

May 3rd, 2020 - 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor. His Excellency, Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

Notes from Fr. Nick

And Now, a Word from our Sponsor

Many of you will be able to remember the above line, a boilerplate phrase for decades whenever a radio or television program needed to break for a commercial. Sometimes it also acknowledged the people who produced the program, and this is the sense in which I am using it here. In mid-March none of us had any idea we would shelter-in-place and celebrate liturgy over the internet. It was remarkable how quickly we went from an idea to production — in literally just days!



Live Stream Studio

I'd like you to meet the team who is bringing you St. Mary Magdalen Church's liturgies, podcasts, and reflections. And, in so doing, apprise you of what a 'shoestring' operation it is. That said, I can't begin to express my gratitude for the talent, creativity and hard work a few people have generated to ensure that you stay connected to the parish and can participate as far as possible in our worship.

First of all, we have very little special equipment. We don't even have a video camera — instead we are using my iPad. That's not a bad thing, as the iPad has an excellent camera, and it allowed us to go into production immediately. The School of the Madeleine lent us a dolly, which enables us to move the camera and keeps the image steady. Early on we used the microphone on the iPad and the sound was atrocious. John Sargeant, who (in collaboration with Samuel Leung) has been working to improve the sound in the church, recommended a device that enables us to use the church's micro-phones, and the sound has improved exponentially. As time passes, I'm sure we'll purchase more dedicated equipment, so that even after the quarantine is ended, we'll be able to livestream events in the parish to those who are not able to attend in person.

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Continuation of

Fr. Nick's Pastor's Column

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If you've ever watched the filming of a movie or television show, you know that behind every camera is a large production staff. Beyond the stage, there is post-production editing, mixing, and cuts between multiple cameras. We have a staff of five, and some of them also assist with the liturgy itself.

Let me introduce you to our livestream production team:



◆ **John Ernst**, our cameraman, computer techy and engineer, is a 10th-grader at Albany High School. He balances technical know-how with outstanding creativity for his young age.

◆ **Mary Ernst**, John's mother, is his always-present technical assistant; she also pitches in as a Lector. Mary recorded

the sound for the Genesis reading at our Easter Vigil, which is available to view on our web page. In order to get an echoless recording of the story of creation, John insisted that she climb under his desk with pillows surrounding her!

◆ **Cat Nielsen** is on the parish staff as IT Director and leader of the RCIA. Part of the reason we didn't livestream the Easter Vigil was that Cat would have had too many jobs for that one liturgy. Cat has worked with John Sargeant to improve the quality of both sound and pictures. She also insures the livestream can be reached through the portals of our web page and Facebook.



◆ **John Sargeant** is "the man in purple." I've never seen him without some article of clothing in that color. More impressive than his clothing is his experience and understanding of electronic sound. Most of us don't realize sound engineering is still more an art than a science — all the right components can be in place and the sound may still be off. He has taught me to wear my mic "just so" in order for people to hear me best.



◆ **Samuel Leung** discovered we were going live with our liturgies while surfing our Facebook page and noticed the test video streaming. He quickly ran over to the church and volunteered. You see him at the piano leading the music. He and Andy Canepa, our Music Director, insure we have appropriate hymns and mass settings. Fortunately for us, Sam also has a strong computer

background, and he is valuable in working out the kinks of production.

One positive outcome of the coronavirus has been our plunge into social media. I expect we'll use our skills long after the crisis has ended. In the meantime, our virtual community is enhanced immeasurably by the hard and talented work of the people. I've described to you here. Please let them know of your appreciation.

Do you have an interest and some expertise in audiovisual, live-streaming, social media, IT or post-production? Let us know. I'm sure the team would like to hear from you and would value your insights.

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Peace & Justice Notes

Collection for April 26th, 2020

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
04/26/2020	\$5,533.85	\$8,829.00	-\$3,295.15
Easter	\$17,328.24	\$20,000.00	-\$2,671.76
Year-to-Date	\$143,094.09	\$161,264.00	-\$18,169.91

*"So then, each of us will be accountable to God."
- Romans 14:12*



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Scripture Readings for the Week

26th 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 36-41 / 1 Peter 2:20-25 /

John 10:1-10

27th Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18 / John 10:11-18

28th Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26 / John 10:22-30

29th Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24-13:5 / John 12:44-50

30th Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25 / John 13:16-20

1st Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33 / John 14:1-6

2nd Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44-52 / John 14:7-14

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Elisabeth de Vogelaere
	9:30	Intentions of Barbara Banks
	11:30	Intentions of Monique Duax
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Angela Hansen
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Angela Hansen
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Angela Hansen
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Angela Hansen
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Angela Hansen
	5:30	Intentions of Neil Fitzgerald
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Angela Hansen

Casa Francisca Refugee House

Good news! One of Casa's younger guests — who was granted asylum — has been accepted to *three* University of California campuses after diligently working through high school and community college! Our parish support of Casa Francisca is another way to "welcome the stranger" and provide the stability that permits newly-arrived immigrants the chance to flourish and contribute to our community. *Our parish is helping immigrants to survive*, as so many are fleeing life-threatening situations in their home countries. Thank you, St. Mary Magdalen Parish!

