Church of St. Mary Magdalene

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# **DECEMBER 17, 2023**



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites [to him] to ask him, "Who are you?" he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Messiah." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said:

# "I am 'the voice of one crying out in the desert, "Make straight the way of the Lord,""

as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing. (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

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<u>Mass Schedule</u>
Tuesday - Saturday mornings 7:45am

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9am, 11am, 6pm

Holy Day 7:45am, 6pm

• <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> • Saturday 4:00pm - 5:00pm or by appointment

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### St. Mary Magdalene Mission Statement

We, the Eucharistic Community of St. Mary Magdalene, are called to conversion in Jesus Christ.

Our community life and worship are based on the Bible, the Sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Living the love of Christ impacts our moral, intellectual, and

religious life, and makes us a caring community that brings hope to our families, neighborhood, and society.

- PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday:8:00am - 4:30pm (closed from 12:00pm-1:00pm)
- TO BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER Stop by the Parish Office during regular business.
- FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING Arrangements for a funeral liturgy may be made in advance. Contact the Parish Office.
- MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS To become involved in a parish ministry, call the ministry contact • SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM found on page seven of this bulletin.
- EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOLY HOUR
- the Church.
- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Classes are held on Sunday mornings at 10:15am. Contact Director of Religious the Education for more information.

- SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Call the Parish Office at least nine months in advance.
- SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday, from 4:00pm-5:00pm in the church or call the Parish Office for an appointment.
- SACRAMENT OF THE SICK In event of serious illness or medical emergency, anointing of the sick and Eucharist may be arranged by contacting the Parish Office.
- Baptismal preparation classes are required of all parents and godparents. Call the Parish Office for an appointment.
- First Fridays 4:00pm-5:00pm in RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Those who are interested in becoming Catholic, or those baptized Catholics, who wish to become fully initiated in the Church, should call the Parish Office

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the Shepherds Candle, and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

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Saturday, December 16 7:45 AM - Joe Grueczny + 5:30 PM - Paula Murphy + Sunday, December 17 9:00 AM - Cletus Castelino \$ 11:00 AM - Msgr. John A. Dickie 🕈 6:00 PM - Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene **Tuesday, December 19** 7:45 AM - Catalina Branch Wednesday, December 20 7:45 AM - David and Catherine McAlindin + Thursday, December 21 7:45 AM - Msgr. John A. Dickie 🕈 Friday, December 22 7:45 AM - Sally and Norm Udovich \$ Saturday, December 23 7:45 AM - Marv Pat Bailev + 5:30 PM - Beatriz Pesquiera + Sunday, December 24 (4th Sunday of Advent) 9:00 AM - Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene 11:00 AM - Hemming Family 6:00 PM - No 6:00pm Sunday Mass Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Vigil) 5:00 PM - Conrad Otsuka \* and Constance Otsuka 10:00 PM - Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene

#### Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

10:00 AM - Michael and Agnes Flavin +



Entrance: BB 315 O Love Of God

Mass Setting: Sheet / BB 840 Maranatha Mass / Our Father Chant

**Responsorial Psalm:** BB page 40 My soul rejoices in my God.

Presentation of the Gifts: BB 58 Emmanuel

**Communion Hymn:** BB 702 / 624 Holy Is His Name / The Cry Of The Poor

Recessional Hymn: BB 728 The King Of Glory

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT A Scriptural Reflection

#### **Reflecting on God's Word**

Certain watchwords are associated with each season of the church year, almost becoming a motto. Advent's is "Wake up." It then leads to other words like "Watch," "Wait," and "Witness." But every Third Sunday of Advent, we anticipate the coming Christmas season, whose key word is "Rejoice." This Sunday was traditionally called *Gaudete* ("Rejoice") Sunday. Priests continue to wear rose-colored vestments today, signaling joy.

Joy is not only for Christmastime and the occasional Sunday. I remember as an altar boy, before Vatican II, Mass began with the "prayers at the foot of the altar." The priest would begin: "I will go up to the altar of God." The server responded: "To God who gives joy to my youth," or as some translations had it, "To God, my exceeding joy."

It was a reminder that God is the source of all joy and that joy is one of the great gifts of God, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul reminds us that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22–23). Now there is a good list for Christmas giving. Tell your loved ones your Christmas gift this year will be to pray throughout the coming year that the Spirit will bring them one of these gifts.

