

Church of St. Mary Magdalene

SUNDAY DECEMBER 25, 2011

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*"Glory to God in
high heaven, peace on
earth to those on
whom his favor rests."*

— Luke 2:14

Rev. Stephen P. McCall
Pastor
Rev. Msgr. John A. Dickie
Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Anthony C. May
In residence
Rev. Michael T. White, C.S.Sp.
Weekend supply
Deacon Ralph Skiano

Church of St. Mary Magdalene
1945 Illion Street
San Diego, California 92110
Tel (619) 276-1041
Fax (619) 276-0144
www.stmarymagonline.org



• **Mass Schedule** •

Monday - Saturday mornings 7:45 a.m.
Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m., Sunday 7, 9, 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Holy Day Vigil 5:30 p.m., Holy Day 7:45 a.m., 7 p.m.

• **Sacrament of Reconciliation** •

Saturday 4 - 5 p.m.
or by appointment

PARISH STAFF**Pastor**

Rev. Stephen P. McCall
(619) 276-1041 ext. 220
frsteve@stmaryagonline.org

Rev. Msgr. John A. Dickie
Pastor Emeritus
(619) 276-1041 ext. 218

Rev. Michael T. White, C.S.Sp.,
Weekend supply

Rev. Anthony C. May
In residence
(619) 276-1041 ext. 216

Deacon Ralph Skiano
(858) 776-7151
deaconralph@aol.com

School of the Madeleine Principal

Donna Wittouck
(619) 276-6545

Business Manager

Jeanne McAlindin
(619) 276-1041 ext. 222
jeanne@stmaryagonline.org

Office Assistant

Margaret Wood
(619) 276-1041 ext. 222
margaret@stmaryagonline.org

Secretary

Diane Alesi
(619) 276-1041 ext. 201
diane@stmaryagonline.org

Director of Liturgy & Music

Mary Kay Evanko
(619) 276-1041 ext. 221
marykay@stmaryagonline.org

Director of Religious Education

Kristine Bacich
(619) 276-1248
reledstmarymag@sbcglobal.net

Director of Youth Ministry

Jenny LaRaia
(619) 276-6814
youthministry74@sbcglobal.net

Pastoral Counselor

Rita McCreary
(619) 276-6805
pastcoun@sbcglobal.net

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 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
(closed from 12 noon-1:00 p.m.)
- **TO BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER**
Stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours or visit www.stmaryagonline.org
- **FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING**
Arrangements for a funeral liturgy may be made in advance. Contact the director of Liturgy, Mary Kay Evanko.
- **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.
- **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**
Baptismal preparation classes are required of all parents and godparents. Call the Parish Office for an appointment.
- **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**
Call the Parish Office at least nine months in advance.
- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**
Saturday, from 4-5 p.m. 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.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
Classes are held on Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. Contact the Director of Religious Education, Kristine Bacich for more information.
- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**
Every Friday from 1-7:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.
- **MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS**
To become involved in a parish ministry, please call the ministry contact found on page seven of this bulletin.



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

Mass Intentions**Saturday, December 24**

7:45 AM - Ismael Robledo
 5:30 PM - Priests' Intentions
 10:00 PM - Priests' Intentions

Sunday, December 25

7:00 AM - Richard Winter✠
 9:00 AM - Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene
 11:00 AM - Matt Siesel✠
 No Evening Mass

Monday, December 26

7:45 AM - Bob Wise✠

Tuesday, December 27

7:45 AM - Ralph Castiglione✠

Wednesday, December 28

7:45 AM - Francisco DaSilva✠

Thursday, December 29

7:45 AM - Francisco DaSilva✠

Friday, December 30

7:45 AM - Don Doering✠

Saturday, December 31

7:45 AM - Mark LeClaire✠
 5:30 PM - Dodo Powers✠

Sunday, January 1

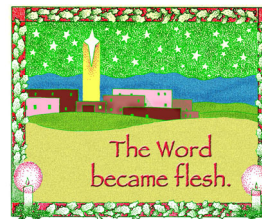
7:00 AM - Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene
 9:00 AM - Pete Bandayrel✠
 11:00 AM - Mary Hempsey✠
 No Evening Mass

