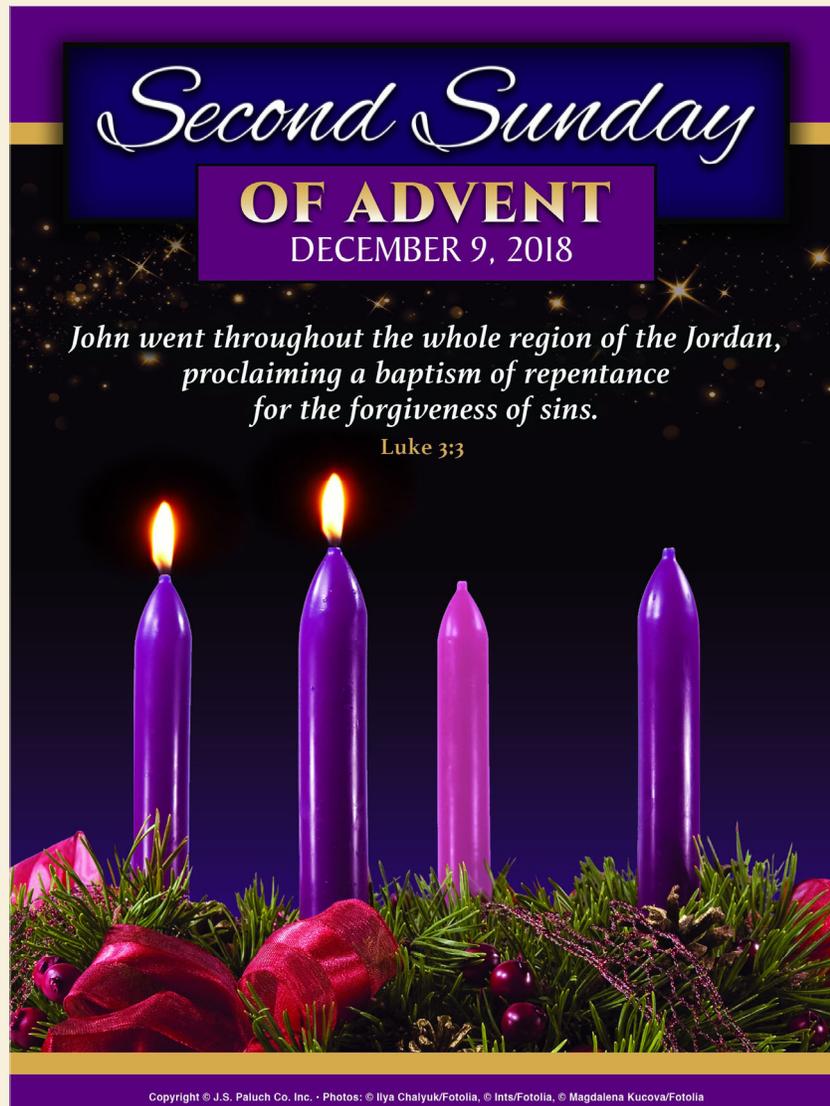


# St. Mary Magdalen Parish

1919 ~ 100th Anniversary Celebration ~ 2019

First Mass Celebrated on September 7, 1919



Rev. Msgr. John J. Borcic, Pastor

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**New Parishioners are Welcome!**

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**Mass Schedule**

**Weekend Masses:**      **Weekday Mass:**

Saturday: 4:30pm      Monday thru Friday: 8:00am

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am

**Daily Rosary:** Mon. thru Fri. before 8:00am Mass

**Perpetual Help Devotions:** Tuesday following 8:00am Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every first Friday of the month from 8:30am until 12-noon

**Holy Hour:** Every 1st Saturday of the month at 9:15am

**Prayer Support Group:** Every other Tuesday (December 11 - 6:30pm in the church)

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please contact the Rectory

**Weddings:** Couples contemplating Marriage should contact the Pastor as soon as they have made a decision to marry and at least six months prior to their intended date of Marriage so that proper preparations can be made.

**Communion to the Sick:** We are happy to bring Holy Communion to those who are confined to their homes. Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

**Rectory Office Hours**

8:30am — 7:30pm Monday through Thursday

8:30am — 4:00pm Friday

**Closed**

**Saturday and Sundays,  
National Holidays  
and  
Holy Days of Obligation**



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The themes found in the Scripture readings during the four weeks of Advent focus on our preparation for the Lord’s coming. These are hope, peace, joy, and love. They give us ways to strengthen our faith during this season. The readings especially chosen for this past Thursday (of the First week of Advent), tell us that to really strengthen our faith we must put what we’ve learned into practice.