John's gift to the people who came out into the wilderness was to call them to prepare for the Lord, to give them a sense of heightened anticipation that the One coming to them would fill them with joy.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Our Daily Bread

- Mon: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
- Tue: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
- Wed: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
- Thu: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
- Fri: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8a-d/Lk 1:46-56
- Sat: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66
- Sun: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 (2a) Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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# Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

Today is Gaudete Sunday! Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "Rejoice!" The first two readings are filled with images of joy and comfort. They reassure us that God is near and always desires good things for us. Lasting joy comes not from status, possessions, and power, but from a life lived in the peace of God. As we get closer to Christmas, the pressure increases to buy more, spend more, eat more, do more. It requires great discipline to say "Enough!"

The holiday season is a time when, in the exchange of gifts, we demonstrate our love for those who have touched us in special ways in our lives. Therefore, it is fitting that this weekend has been designated for the national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This appeal helps to ensure appropriate care and handicapped accessible housing for more than 37,000 Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who are now past age 70. The crisis in unfunded retirement became evident in the early 1970s. Catholic schools, operated primarily by religious orders, were educating more than 10 percent of the student population in the United States. Catholic hospitals were becoming the largest group of not-for-profit hospitals in the nation. But the salaries and stipends to religious were earmarked primarily for good works, new ministries, and training and education that prepared religious for ministries. For generations, the care of elderly members had been carried out by those entering religious life. Today, however, elderly religious far outnumber wage-earning religious. Retired religious today receive on average one-third of the benefit paid to the average Social Security recipient. Most church and diocesan pension plans do not cover religious institutes, which are organized independently. Health care costs have skyrocketed and the number of elderly religious in assisted living or nursing facilities has risen dramatically. I invite you to be as generous as possible in giving back to those who have given their lives in service of the gospel.

Envelopes for your gift can be found in the entrance to the church.

Fr. Ed McNulty, Pastor



### **Annual Tax Statements**

In January, St. Mary Magdalene will automatically generate tax statements to parishioners who made contributions of \$250.00 or more during 2023. We are happy to generate a tax statement for anyone else who does not fall in this category and would like to receive one. Please call the parish office at (619) 276-1041 to request a letter.



#### A Simpler Christmas

Forget the "ideal" Christmas complete with snow, carols, angelically-behaved children, and the perfect presents, food, and decorations. Put the emphasis on Jesus.

If there is a Christmas chore or activity that you hate, either stop doing it or stop complaining. If you still do it and you still complain, don't expect sympathy!

If you dread writing and mailing Christmas cards, don't bother. If you want to greet people in a simpler way, use Internet sites such as catholicgreetings.org and send e-cards with a few clicks of your mouse.

If you are hosting a Christmas dinner for family and friends, don't do everything yourself. Tell the people living with you they can all pitch in—assign tasks if necessary—and ask guests to bring their favorite dish.

Don't spend what you don't have. Set a dollar limit and stick to it.

Consider a family gift exchange, or donate to a favorite charity in honor of friends and family. Place gifts under a parish or community giving tree. Give coupons representing your gifts of time and talent to those you love. Buy gifts that are faith-related from your parish bookstore.

Create your own traditions: make a Christmas nativity scene; light Christmas candles; go with the family to Midnight Mass; read the Christmas stories out loud (in Matthew 1 and 2 and Luke 1 and 2); help serve dinner in a shelter.

Don't expect too much from others. Don't expect them to be in a certain mood or to behave in certain ways, or to give you the right gifts.

Don't do anything to excess: gift-giving, partying, drinking, eating.

Don't fight with family, particularly over who does or does not go to church; don't bring up old grudges.

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#### **Year-End Contributions**

For parishioners who choose to make a year-end contribution to St. Mary Magdalene, please be sure to have your checks to the parish office no later than December 22nd to ensure credit for 2023.

You can also make your contribution through eGiving with *Faith Direct*. You can set up recurring gifts or make a one-time gift. Log on to <u>faithdirect.net</u> and use St. Mary Magdalene's church code **CA840**.

#### Living Stewardship Now

Find time to prepare your own heart for Christmas. Pray more, go to confession, read the scriptures, attend Mass.

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### **Religious Retirement Collection Thanks You**

Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we

would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious.

To learn more about how your gift helps, please visit retiredreligious.org.

# **Sing For Christmas Mass**





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Join the Choir, even if it is only for Christmas!