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
 Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;
 Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12,
 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
 Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7;
 Lk 2:16-21

Our Liturgical Music

Processional Hymn: 499 – O Come, All Ye Faithful
 Gloria: A Christmas Gloria by Paul Gibson
 Responsorial Psalm: To be announced at Mass
 Hymn of Presentation: 502 – Hark the Herald Angels
 Sing
 Eucharistic Acclamation: Mass for a New World
 Communion Hymn: 537 – The First Nowell
 Recessional Hymn: 524 - Joy to the World

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**The Shepherds of Christmas**

In two of the Gospel readings for Christmas Day, the shepherds figure prominently. Why? Nothing is said to indicate they were outstandingly good men or that they were leaders in the Bethlehem community.

Thomas Aquinas wondered whether it was fitting that these shepherds got the announcement of Jesus' birth first. He concluded that it was because the shepherds represented the Jewish people and the magi the Gentile world. But still, why shepherds? Recently some have reasoned that shepherds were fitting recipients because they were so ecologically correct, close to nature and all that.

But could it have been for a much simpler reason? The shepherds were just there, in the right place and the right time. Who else would be awake at midnight? Who else would be out on the hillside beneath the arc of the mighty sky?

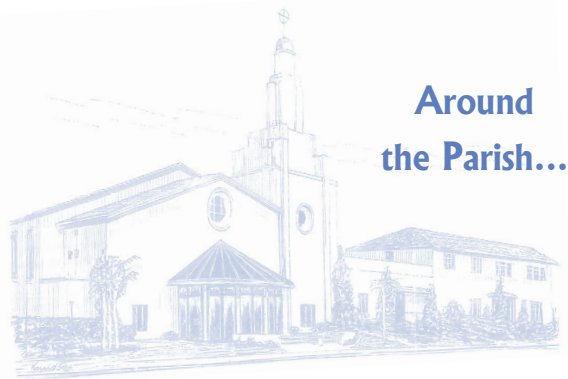
More relevant to us is their reaction to the news brought by the angelic host. The shepherds should inspire us to ask ourselves: what is my reaction to the news? Isaiah says the reaction should be "abundant joy and great rejoicing." Paul tells us that it gives us the opportunity to live "temperately, justly, and devoutly."

The angels' message invites us to rejoice because Christ is born again in our hearts. The angels sing—but their song only makes sense to those waiting, hoping, and believing. Why shepherds? Why not? They cluster around the crib to remind us that Christmas belongs to the simple people who hear, accept, and come to this amazing scene.

Our Message at Christmas

Because they were at the nativity scene, the shepherds have become an integral part of Christmas. They returned to their lonely hillside but they told what had happened. They glorified and praised God for what they had heard and seen.

Shouldn't that be our reaction to Christmas? God's word and grace come to us—to each of us in our own place. When we hear the news of Christmas, should we not come to see what has taken place? Like the shepherds, we are exhorted to get up and see, to make Christmas an integral part of our lives.



Around the Parish...

Important Reminders:

- ❖ **CCD Parents:** There will be no Religious Ed classes on December 25, or January 1, 2012. Classes resume on January 8, 2012. May God bless your family this Advent and Christmas season!
- ❖ In observance of Christmas, the parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26th until 1:00 p.m.
- ❖ The Diocese has informed us that they have a handful of stock donations that have been transacted, but they are unable to acknowledge the donor and remit the funds to the appropriate parish. If you have made a stock donation to the parish in the past year, please give us a call to see if it has been processed and credited to St. Mary Magdalene.



The Religious Give Thanks

Thanks to your continuing generosity, to date, our collection for the 2011 Religious Retirement Fund is \$4,480.00. A Benedictine nun writes: "We ask God to bless the faithful who made contributions in order to help us in our retirement." Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation. Let's continue to keep them in our prayers.

Save the Date!



Please join us for "**Ceremonies of Carols**", presented by the **La Jolla Renaissance** singers on Sunday, January 8th at 3:00 p.m. in the church. A selection of holiday carols from Great Britain, Spain, Catalonia and Mexico will be presented.

