

December 17th, 2023 | Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday in 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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*"Together we share our
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

*We live the Gospel,
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.

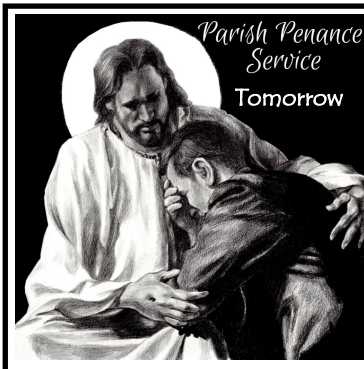
ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

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

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Gaudete Sunday, Year B ~ December 17th, 2023

Weekly Collection Report for December 3 rd , 2023			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/10/2023	\$11,757.47	\$8,980.00	\$2,777.47
Immaculate Conception	205.00		205.00
Year-to-Date	\$414,137.43	\$462,020.00	-\$47,882.57
<i>Outstanding collection this week!</i>			



Advent Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 18th
7:30 pm

Exchange your heavy load for the lighter burden of Christ!

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 17th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11/1 Thessalonians 5:16-24/
John 1:6-8, 19-28
- 18th Advent Weekday
Jeremiah 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
- 19th Advent Weekday
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25/Luke 1:5-25
- 20th Advent Weekday
Isaiah 7:10-14/Luke 1:26-38
- 21st Advent Weekday [St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor]
Song of Songs 2:8-14/Luke 1:39-45
- 22nd Advent Weekday
1 Samuel 1:24-28/Luke 1:46-56
- 23rd Advent Weekday [St. John of Kanty, Priest]
Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24/Luke 1:57-66

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Sheila Anne Kelly RIP
Sunday	8:00	Nicholas Espejo RIP
	9:30	David Earl Jacobs RIP
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	5:30	Robert ("Bob") Kelleher RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Paul Sporer
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Lee Guerrero
Thursday	8:30	Delmar Reynolds RIP
Friday	5:30	Intentions of Michael Wahl
Saturday	8:30	Holy Souls in Purgatory

Parish Calendar through Christmas 2023

December 15	Eucharistic Adoration (Holy Hour)
Friday	6:05 pm, Church
December 15	Peace & Justice Committee-Monthly Meeting
Friday	4:00 pm, Norton Hall
December 16/17	Preacher at Weekend Masses: Fr. Dana
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
December 18	ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Monday	7:30 pm, Church
December 19	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:
Tuesday	2:00 - 3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
December 19	RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)
Tuesday	7:00 - 9:00 pm, Parish Hall.
December 20	Meeting of SPRED Catechism
Wednesday	6:30 pm, Norton Hall
December 22	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel
Friday	9:15 am, Norton Hall
December 22	Adoration & Benediction (Holy Hour)
Friday	6:05 pm, Church (Fr. Carl Schlichte, OP)
December 23/24	Preacher at Weekend Masses: TBA
Weekend	5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
December 24	Christmas Eve Family Mass
Sunday	5:00 pm, Church. (No incense will be used.)
December 24	Christmas Eve Mass in the Night
Sunday	(9:30 pm Carols) 10:00 pm. Preacher: Fr. Nick
December 25	Christmas Day Masses
Monday	9:00 am & 11:00 am. Preacher: Fr. Nick

For those unable to make the Advent Reconciliation Service, please schedule individual confessions *before* December 22nd.

There will be no Evening Mass on Monday, December 25th.



Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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.

Last Saturday evening, nearly 100 people gathered in the Parish Hall to watch the documentary **And Then They Came for Us**, then listened to parishioners **Arlene Makita-Acuña** (below, right) and **Troy Kaji** (below, right) discuss their experiences growing up with parents who had been interned in WWII. Event sponsored by our Racial Equity Committee.



Last Sunday, Music Director Andy Canepa (above right) directed the combined Children's and 9:30 am Adult Choir in a Christmas Concert, after which all descended to the Parish Hall for a MAD band concert and tree-lighting ceremony.



Notes from Fr. Nick

Reconciliation

After the Second Vatican Council, the Church changed the name of the Sacrament of Penance to the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. The council leadership wanted to capture what happens in this sacrament in the fullest sense.

I think reconciliation is the better choice. The term *penance* evokes images of being on one's knees, head bowed, isolated. On the other hand, *reconciliation* conjures up an embrace. Clearly, reconciliation does involve the pain and embarrassment that embodies penance, but it also educes the relief, gratitude and intimacy that come with forgiveness. Reconciliation reestablishes the ideal relationship with God and the Church that preceded sin. It puts things right.

