 5:17-26

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

13<sup>th</sup> *Memorial: St. Lucy, Martyr*  
Isaiah 40:25-31 / Matthew 11:28-30

14<sup>th</sup> *Memorial: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor*  
Isaiah 41:13-20 / Matthew 11:11-15


15<sup>th</sup> *Advent Weekday*  
Isaiah 48:17-19 / Matthew 11:16-1

16<sup>th</sup> *Advent Weekday*  
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Matthew 17:9, 10-13

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Rosemary Dodds RIP
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Ralph Castillo RIP
	11:30	Intentions of Regina Manocchio
Monday	5:30	Lareto Gonzalez RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Claire McWalters RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Florence Wahl
Thursday	8:30	Gary Colson RIP
Friday	5:30	Fr. William ("Bill") O'Donnell RIP
Saturday	8:30	Larry Hartman RIP

Parish Calendar through December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	
<b>December 8</b> Friday	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b> Masses at 8:30 am, & 5:30 pm
<b>December 8</b> Friday	<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction (Holy Hour)</b> 6:30 pm, Church ( <i>Every Friday in Advent</i> )
<b>December 9</b> Saturday	<b>Liturgy Committee Monthly Meeting</b> 11:30 am, Conference Room & Zoom
<b>December 9/10</b> Weekend	<b>Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Nick</b> 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
<b>December 9</b> Saturday	<b>FILM: The Japanese-American Experience</b> 6:30 pm, Parish Hall ( <i>Light dinner to be served</i> )
<b>December 10</b> Sunday	<b>CHRISTMAS CONCERT &amp; TREE LIGHTING!</b> 3:00 pm, Church. ( <i>See the notice on page 2.</i> )
<b>December 12</b> Tuesday	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> <i>Zoom link:</i> 2:00 - 3:00 pm, <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a>
<b>December 12</b> Tuesday	<b>RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)</b> 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall.
<b>December 13</b> Wednesday	<b>Meeting of SPRED Catechism</b> 6:30 pm, Norton Hall
<b>December 15</b> Friday	<b>Reflection on the Sunday Gospel</b> 9:15 am, Norton Hall
<b>December 15</b> Friday	<b>Peace &amp; Justice Committee-Monthly Meeting</b> 4:00 pm, Norton Hall
<b>December 15</b> Friday	<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction (Holy Hour)</b> 6:05 pm, Church ( <i>Every Friday in Advent</i> )
<b>December 16/17</b> Weekend	<b>Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Dana</b> 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
<b>December 17</b> Sunday	<b>OCDS (Lay Carmelite Monthly Gathering)</b> 1:00 pm-5:15 pm; Conference Room & Church
<b>December 18</b> Monday	<b>ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE</b> 7:30 pm, Church



### Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place in the Church shortly after the 5:30 pm Mass (on December 8<sup>th</sup>, approximately 6:30 pm)

## This Friday, 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.

# Centennial Gala

## It's Time to Buy Tickets to the Parish Centennial Gala!

The penultimate event of our Centennial Year will be a Gala fundraiser in our Parish Hall:  
*a catered dinner, live music, and dancing!*

**6:30 - 10:00 pm**  
**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

*Link to Tickets:*  
[tinyurl.com/SMM-Gala](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-Gala)

ST. MARY MAGDALEN AND SCHOOL OF THE MADELEINE

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND TREE LIGHTING

**12.10.23**

3PM AT ST. MARY MAGDALEN



FREE  
EVENT

COCOA,  
CAROLING, AND  
COOKIES

STARTS AT  
3:00 PM  
IN THE  
CHURCH

PERFORMANCES BY THE ADULT AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS,  
FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING,  
CAROLING WITH THE MAD BAND,  
AND FESTIVE SWEETS IN THE PARISH HALL!

COOKIE DONATIONS WELCOME!  
PLEASE DROP OFF COOKIES BY 2:45PM IN PARISH HALL



Please give to those who  
have given a lifetime.

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please donate at your local parish or by mail at:

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Washington DC 20017-1194

Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

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## Saint Vincent de Paul Delivers to the Needy

A couple of days before Thanksgiving, parishioner Troy Kaji delivered 20 frozen turkeys to Chaplain Rob (at left), who distributed them to the backstretch workers at Golden Gate Fields. Then other members of our parish SVdP Conference delivered turkeys to five of our local neighbors in need. Your donations made these gifts possible – Thank you!



## Notes from Fr. Nick

# *The Virgin of Guadalupe and the Latino Psyche*

Our Lady of Guadalupe embraces the Mexican psyche unlike anything known to us here in North America. The majority of Mexicans (and most Latin Americans in general) are more strongly attached to her than we are to George Washington or to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The peoples south of our border identify with the Virgin of Guadalupe in ways most of the rest of us do not understand.



I suppose much of her appeal stems from the fact that Mary appeared to Juan Diego, a humble indigenous peasant, instead of to a nobleman or a conquistador. She became a symbol of hope to millions of people with no status at all. The Virgin of Guadalupe is thus the Peoples' Saint.

Perhaps a parallel can be seen in Israel's exodus from bondage in Egypt led by the mysterious God, Yahweh. Israel's God was their advocate, but He also formed them into a people—He gave them an identity, and with that identity came confidence. These lowly people were no longer mere pawns of the powerful; they became capable of forming a common, dignified life.