Lectors and Special Ministers of the Eucharist:

There are many unclaimed schedules for the next quarter. If you have not already done so, please be sure to pick yours up in the sacristy after Mass. *Thank you!!!*

**2012 Calendars are available
in the vestibule of the church.**

New Years Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31, 2011
Mass of the Vigil at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2012
Mass at 7,9 & 11:00 a.m.

There will be no evening Mass on New Year's Day

PASTORAL COUNSELING

During the Christmas Season, we are often flooded with memories of Christmases past ~ of our childhoods and of Christmas Eve and Christmas morning with our families. The longer we live, the more those memories include loved ones who are no longer with us. The season is a mix of emotion: hope, joy and sometimes melancholy recollection.

It might be helpful to think of Mary and Jesus together on the great Jewish feasts after Joseph had died. Perhaps they too remembered how they used to celebrate those feasts with him. On those days, Mary missed her husband, whom she loved, and Jesus missed his father, whom he loved. On Christmas we can also think of Mary in the years after Jesus died. We don't know the date he was born, but his mother would certainly have remembered it. She was probably in her late 40's when he died and each year afterward she celebrated Christmas, her son's birthday, without her husband and without her son.

Whoever you miss this Christmas, take consolation in Mary and the Holy Family.

School of the Madeleine still has openings in Kindergarten. A tour of the school may be scheduled by calling the school office (619) 276-6545, and enrollment is open throughout the school year.

Office Depot Back to School Program

Every time parents shop at **Office Depot** and provide School of the Madeleine's ID number, the school receives 5% of the total purchase price in gift cards. These gift cards are used to purchase duplicating paper or other office supplies. If you own your own business and shop at Office Depot, please consider using Madeleine's I.D. number (#70013744).



We would like to wish our Youth Group families a very Merry Christmas. It is such a blessing to have you involved in our ministry. Your teens bring joy to our program and we are grateful for each one of them. May this Christmas season be a special time for your family. See you in 2012!

Congratulations to Emmy Yaeger, winner of the beautiful quilt raffled off during our wreath sales! We hope you enjoy the hand-crafted quilt made by our wonderful Youth Group mom, Sylvia Corbin.

Join us on Monday, January 2nd for a movie night from 6:00 -8:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Junior High meets again on Wednesday, January 4th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Youth Group family potluck will be held on Monday, January 9th. More details to follow. We hope to see you all there!

For more information on Youth events, contact:

Jenny LaRaia, Director of Youth Ministry,
(619) 276 - 6814; youthministry74@sbcglobal.net
or visit: stmarymagonline.org/youth

**Marriage: Love and Life In The Divine Plan -
Parents-First Evangelizers**



“Not only do parents present their children for Baptism, but, having done so, they become the first evangelizers and teachers of the faith. They evangelize by teaching their children to pray and by praying with them. They bring their children to Mass and teach them biblical stories. They show them how to obey God’s commandments and to live a Christian life of holiness.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

The Paradise Tree

What is the decorated evergreen tree—the light and sight and smell of which means “Christmas”? It is the tree in the center of the garden, lost to us by our first parents’ folly, restored to us by Christ’s saving deed. It is the tree that claps its hands uproariously before the Lord, who comes. It is the tree—once drafted into death’s service—that now blooms forth and shines in splendor: He who died in its arms has defeated death and lives forever. This is the tree of life straddling the river of life in the new Jerusalem. Bearing twelve kinds of fruit, it is laden with enough joy for all the tribes. It marks the spot where heaven intersects with earth. And look! That spot is here—in the house of the church. That spot is here—in your own house. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord! Paradise is so very close to home.



Copyright © 1997, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1800 North Hermitage Avenue, Chicago IL 60622-1101; 1-800-933-1800. Text by David Philippart. Art by Steve Erspamer, SM.