Date: Sunday, December 24, 2023 Time: 5:00pm Kid's Choir (4:30pm carols) 10:00pm Adult Choir (9:30pm carols)

Rehearsals

Date: Monday, December 25, 2023 Time: 10:00am (9:30am carols)



Date: Wednesday night, Dec. 20th Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm Place: In the Church

Come if you can. Practice files are available as well! For more information, contact **Tess Nelson** at music@stmarymagonline.org

# **Religious Education Nativity Play**

St. Mary Magdalene's Religious Education students will be performing a nativity play. Please support the children of the parish by joining us for this celebration of Christ's birth. All are welcome!

When: Sunday, December 17, 2023 Time: 12:00pm





# Please Be An Angel and Drop By!

Help is needed on Christmas Eve with decorating the church for Christmas. There is much to be done and many hands make for lighter work and shorter time involved. If you are able to help, please meet us in the

church from 12:00pm to 2:00pm on the afternoon of Sunday, December 24th.



# **Christmas Mass Schedule**

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (4th Sunday of Advent)



9:00am and 11:00am Mass (NO 6:00pm Mass) These Masses DO NOT satisfy the Obligation for Christmas Vigil or Christmas Day

# Christmas Eve (Vigil)

Christmas Carols at 4:30pm Mass of the Vigil at 5:00pm Choir of the Madeleine and Young Voices

> Christmas Carols at 9:30pm Midnight Mass at 10:00pm Choir of the Madeleine

Christmas Day Monday, December 25, 2023

Mass at 10:00am Choir of the Madeleine

There will be **no other Mass** on Christmas Day

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30, 2023 Mass at 5:30 pm

Sunday, December 31, 2023 Masses at 9:00am, 11:00am and 6:00pm

# New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2024 Mass at 9:00am There will be **no other Mass** on New Year's Day

#### **Parish Office Closed**

In observance of Christmas, the **Parish Office will be** closed from Saturday, December 23, 2023 through Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

May the joy and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ fill your heart and your homes during this Christmas and throughout the New Year.



# Living God's Word

Dear God, source and giver of joy, open my heart to receive your joy. As the Advent season continues, help me to live in a spirit of anticipation and watchfulness for how Christ continues to come into the world, a spirit of joy rooted in the awareness that you are faithful to your children. Amen

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# Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Schedule: December 24, 2023 (4th Sunday of Advent)

#### Saturday, 5:30pm

Ministers of the Word: Ray Hrenko

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Jo-Ellen Palreiro

#### Sunday, 9:00am

Minister of the Word: Diane Lehman Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Jerry Chouinard

#### Sunday, 11:00am

<u>Minister of the Word:</u> Anne Williams <u>Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist</u>: Winter Moritz

#### Sunday, 6:00pm - No Mass



Schedule: December 24, 2023 (Christmas Vigil)

#### Sunday, 5:00pm

<u>Minister of the Word:</u> Bevin Melody

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Patti White Mary Ekstrom Mary Ellen Dellefield

#### <u>Sunday, 10:00pm</u>

Minister of the Word: Anthony Podegracz

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Kathy Malchiodi Donna Lowenstein Randy Lowenstein

#### Monday, 10:00am (Christmas Day)

Minister of the Word: Dianne Slavey

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Stephanie Garcia Markcos Garcia

### **Prayer for the Deployed Military**

As a faith community let's pray for all those who serve our country during these troubled times.

We pray especially for those of our parish who are deployed or will soon be deployed. We also thank God for those who have returned safely.

#### Let us pray:

Almighty God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they always experience your presence, love and comfort.

#### Youth Ministry

<u>Middle School Youth Group</u> (grades 6-8) 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Dec. 18 - Youth Group

High School Confirmation - Sacrament prep (grades 9-12)

See our website for the full calendar.

<u>High School Youth Ministry</u> "Youth Center Drop-In" (grades 9 -12) The 2nd and 4th Mondays from 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Dec. 25 - Closed for Christmas

For more information contact: **Kia Scott** Director of Youth Ministry (619) 276-6814 youthministry@stmarymagonline.org



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### \* Community Announcements \*

# 12th Annual San Diego Walk for Life *"Witness for Life"*



Date: Sat., Jan. 13, 2024

Time: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Place: Waterfront Park, Downtown, San Diego

Join Cardinal McElroy and thousands of people to stand up for the lives of the unborn and their mothers. Bring your loved ones with life-affirming signs and enjoy inspirational speakers, live music, exhibitors, and free drawings. Pre-order your t-shirt and register for the video contest today. For more information and flyers go to <u>www.sandiegowalkforlife.org</u>.

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