

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 | Feast of the Holy Family, Year B

# 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)

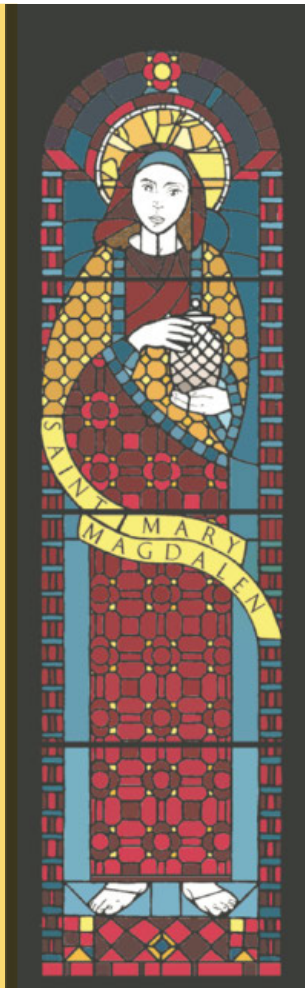
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1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
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Faith in Jesus Christ.*

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

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## *St. Mary Magdalen Centennial Gala*

*5:30 pm – Celebratory Mass*

*7:00 pm – Buffet Dinner in Parish Hall*

Catering provided by Agrodolce  
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**TICKETS - \$150 EACH**

Please use the link or QR code below to purchase your ticket.



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# The Kids' Bulletin

December 31st, 2023: Feast of the Holy Family  
January 1st, 2024: Feast of Mary the Mother of God



Mary,

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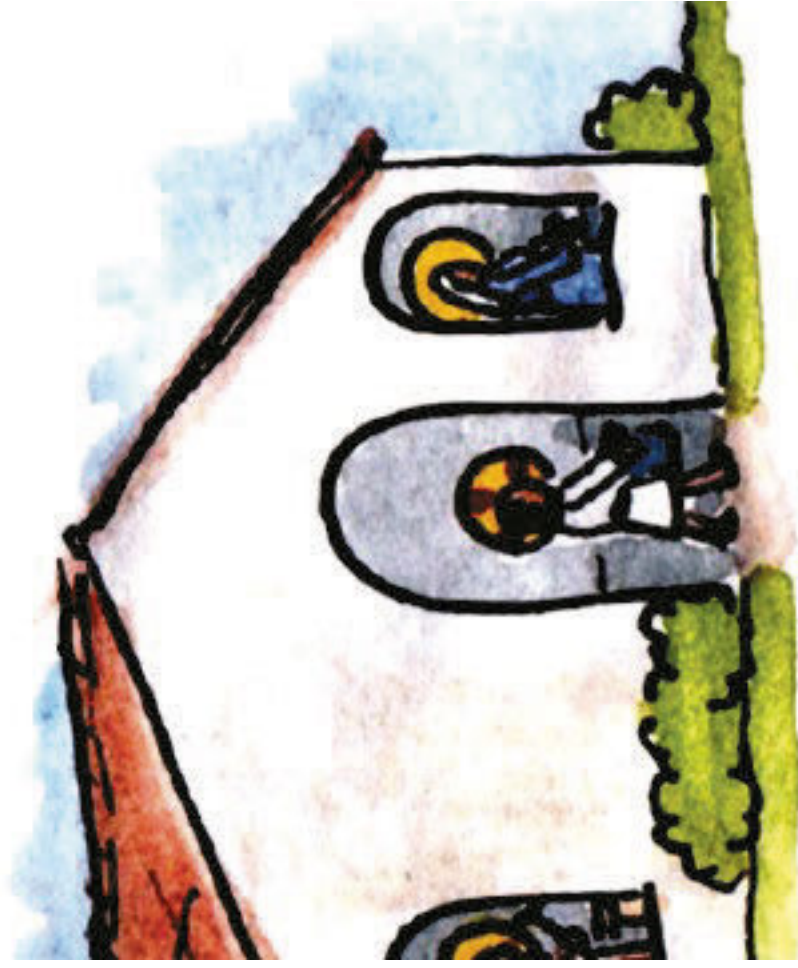
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Under what title do we honour Our Lady on January 1st?