Prayer List for 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:

David Scott
Amanda Witt
Randall Schonfeld
Steve Skiano
Ed Blayney
John Sattely
Jorge Ramirez
Miguel Valverde

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

If you have a friend or relative who is serving in our military, please contact the Parish Office.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW



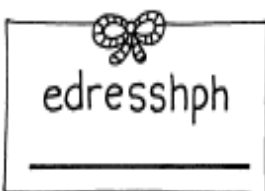




Celebrating the True Meaning of Christmas

During the Christmas season we celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation. How wondrously we are made that the Word of God would become one of us! God shows us how to live fully: by pouring out our lives for others. That is what the days of Christmas are all about. All of us have been given gifts by God. In each person, the combination of gifts are different. That is what makes us unique. In the gift of His Son, God has given us all the same gift, and that make us all equal as children of God.

Our calling as good stewards is to take the gift of Jesus and the gifts that we have been given uniquely and share them with the rest of the world. In this was we can really be celebrating the true meaning of Christmas all year long.

KIDS' CORNER

Jesus was a wonderful gift God sent to us. The Christmas story words have been mixed up in the presents below. See if you can unscramble them and write each one on the line provided.

| | | |
|--|---|--|
|  ImehBehte _____ |  ryMa _____ |  edressshph _____ |
|  hseoTp _____ |  eagnl _____ |  garnme _____ |
|  bbya _____ | | |

**Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Schedule: December 31st & January 1st**

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Lectors:

Patty Aline, Paul Boland

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Paul DuBois, Bonnie Segerstrom, Robert Saffian,
Michael Lynch, Barbara Decker, (2) positions not filled

Sunday, 7:00 a.m.

Lectors:

Mary Ellen Dellefield, Peggy Talmich

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jimmy Donna, Barbara Snyder, Jean Menton, Denise Mayer,
Katherine Malchiodi, Viola & Philip Archuleta

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Lectors:

Greg Cavanaugh, Julie Grooms

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

John Attard, Gerry Barlow, Patty Flynn, Marianne Forsyth,
Mary Knudsen, David Grooms, Charles & Virginia Nolan,
Dolores & Robert Rodriguez, Anita Everson

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Lectors:

Dennis Morrison, (1) position not filled

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Tony Antonia, Josephine Scales, Maria Trapasso,
Marie Zenker, Tom & Terrie Schlosser, Frances Wiegand

No 6 pm Mass

Here's A Great Way to Support CCSA!

Two local restaurants have made a very generous offer to help raise funds for Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA).

Chili's on Clairemont Mesa Blvd., in Clairemont Square, has agreed to donate 15% of receipts from our parishioners to CCSA, and the IHOP on Balboa Avenue will donate 10% of parishioners' receipts. If you go there for lunch or dinner please remember to turn in your receipt to the rectory (be sure to put your last name on the back of the receipt).

We hope you will find this an enjoyable way to support CCSA. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne at (619) 276-1041.

Remember to Support Our Advertisers!

Please be sure to patronize our advertisers who make it possible for us to have our weekly bulletin at no cost to the parish. If you would like to advertise or know someone who would, please call our bulletin publisher, JS Paluch at (800) 231-0805.

At this time we would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the many local businesses who have renewed their ads, as well as the new advertisers.

Community Courtesy Announcements

Rachel's Hope...After Abortion Healing

Workshops for Catholic women and men in post abortion healing and reconciliation. Women's workshop also offered in Spanish. For more information contact director: Rosemary Benefield (858) 581-3022; Fax:(858) 581-0952; P.O. Box 17363 San Diego 92177

Retrouvaille...a Lifeline for Marriages

A program to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. For more information, contact: Win & Kathy Deen (619) 443-0703 or for registration call (951) 259-9474.

Concert of Renaissance Music

Pacific Camerata *one of San Diego's premier choral ensembles*, will present a post-holiday concert at San Rafael Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego, on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. The vocal ensemble will present a concert of Renaissance sacred music celebrating the season. This varied program will include music from Spain, Germany and England, and will feature the lovely "Ave Marias" of both Josquin des Prez and Robert Parsons. Another highlight will be the lyric motet, "Dixit Maria," by Hans Leo Hassler, as well as the composer's own "Parody Mass". A free-will offering will be taken. For more information, contact Therese Bulat at (858)487-4314 x1225.