For Christians, Mary was both created by Yahweh and the mother of His Son. At the same time, she is not some distant queen, but one who nurtures—mothers—us all. At the macro level, her advocacy encouraged Mexicans to resist the forces of empire and conquerors to help chart their own destiny. At the personal level, the Virgin of Guadalupe is an example and intercessor in people's daily lives.

Rulers and politicians have tried to coopt the strong symbolism of *la Guadalupana*, but they could never eradicate it. Thanks to the Virgin, the needs of the poor and lowly are always a part of Mexican politics. Her influence makes Mexican politicians, officials, and common people more inclusive in their decisions. Would that people of the United States have such a strong saint like the Virgin of Guadalupe influencing all aspects of our lives! Perhaps our market economy might become a little more humane. Perhaps we would become more united as a country.

As we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe this Tuesday, we should remember that she is the patroness of all South *and* North America. Indeed, she is our advocate as well, and our prayers to her might make us into a stronger, more caring, people.

## Holiday Outreach Giving Tree

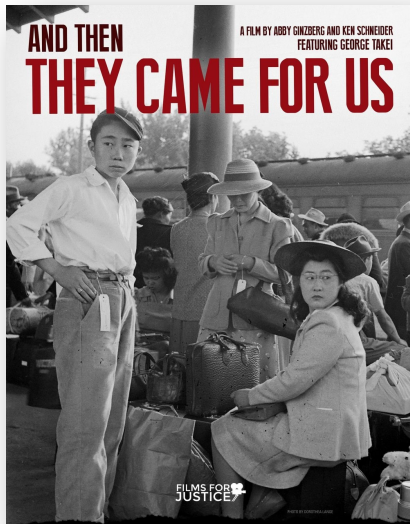
This is the final weekend for us to donate to *St. Mary's Center, the Mercy Center's Brown Bag Program for Seniors, Elizabeth House, Catholic Charities, the Women's Daytime Drop-In Center and St. Vincent de Paul*. The Giving Tree's ornaments request either cash/check or a Target gift certificate (which 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 today, Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, when we'll also be in Norton Hall from 9:00 am to 11:00 am to receive your donations.**



*Thank you very much in advance for your care for our neighbors in need living in Oakland and Berkeley!*

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

Watch the documentary, then join parishioners Troy Kaji, MD, and Arlene Makita-Acuña as they lead a discussion after the film. Their experience as growing up in California as children of WWII internees will illuminate our understanding of the 40-minute, award-winning documentary, *And Then They Came for Us*.



Delicious Japanese food will be served.  
Special Guest: Kazuko Iwahashi, Internee at Topaz  
This is a *free event*: bring your friends!

*6:30 to 8:30 pm*  
*Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*St. Mary Magdalen Parish Hall*  
*2005 Berryman Street, North Berkeley*  
*510.526.4811 x118*

Seventy-eight years ago, Executive Order 9066 paved the way to the profound violation of constitutional rights that resulted in the forced incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans. Featuring George Takei and many others who were incarcerated, as well as newly rediscovered photographs of Dorothea Lange, *And Then They Came for Us* brings history into the present, retelling this difficult story and following Japanese American activists as they speak out against the Muslim registry and travel ban. Knowing our history is the first step to ensuring we do not repeat it.



# The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10th, 2023

*I am the voice of*

*one crying out in*

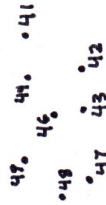
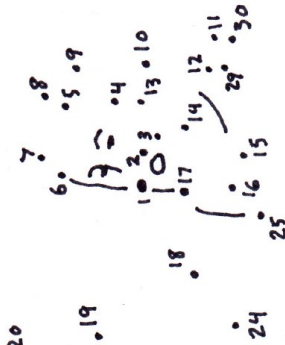
*the desert,*

*"Prepare the*

*way of the Lord,*

*make straight*

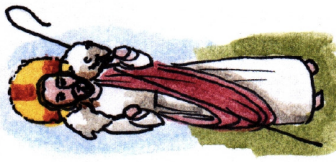
*his paths!*



*What did God send before Jesus to prepare the people for His coming?*

*Connect the dots to find out!*

# ISAIAH 40 WORD-FIND



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 A R T E S O E L M L O R D  
 M I D G H T H A P E R N J  
 S I D R P E C I L S W A L S E  
 S T I N G A H T L E Y A A I O S  
 R E S T G A R D I F E R N C A  
 N G O S H M J U D E A H I N E  
 T B E F O R E S Y O U N G  
 H G R U L E S Y O U N G

Find the words in CAPITALS in today's first reading in the puzzle.  
 Then use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks at the end!

Get you up to a HIGH MOUNTAIN, O ZION, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with STRENGTH, O JERUSALEM, herald of good TIDINGS, lift it up, fear NOT; SAY to the cities of JUDAH, "BEHOLD your God!" Behold, the LORD GOD comes with MIGHT, and his arm RULES for him; behold, his REWARD is with him, and his RECOMPENSE BEFORE him. He will FEED his FLOCK like a SHEPHERD, he will GATHER the LAMBS in his ARMS, he will CARRY them in his BOSOM, and GENTLY LEAD those that are with YOUNG.

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