Whether we privately ask God's forgiveness, receive the sacrament individually, or participate in a reconciliation service, we are tending to the bond between God and ourselves in the way a married couple ideally work at their relationship in honesty and compassion.

Reconciliation brings gravity to our participation in the Eucharist. Receiving communion without regularly being honest with God through Reconciliation would be like that same married couple only celebrating the joys of their life together. If they don't acknowledge their travails, they won't appreciate their depth of their relationship.

The law of the Church says Catholics must participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year during Easter season (Lent through the Sunday after Pentecost). That is truly the *bare* minimum. Can you imagine addressing issues in a marriage (or another relationship) only once a year?

Our parish provides many opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Saturday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, a priest is available in the church for individual confession. Three times a year we offer a Reconciliation service during Advent and Lent, and in the summer as well. And you're always welcome to make an individual appointment with me.

Our Advent Reconciliation service will take place this Monday, December 18th. Take this opportunity to get right with God and the Church. It will bring depth to your celebration of Christmas and make our worship joyous.



Pope Francis shakes hands with a young faithful after confessing him during a Youth Jubilee. The pontiff made a surprise appearance in St. Peter's Square, where thousands were participating in Holy Year youth activities, with confession outdoors at the Vatican.



St. Mary Magdalen Church - January 20, 2024

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

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

6:30 - 10:00 pm

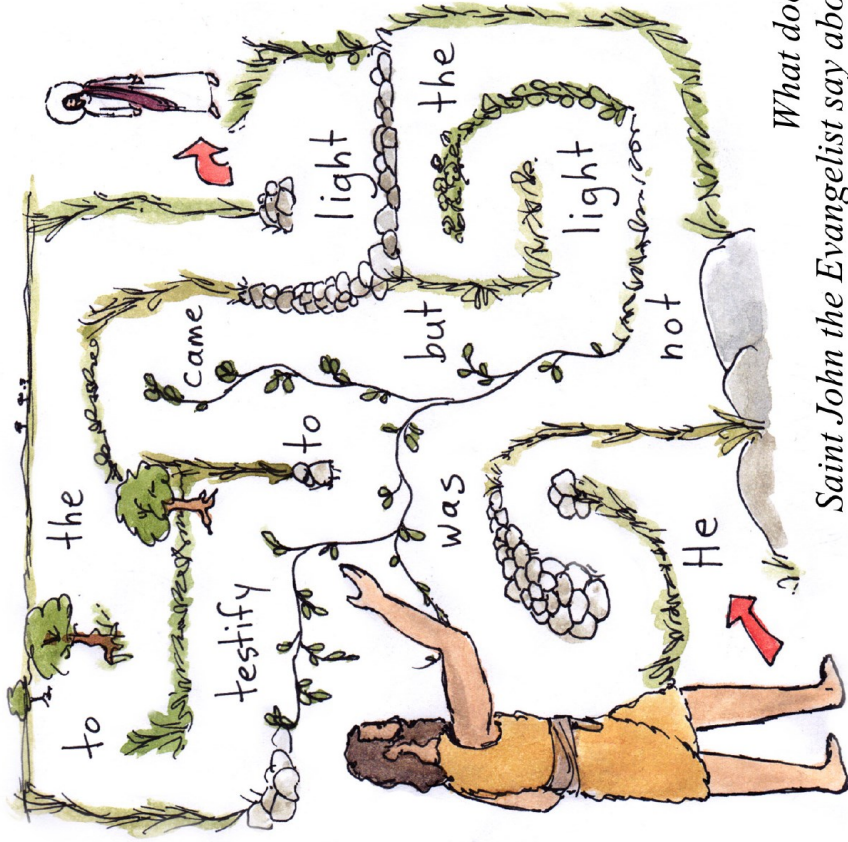
Saturday, January 20, 2024

Link to Tickets:

tinyurl.com/SMM-Gala

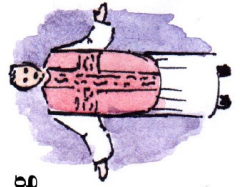
The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
December 17th, 2023



What does Saint John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel? Read the words you pass as you go through the maze.

Was the priest who offered Mass today wearing pink vestments? The colour pink, or rose, is a sign of joy. We use it for the third Sunday of Advent because we are happy that we're halfway to Christmas! If you have an Advent wreath, it's time to light the pink candle!



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The Messenger of Peace Word-find

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See if you can find the words in CAPITALS from today's first reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks in the reading.

The SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has ANOINTED me; he has SENT me to bring GLAD TIDINGS to the POOR, to heal

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