Parish Ministry Contacts

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| ALTAR SERVERS Mary Kay Evanko 276-1041 | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Mary Kay Evanko 276-1041 | At Large Marianne Forsyth (858) 565-2927 |
| ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL Clair Southgate 276-3927 | FINANCE COUNCIL Chair Father Stephen McCall 276-1041 | Community Building Dianna Anderson (858) 272-9640 |
| BAPTISM PREPARATION Rectory 276-1041 | Co-Chair Clair Southgate 276-3927 | Education Denise Mayer 684-1009 |
| BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE Jeanne McAlindin 276-1041 | HILLTOPPERS Max Schmidt 276-1371 | Liturgy & Spirituality Dean Dwyer 276-2799 |
| BIBLE STUDY Mary Knudsen 276-4329 | KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Miguel Bush 246-3605 | Marriage & Family Life Judy Elsner (858) 437-1972 |
| BINGO Rich Michalek 665-3346 | LAYETTE MINISTRY Marianne Forsyth (858) 565-2927 | Secretary Karen Lynch (858) 571-5657 |
| BRIDGE Lillian Matt 276-4414 Ellen De Weese 275-1143 | LECTORS Mary Kay Evanko 276-1041 | Social Outreach Larry Fulton 276-8558 Staff Representative (position unfilled) |
| CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS Dorothy Price 275-0094 | LEGION OF MARY Mary Beck (858) 279-0471 | PASTORAL COUNSELOR Rita McCreary 276-6805 |
| CENACLE Max Schmidt 276-1371 | MARRIAGE PREPARATION Rectory 276-1041 | PRAYER NETWORK Viola Archuleta (858) 274-6137 Renee Luna (858) 565-7059 |
| CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Viola Archuleta (858) 274-6137 | MOM'S BIBLE STUDY Gerry Barlow (858) 273-9533 | PRO-LIFE Elizabeth Komives (858) 336-2762 |
| CHILD CARE (9AM MASS) (position vacant) | MUSIC MINISTRY: Sunday 9am Traditional Choir Mary Kay Evanko 276-1041 | R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Rectory 276-1041 |
| CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD Peggy Mansur 276-2895 | Sunday 6pm Contemporary Choir Ginny Buckner 952-2835 | RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Kristine Bacich 276-1248 |
| CHURCH CLEANING Maria Virissimo 276-6708 | Childrens' Choir Mary Kay Evanko 276-1041 | ROSARY MAKERS Pat Ferbrache 275-2718 |
| COMMUNION & LIBERATION Martin Bacich (858) 277-0719 | Handbell Choir Mary Kay Evanko 276-1041 | SACRISTANS Emmy Yaeger 276-2802 |
| COMMUNION TO THE SICK Deacon Ralph Skiano (858) 776-7151 | Resurrection Chorale Mary Kay Evanko 276-1041 | SCOUTS Gerri Shipp (858) 278-1109 |
| CCSA Bruce Miller (858) 272-3126 | NURSE MINISTRY Jeanne McAlindin 276-1041 | STEWARDSHIP Dick Roy (858) 274-4546 |
| DIVINE MERCY Joe & Carol Pallazola 276-6637 | PASTORAL COUNCIL President Father Stephen McCall 276-1041 | USHERS/GREETERS Luke Rohde (858) 518-2323 |
| EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Max Schmidt 276-1371 Marie Zenker 276-8683 | Chair Marianne Forsyth (858) 565-2927 | WEDDING COORDINATOR Helen Antoniak 276-6858 |
| | Administration Tim Graves (858) 573-0408 | YOUTH MINISTRY Jenny LaRaia 276-6814 |

Bulletin Number
592800

Church Name/Address
St. Mary Magdalene
1945 Illion Street
San Diego, CA 92110

Phone
(619) 276-1041

Contact
Diane Alesi

Email
diane@stmarymagonline.org

Software
MS Publisher 2007
Adobe Acrobat
Windows XP

Printer
Ricoh Aficio MP 2800

Transmission Time
Tuesday by 2 pm

Bulletin for Sunday 12/25/11

Number of Pages Sent
1-8

Special Instructions