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The First Sunday
of Advent
November 29, 2026

Happy New (Liturgical) Year!

Advent Begins This Sunday

Advent is a time of waiting, expectation, and hope. The waiting is two-fold: for the end times when Jesus returns in glory and the new beginnings of Christmas. Please take time to prepare your hearts and homes for these important events. Spend time in prayer, with family and friends, and with God. Our Advent Reconciliation (Penance) Service is Thursday, December 17 at 6:00PM.

Advent Reflection Books

The Word Among Us has generously sent about fifty Advent Reflection Booklets. You are welcome to take one.

Two End-of-Life Services

The Funeral Mass for Christopher Markle is on Saturday, December 12, at 10:30AM. The Memorial Mass for Florise Tiedemann, the mother of Lisa Ungerer, is Saturday, December 19, at 10:00AM. Please keep the bereaved in your prayers.

We have been informed the William 'Bill' McGregor was found dead in his home following a well-person check. May the perpetual light shine upon him.

An Ecumenical Advent Retreat

St. Mary Magdalen parishioners are invited to an Advent retreat hosted by Church Without Walls Berkeley. The retreat will be on Saturday, December 5, for 9:00AM to 1:00PM in Norton Hall. There will be a gentle introduction into silence along with other resources. You may register by using this link: https://cwow.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/4041206

Fifth Sunday

There are a couple of things we do on Fifth Sundays. We take up a special collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. And at the end of the Mass, those in need of the anointing of the sick are invited to come forward to be anointed.

Changes to Electronic Giving at St. Mary Magdalen

If you give via electronic donations on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis, then you have received an email from Pushpay. If you have not seen an email, then check your spam or trash mail. We are aiming for a transition date of December 8. If you have not switched yet, please do so today. The new donation page is www.pushpay.com/g/marymagdalen. To reach the old site to delete your previous donation go to https://bit.ly/SMMC-Offering

Celebrations During Advent

Each Friday during the Advent Season we have an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament following the 5:30PM Mass. On Saturday, December 12, the Annual Concert with the 9:30AM Mass Choir and Children's Choir begins at 12:30PM. This Concert is in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

See the Website, Bulletin, and Bulletin Board in the Church for more information