

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
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1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
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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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B ~ December 24th, 2023

Due to the early holiday publication deadline, the parish collection for December 17th will be reported next week.



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Scripture Readings for the Week

- 24th **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-16 / Rom. 16:25-27 / Luke 1:26-38
- 25th **SOLEMNITY: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
Isaiah 52:7-10 / Hebrews 1:1-6 / John 1:1-18
- 26th **FEAST: ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR**
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Matthew 10:17-22
- 27th **FEAST: ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**
1 John 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1-8
- 28th **FEAST: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS**
1 John 1:5—2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18
- 29th **Christmas Weekday [St. Thomas Becket, Martyr]**
1 John 2:3-11 / Luke 2:22-35
- 30th **Christmas Weekday**
1 John 2:12-17 / Luke 2:36-40

Mass Intentions



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| Saturday | 5:30 | Dr. John Forte RIP |
| Sunday | 8:00 | Robert ("Bob") Kelleher RIP |
| | 9:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| | 11:30 | Rosa Shikama RIP |
| Monday | 5:00 | For the Children of the Parish |
| | 10:00 | Maria Antonia Curtis RIP |
| | 11:00 | Intentions of the Camacho / Nieves Family |
| Tuesday | 8:30 | Catherine Andres RIP |
| Wednesday | 5:30 | Robert ("Bob") Kelleher RIP |
| Thursday | 8:30 | Emilio Onglatco, Jr. RIP |
| Friday | 5:30 | Intentions of Lee Ramirez Guerrero |
| Saturday | 8:30 | Rex Richard Vaubel RIP |

Parish Calendar through December 31, 2023

- December 22 Adoration & Benediction (Holy Hour)**
Friday 6:05 pm, Church (Fr. Carl Schlichte, OP)
- December 23/24 Preachers at Weekend Masses: Celebrants**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
- December 24 Christmas Eve Family Mass**
Sunday 4:45 pm, Carols; 5:00 pm, Mass.
- December 24 Christmas Eve Mass in the Night**
Sunday (9:30 pm Concert) 10:00 pm. Preacher: Fr. Nick
- December 25 Christmas Day Masses**
Monday 9:00 & 11:00 am. Preachers: Celebrants
- December 26 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link:**
Tuesday 2:00 - 3:00 pm, tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup
- December 26 NO Meeting of RCIA**
Tuesday
- December 27 NO Meeting of SPRED Catechism**
Wednesday
- December 29 Reflection on the Sunday Gospel**
Friday 9:15 am, Norton Hall
- December 30/31 Preacher at Weekend Masses: TBA**
Weekend 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday

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

Opportunity for Spiritual Growth as You Help your Parish Celebrate our Liturgies

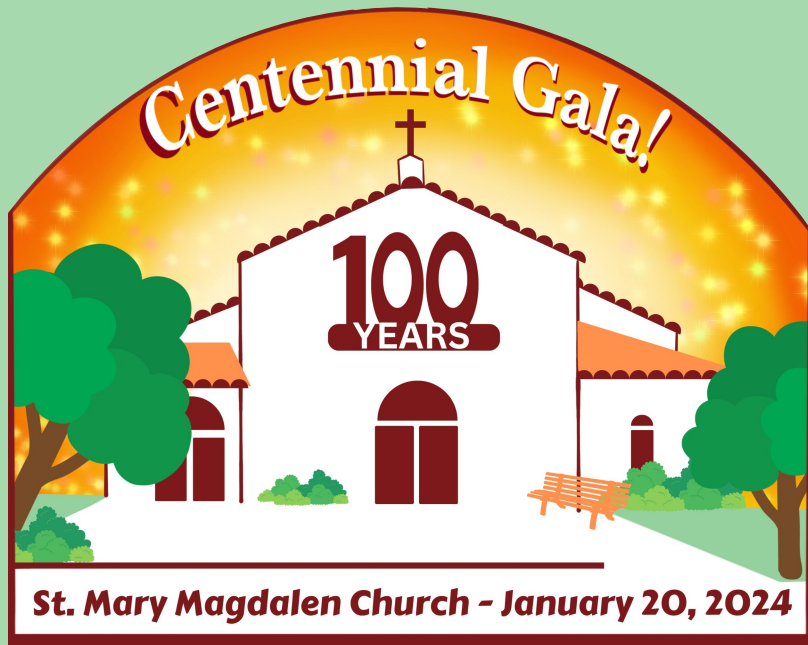
We need additional people to assist during Mass!
Do you feel called to serve at Mass, perhaps as an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** (Eucharistic Minister)?

We will schedule training periods early next year for both **Eucharistic Ministers** and Altar Servers ... including **Adult Altar Servers!**

Serving during the Mass will not only enrich your experience of it, but you will feel joy in providing an essential service to your Pastor and your parish. Please consider making this commitment.

We also need more parishioners to serve as **Ushers** and **Greeters**. No special sessions will be necessary for you to learn how to perform these roles, crucial for the Mass and our parish community.

For more information, please talk to Fr. Nick after Mass, or contact Norah at 510-526-4811 x 111 or NHippolyte@marymagdalen.org.



St. Mary Magdalen Centennial Gala

5:30 pm – Celebratory Mass

7:00 pm – Buffet Dinner in Parish Hall

Catering provided by Agrodolce
Jazz Entertainment by Janine de Souza

TICKETS - \$150 EACH

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Notes from Fr. Nick

Christmas Greetings

Greetings, friends and neighbors:

*For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.*

- Isaiah 62:1-4

Isaiah's words, which begin the Proclamation of the Scriptures at the Christmas Vigil liturgy, almost fluoresce with brilliance. The writer, referred to by scholars as *Trito-Isaiah*, cannot contain his excitement at the coming of the Messiah. Therefore, it may surprise you to learn that he wrote these words as Israel approached one of its darkest hours. Revolts occurred from within, and foreign powers encroached on God's chosen people from all sides.

What could be a cause of joy when Israel was in the midst of such peril? The prophet was able to see the larger picture. He knew that, even when things looked like they could not get worse; the love of God was still present. God's love would ultimately triumph over human greed and lust for power.

During the season of the Incarnation, the memorial of God becoming a human being, it is good to look above the things that appear to overwhelm us. The birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus reminds us that nothing can overcome God's care for us. This sure knowledge transforms how we see our world, so that, like Trito-Isaiah, we understand its true beauty. We can relish the life God has given us.

On behalf of Deacon Jeff and the staff, Merry Christmas to all, and may God's blessings be on you during 2024.



Master of Vyšší Brod, a Bohemian master, c. 1350.
Convent of St. Agnes, the National Gallery of Prague.



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

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An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him
 what God wanted him to do. What did the angel say?
 Look in a mirror to find out!

Isaiah 7 Cross-Word

Find the words that fit into the spaces in today's first reading,
 and then fit them into the puzzle. A=Across and D=Down.

HOUSE
 VIRGIN
 HIGH
 SHEOL
 CHILD
 THE
 DAVID
 HEAVEN
 NAME
 DEEP
 IMMANUEL
 GOD
 MAN

8A LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the
 LORD your 11D; let it be 7A as
 2A or 9D as 5D." But
 Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the
 LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O
 3D of 7D! Is it too little for you
 to weary 4D, that you weary my God
 also? Therefore the Lord himself will
 give you this sign: the 10A
 shall be with 12A, and bear a
 son, and shall 1D him
 6A.



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