To reach out to others in peace and joy and love gives all of us hope that we will not only be prepared for Christmas but we continue the process of preparing ourselves for Jesus’ second coming, when He will come again to claim His own and takes them into His Kingdom.

There is an old saying that says, “Practice makes perfect.” I used to hear that all the time when I took piano lessons in grade school. My teacher would say it, my parents would say it, and sometimes I even said it to myself – but maybe a little less convincingly. It didn’t matter if I could read the notes, or understand the difference between the treble clef and the bass clef, or even play a tune or two; if I didn’t continue to practice, I would never be able to play a show tune or a piano concerto. I would fall short of what was expected of me.

The Gospel tells us that the same thing is true with our faith. It doesn’t matter if you understand the basics, or memorized the catechism questions long ago, or learned to pray, or keep up with the teachings of the Church; if you don’t build on that foundation and act upon it appropriately, you will fall way short of properly preparing yourself. You must put your faith into action – the kind of action that makes a difference not only to yourself but also to the community around you and to the world. You would fall short of what was expected of you.

I think most of us fall a little short. We know we need to do more but sometimes we have a difficult time convincing ourselves of that. Advent is a time to begin to put what we believe and know into action. It’s time to bring a little hope, peace, joy and love into the lives of others, especially those who need it most. God expects that of us. Anything less than that is undesirable. Today let us ask ourselves, “What more can I do to prepare more fully and more spiritually for Christmas? Come, Lord Jesus, come. God bless, Msgr. John Borcic

*Please join us! This is a great way to celebrate the Advent Season with your family.*

ADVENT FESTIVAL OF

# LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2018 // 3:00 PM  
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS

Presided by Bishop Mark S. Rivituso

**EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

*Everyone is invited to an hour of Advent readings and beautiful music featuring the Archdiocesan Choirs.*

*For more information, contact the Cathedral music office at 314.373.8227*

<b>Weekly Offertory Collection</b>	
<b>December 2, 2018</b>	
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 5,247.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>813.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,060.00</b>
<b>Total Collection as of the fiscal year</b>	
<b>07-01-18—06-31-19</b>	
<b>\$83,486.15</b>	
<b>Magdalen Specials</b>	
<b>Soup Kitchen</b>	<b>81.00</b>
<b>Pro-Life</b>	<b>13.00</b>
<b>Tuition Assistance</b>	<b>28.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 122.00</b>
<b>Thank you for your gifts to God and our Parish!</b>	



### Giving Tree

The tradition continues...

Check out our Traditional Giving Christmas Tree in the back of church! On the "Giving Tree", you'll find ornaments with gift suggestions for those we hope to help out this year. You can make Christmas a little brighter for someone else by taking an ornament or two off of the tree and purchasing the suggested gift.

Continuing the tradition started some years ago, we'll include ornaments for: *Our Lady's Inn*, *Avalon Gardens Nursing Home* residents, and SVDP families. We are making up a Christmas gift bag for each of the 70+ nursing home residents, collecting gift cards for SVDP families, and providing a 'wish list' of needed baby items for Our Lady's Inn. (Our Lady's Inn asks us to bring *unwrapped* gifts). **Thank you and God Bless You for your great generosity in supporting the "Giving Tree" tradition at St. Mary Magdalen.**

All gifts need to be placed under the "Giving Tree" **no later than 11:30am on Sunday, December 16.** This ensures timely delivery of the gifts before Christmas.

### A Thank you Note to St. Mary Magdalen Parish Pro-Life Members and Benefactors from *Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life*

Thank you for buying a table (\$850.00) at our Benefit Dinner. We were honored by the people attending from your parish. We appreciate your generosity and prayers as we work hard to keep our billboards displayed.

We feel privileged to be involved with Our Lady of Guadalupe in this endeavor for sixteen years, when Our Lady requested to be placed on the billboards. Your contributions have played a critical part in helping save hundreds of babies from being aborted. We pray for the efforts of those working for Pro-Life. We trust in Our Lady's help to continue to display the billboards. We know that Mary will not disappoint and wills hoer her graces on all her children who pass by.

We continue our Holy Hours before Jesus in the Tabernacle. You are in our daily prayers; may you be blessed most abundantly in all your needs through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please remember to pray a *HAIL MARY* whenever you pass by Our Lady's billboard as our prayers joined together are powerful indeed.

Gratefully,  
Anna Mria Usselman, L.M.C.  
President

***Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!***

### Early Bulletin transmittal dates

Articles for the *December 16* bulletin **must be in by noon on Monday, December 10.**

Articles for the *December 23* bulletin **must be in by noon on Thursday December 13.**

Articles for the *December 30* bulletin must be in by **noon on Tuesday, December 18.**

Thank you, Fran

saint snippets

Do not be distressed.  
Am I not here who  
am your mother?