Use the code to find out!

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## Notes from Fr. Nick

# Happy New Year!

Welcome to the brave new world of twenty-twenty-four! Life is slowly returning to normal after the pandemic, we have a fairly early Easter (March 31<sup>st</sup>) and a presidential election this year. Whether or not we're looking forward to these events, they'll come whether we like it or not. How can we be spiritually ready?

Nothing can completely prepare us for what is to come, and life would be rather boring if we could. Nevertheless, there are some obvious ways we can be prayerfully ready for what this new year presents:

Maintain contact with your community. If you come to church and remain mentally and spiritually in your own space, you'll be missing the primary way God communicates with us. *The Church is worthy of its name when we worship together.* Beyond this, knowing other people and relying on them will help us confront the challenges life presents and enhance our appreciation of its joys.

Embrace surprises. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a groom who invited guests to a wedding but nobody would come. Rather than cancelling his plans, he went out into the bad part of town and invited everybody. The poor and rejected had no plans anyway, and so they celebrated with him. How often do we refuse an invitation only because it would shake us out of our routine? Sometimes there is a legitimate reason, but *many times we miss wonderful opportunities because we're too lethargic to seize the moment.*

Have a sense of humor. As far as we know, human beings are the only species that truly laughs. Beyond allowing us to cope with uncomfortable or even impossible situations, *humor helps us to see the irony in life and deal with it creatively.* Too often we believe that Church should be "serious" and neglect to be amused at ourselves caught in the act of being human. I suspect God laughs a lot more than we do.

May God's blessings be on you and all your endeavors in the coming year.

# 2024



## Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer

The Parched Land Will Rejoice and Blossom. (Isaiah 35: 1-2)



Date: February 14, 2024  
Time: 9:30 am—2:00 pm  
Location: Mission San José  
Dominican Motherhouse  
Wellness Room  
Cost: \$40 (includes lunch)  
RSVP by February 12, 2024

Join us for a quiet day of prayer as we enter into the season of Lent. The day includes contemplative prayer, Eucharist with distribution of ashes, a simple, silent lunch, and personal time to reflect, journal and share. Walk the Holy Ground of our Motherhouse, including the meditation garden, labyrinth, olive groves and chapel.

Sister Jane Garrison is a Mission San Jose Dominican and retired certified Chaplain of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. Sister Jane has served as chaplain in several hospitals in the Bay Area and retired from being a hospice chaplain in Santa Clara County. She has given multiple presentations on various spiritual and medical topics in the community at large, and recently facilitated grief workshops for two parishes in the San Jose Diocese. Prior to her ministry in the medical field, Sister Jane was an elementary/secondary teacher in the schools staffed by the Dominican Sisters.



[tinyurl.com/CES-AshWednesday](https://tinyurl.com/CES-AshWednesday)

[www.msjdominicans.org](http://www.msjdominicans.org)

43326 Mission Circle, (Entrance Off Mission Tierra), Fremont, CA 94539

For more information, contact (510) 933-3546

# Feast of the Holy Family, Year B ~ December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Weekly Collection Report for December 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/17/2023	\$5,870.80	\$8,980.00	\$3,109.20
Year-to-Date	\$420,008.23	\$471,000.00	\$-50,991.77

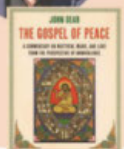
*Thank you for your support of the parish.*

Due to the early holiday publication deadline, the remainder of the December collections will be reported next week.