Immigrants & Covid-19

Governor Newsom has taken action to protect immigrants in our State who are at risk of deportation or detention in unsafe prisons. Immigrants perform much of the essential work in California, and undocumented ones are not eligible for Federal relief nor State unemployment benefits. The *Disaster Relief Assistance Project* announced by the Governor two weeks ago includes \$75 million in assistance from the State and an estimated \$50 million from philanthropic donations. If you would like to give locally, please consider the Oakland Undocumented Relief Fund at OURfund.org. We rely on essential workers to provide food and health care, and the immigration status of these workers is probably not on anyone's mind in our hour of need. Now is a time to acknowledge that undocumented immigrants — who may be sustaining essential services we rely on — need a helping hand, too.

For information on immigrant rights' issues, visit americanimmigrationcouncil.org.

Join the Effort to Save the U.S. Postal Service

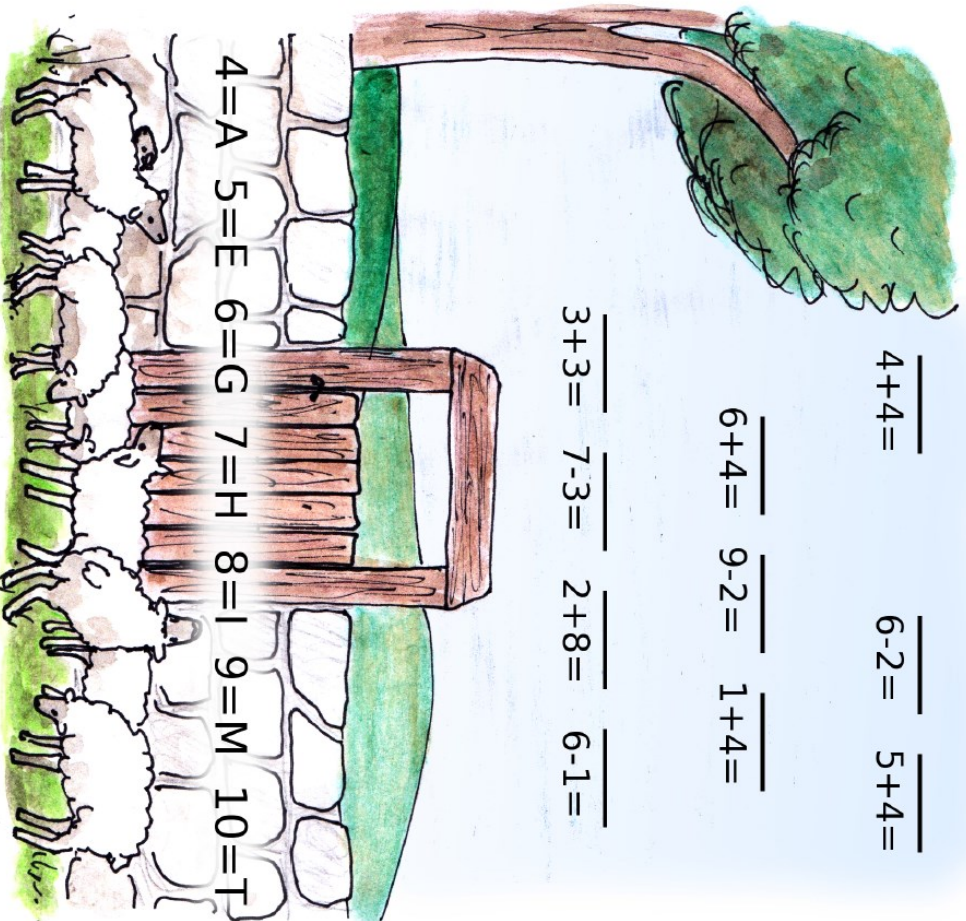
A campaign launched on April 27th supports postal workers who are heroically working to keep us connected through this pandemic. Join the effort by sending a handwritten postcard to Senators *Dianne Feinstein* and *Kamala Harris* demanding that Congress and the White House fully fund the U.S. Postal Service in the next stimulus bill. Our postal service is one of the few government agencies explicitly authorized by the U.S. Constitution and traces its roots to 1775, when Benjamin Franklin was appointed our first postmaster general.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3rd, 2020



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4=A 5=E 6=G 7=H 8=I 9=M 10=T

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What did Jesus say about the sheepfold?
Figure out the math questions
and then fill in the blanks
with the letters the numbers represent.

Fill-in-the-Blanks

The letters in squares fit into the spaces at the bottom.

GATEKEEPER	HIS	THIEF
REALIZE	WILL	DRIVEN
SPEECH	YOU	CLIMBS
ENTERS	AMEN	VOICE



Jesus said: "Amen, ⁹, ¹², I say to ¹¹ through the gate but ¹¹ over elsewhere is a ⁵ and a robber. But whoever ² through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The ¹ opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls ¹⁰ own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has ⁸ out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his ³. But they will not follow a stranger; they ⁴ run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of ⁷ the Pharisees did not ⁶ what he was trying to tell them.

The sheep 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12