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
*St. Juan Diego received visions of her in Mexico in 1531.  
Her image miraculously appeared on his tilma.*

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December 12

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Let nothing hinder us in our goal**

Our opening prayer on Sunday asks God that nothing may hinder us in our goal of learning heavenly wisdom which will lead us to heavenly Glory. As we all know, that as soon as we commit ourselves to something that will benefit us, the struggle begins. As we know begin to make our first steps this year with Jesus, our old adversary, the devil will try and trip us up, and send us back to our old habits. Therefore we must be diligent in praying the grace to achieve our goals and to persevere in our new habits. Hence, our opening prayers this week speak about letting nothing hinder us, keeping pure, keeping eyes on the goal, asking Mary for help (December 12), gaining a new heart, praying self denial, meditating on the passion, and scattering the darkness of our hearts to fill them with light. In your own prayer this week, try and mirror the sentiments of our communal prayer.

In our readings this week we will draw from the prophet Baruch, who calls us to be filled with Joy as God liberates us from our “foes” (old habits) and fills us with grace and light. Isaiah reminds us of the transformation that is taking place in our souls as God works in our lives. He speaks about how God comforts his people who are burdened by many trials, and brings only the peace that God can give. God says to us through Isaiah, fear not for I am with you, that God will teach us and lead us if we let Him.

Jesus this week is presented to us in prophecy and as the fulfillment of all the dreams and hopes of mankind. He is shown to be the forgiver of sins, the seeker of the lost, and savior of the world.

We turn toward the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother and mediatrix of grace, and to the great John the Baptist, the greatest of all the saints, and our helper and friend on our way to heaven. We can learn much from St. John if we study what he did and said, and we rely on him in our prayers, and we must learn to be in close relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mother, who loves and brings us into closer union with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Finally Jesus warns us not to be fickle like little children, but to be steadfast in our faith, and our spiritual practices. We must pray, pray, pray, pray

for the graces we need to change. As St. John Henry Cardinal Neuman once said, “*to grow is to change, and to be perfect is to change much.*”

**Soup Kitchen**

**December 18** is our next Soup Kitchen meal. Sauce Makers have been notified and should pick up their supplies this Sunday, December 2, Donut Sunday, in the school hall and a package of meat from the freezer. Please return your sauce in **TWO** weeks, Sunday December 16 and place in the fridge marked for Soup Kitchen. On that day, the hall will be open from 10-1025. Call to make other arrangements if you can not return your sauce on December 16. We fed 125 guests in November. The meal was much appreciated on a very cold, blustery evening. We are still collecting small wrapped candy for treat bags to hand out at our Dec. meal. Please take candy to rectory no later than Dec 16 and mark “For Soup Kitchen” Thanks to all who make this meal possible each month.

**T**he Magdalen Quilters have one-of-a-kind baby quilts for sale for \$50.00 each, and one-of-a-kind table runners for \$25.00 each. Contact Helen Niemira at (314) 329-6666 or Nan Bommarito at (314)585-8568 for details.

**Advent Morning Mini-Retreat  
St. Mary Magdalen Church  
December 15, 2018  
9:00am—12:00pm**

Dear Parish Family,

Please join us for this mini-retreat where we will reflect on Wisdom Chapter 1 and the implications for our Christian life. Advent is a season of joyful expectation of the coming of Jesus, an invitation to Jesus, to be born into our hearts in a deeper way this year. As John the Baptist says: “**Someone is shouting in the desert, get the road ready for the Lord! Make a straight path for him to travel.**” (Mark 1:3) The retreat will consist of 3 conferences and 3 prayer experiences. After the retreat we will have the option of going out to lunch together if you so desire.

- Fr. Simon Felix

*Looking for a little something extra for Advent?*

The Advent Novena continues at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary tonight through Thursday, December 13. This is an outstanding Advent prayer experience. Try to attend at least one night, if you can.

Try the Prayer Group with Father Simon-Felix this Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30pm in the daily Mass chapel. An evening of quiet directed prayer can be a source of strength in a hectic season.

Want to be at peace with God and with others before this Christmas? The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be offered on Thursday, December 13, at 1:30PM and again at 6:30PM. Both Msgr. Borcic and Father Simon-Felix will be available to hear confessions. Seek the Lord’s forgiveness and experience the joy of Sanctifying Grace.

If you need more time for prayer and recollection prior to the final push toward Christmas come to the mini-day of Recollection on Saturday. The day begins at 9am and concludes at noon. Then it’s back to the turmoil of those final preparations for the holidays – but maybe with a little more peace in your heart.

We have been invited to share in some Christmas joy and cheer with our neighbors at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. They will have their unveiling of outdoor Christmas decorations at 6:45pm on Friday, December 14, at the church. An ecumenical Christmas carol prayer service will follow at 7:00PM, followed by a reception in the gym.