Parish Calendar through January 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	
December 29 Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel 9:15 am, Norton Hall
December 30/31 Weekend	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Sacrament of Anointing at Mass 5:30 pm Saturday; 8:00/9:30/11:30 am Sunday
January 1 Monday	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 10:00 am. (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)
January 2 Tuesday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Zoom link: 2:00 - 3:00 pm, <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup">tinyurl.com/SMM-GospelGroup</a>
January 2 Tuesday	Racial Equity Committee Monthly Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Contact parish for Zoom link.
January 3 Wednesday	NO Meeting of SPRED Catechism SPRED will resume on January 10 <sup>th</sup> .
January 5 Friday	Reflection on the Sunday Gospel 9:15 am, Norton Hall
January 5 Friday	Eucharistic Adoration [Approx 6:00 pm]
January 5 Friday	CANCELLED Barefoot Chamber Concert with Andy Canepa 6:30 pm, Parish Hall.

Together with Newman Nonviolent Peacemakers  
Pax Christi Northern California Presents:

**Fr. John Dear** speaking on his new book  
**The GOSPEL OF PEACE** & the  
2023 Tom Webb Memorial Peacemaker of the Year Awardee  
*Therese Mughannam Walrath*  
Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 9:30 am - Noon  
(Registration and book sales & signings start at 8:30 am)



The Gospel of Peace is the first ever commentary on the synoptic gospels from the perspective of active nonviolence. John Dear has been working for justice and disarmament and teaching peace and nonviolence for over four decades. The author of forty books, he has served as the director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the largest interfaith peace group in the nation; He has traveled in war zones and spoken to audiences around the world.

He is executive director of [www.beatitudescenter.org](http://www.beatitudescenter.org) where he offers online programs on peace and justice. He was nominated many times for the Nobel Peace Prize, including by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Therese Mughannam Walrath is an award-winning peace activist, born in Jerusalem. She works tirelessly for peace and justice everywhere, including her native people of Palestine. She speaks out not only for Palestinians but also for Indigenous peoples and others who face oppression.

Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Church  
2700 Dwight Way, Berkeley, CA (at College Avenue). Handicap accessible building.

**Parking** Hourly parking at Underhill Parking Garage at 2550 Channing Way (Haste and Channing). Some street parking. Handicap parking available across from Newman.

**Free Event; suggested donation of \$20-\$25** Payment can be made by check, cash, or credit at the event, or donate via paypal or credit card online at [paxchristinorcal.org](http://paxchristinorcal.org).

**Email** [info@paxchristinorcal.org](mailto:info@paxchristinorcal.org) for RSVP and questions, or phone Dennis at 510-303-9767.

Come downstairs  
to Norton Hall  
for  
**COFFEE HOUR**  
and fellowship  
following the  
8:00 & 9:30 am  
Masses!



Mass Intentions 	
Saturday	5:30 For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00 Kieran Fitzpatrick RIP
	9:30 Intentions of Isapela Salt
	11:30 Robert ('Bob') and Louise ('Lolly') Kelleher RIP
Monday	10:00 Ben and Marjorie Mathias RIP
Tuesday	8:30 Fr. William ('Bill') O'Donnell RIP
Wednesday	5:30 Robert ('Bob') Kelleher RIP
Thursday	8:30 Wallis and Maria Curtis RIP and intentions of the Curtis Family
Friday	5:30 Kris Holland RIP
Saturday	8:30 Intentions of Vivian and Mario Zelaya

Scripture Readings for the Week	
31 <sup>st</sup>	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 / Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19 / Luke 2:22-40
1 <sup>st</sup>	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Memorial: Sts. Basil & Gregory, Bishops & Doctors 1 John 2:22-28 / John 1:19-28
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Jesus] 1 John 2:29-3:6 / John 1:29-34
4 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 John 3:7-10 / John 1:35-42
5 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial: St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 John 3:11-21 / John 1:43-51
6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Weekday [St. André Bessette, Religious] 1 John 5:5-13 / Mark 1:7-11

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