How long has it been since you’ve witnessed a “Live Nativity Scene?” It is possible to do so again. Ascension Lutheran Church will display a live Nativity on Saturday, December 15, from 5:00PM until 9:00PM. See Mary, Joseph, and the baby. Watch the kings as they travel to worship our King. Not only can you experience the “Reason for the Season” in a special way, hot cocoa and cookies will also be served.

Msgr. Borcic is taking reservations for the 41st annual Christmas Concert by the Young Catholic Musicians. The performance will take place from

7:30 until 9:00PM on Friday, December 28, at Seven Holy Founders Church. Preferred seating is \$10.00 per person. Narrator for this evening will be Msgr. Joseph Simon, rector of the Cathedral Basilica. Contact Msgr. Borcic for tickets. The Young Catholic Musicians will be providing the music for our closing Centennial Mass with Archbishop Carlson on September 14, 2019. Contact Msgr. Borcic



**St. Mary Magdalen Parish  
Centennial Trivia Night  
Saturday, April 27, 2019  
School Hall**

**Doors open after the 4:30pm Mass  
Cost: donations to SVDP food pantry**

Trivia Questions will ONLY relate to the History of St. Mary Magdalen over the 100 years.

To make a reservation or more information please call Joe Miklovic at (314) 422-8640 or email [miklovic@swbell.net](mailto:miklovic@swbell.net)

***This week in our Parish...***

**Daily Mass Monday—Friday 8:00am**

**Monday, December 10, 2018**

Quilters	9:00a	Qrm
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**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

Prayer Group	6:30p	CH
Knights of Columbus Party	6:30p	SH

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

Advent Mini-morning Retreat	9a-12p	CH
Confessions	3:30p-4:10p	CH
Mass	4:30p	CH

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

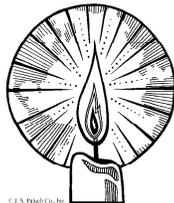
Mass	8:00a	CH
Mass	10:30a	CH
Private Rental	all day	SH

**Please pray for healing and strength for ...**  
 Sr. Mary Carol Anth, CSJ, Keith Ballentine, Janet Barmeier, Charlotte Brown, Kenny Brown, Rosella Coffee, Jasper Giardina Dolores Greer, Pat Gro-tegeers, Bryon Hollows, Ed Howard, Marie Kellner, Pat Kennedy, Amy Koeninger, Steve Luzecky, Irene Mazzola, Thad Niemira, Robert Purk, Diane Roeder Mary & Rich Ryan, Bob Schallom, Mary Signaigo, Dorothy Schuchardt, Jean Sullivan, Lois Zitzmann, Marianne Zuniga, the people in California affected by the deadly fires *and for all our homebound and nursing home parishioners and for their family and friends who take care of them.*

**Stewardship Reflection**

*“And this is my prayer; that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”*  
 - *Philippians 1:9-10*

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.



**Mass Intentions**

- Monday, December 10, 2018**  
8:00 A.M. Ann Schwartz Family
- Tuesday, December 11, 2018**  
8:00 A.M. Angela Gardin
- Wednesday, December 12, 2018**  
8:00 A.M. Pat Eaton
- Thursday, December 13, 2018**  
8:00 A.M. James and Lucille Sanders
- Friday, December 14, 2018**  
8:00 A.M. Doris Marie Berra
- Saturday, December 15, 2018**  
4:30 P.M. Tyler Dannaway
- Sunday, December 16, 2018**  
8:00 A.M. Marge Behrendt  
10:30 A.M. For the People of the Parish

**Lector**  
**Saturday, December 15, 2018 4:30 PM**  
 Cindy Stollhans  
**Sunday, December 16, 2018 8:00 AM**  
 Charlie Dooling  
**Sunday, December 16, 2018 10:30 AM**  
 Dolores Guittar

**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Saturday, December 15 4:30PM**  
 Kris Onanian, Juanita Donatti  
 Alt. Volunteer  
**Sunday, December 16, 2018 8:00AM**  
 Mary Dooling, Ray Morales  
 Alt. Charlie Dooling  
**Sunday, December 16, 2018 10:30AM**  
 Cathy & Pat Maloney, Judy Still, Kathy Ray  
 Alt. Kristina Jackson

**Servers**  
**Saturday, December 15, 2018 4:30 PM**  
 Brian & Katie Weaver  
**Sunday, December 16, 2018 8:00 AM**  
 Nancy Sewester  
**Sunday, December 16, 2018 10:30 AM**  
 Kenny Douthit



*December 13*

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
 Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

# Second Sunday Of Advent

December 9, 2018

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