



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

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Notes from Fr. Nick

The New Normal



By the time you read this, we may have some clear direction on how we will proceed with reopening the church. We will have had our parish virtual town meeting; the bishop and other authorities may have given the green light

for liturgy. There are actually two priorities I have for liturgies during the pandemic: First, of course, is the safety and welfare of our congregation. But a second emphasis will be on worship that honors the spirit of our liturgy.

We have a team working on how best to celebrate liturgy within the restrictions imposed on us by the coronavirus. Their primary concerns are social distancing within the worship space, avoiding communication of the virus, and sanitizing the church after each Mass. Social distancing is not simply seating people at appropriate distances from one another, but also working out a means of entering and leaving the church and appropriate spacing at communion. Everyone will be expected to wear a mask (or other face covering) while inside the church. *(Continued on page 3.)*

Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, Friend and Mother of all, through your Son, God found a way to unite himself to every human being, all called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts, but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts — pray for us.

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The Kids' Bulletin



What did Jesus say
in today's Gospel
reading?
Put the letters in
order to fill in the
blanks at the bottom.

6 G

3 V

5 N

11 D

1 L

7 B

10 A

4 I

9 E

2 T

8 R

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"I am the _____
which came down from Heaven."

Gospel Match-up



How well do you know
today's Gospel story?
See if you can match up the first parts
with the second parts of what
Jesus told the people.



I am the living
bread

A

1 food indeed,

if any one eats of
this bread,

B

2 which came
down from
heaven;

the bread which I
shall give for the
life of the world

C

3 abides in me,
and I in him.

Unless you eat the
flesh of the Son
of man and drink
his blood,

D

4 you have no life
in you

For my flesh is

E

5 is drink indeed.

and my blood

F

6 he will live for
ever;

He who eats my
flesh and drinks
my blood

G

7 is my flesh.

June 14th, 2020 – Body & Blood of Christ, Year A

Collections for June 7th, 2020

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
06/7/2020	\$10,093.34	\$8,829.00	\$1,264.34
Year-to-Date	\$195,451.48	\$214,238.00	-\$18,786.52

"Of all that you give me, I will surely give one tenth to you." - Genesis 28:22



Would you like to help organize funerals in our parish? Training is provided for this truly rewarding ministry, where you meet with families; help them plan; and set up, assist, and clean up after the service. If interested, email pastor@marymagdalen.org.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 14th *MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST*
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 /
1 Corinthians 10:16-17 / John 6:51-58
- 15th *Weekday (11th week in Ordinary Time)*
1 Kings 21:1-16 / Matthew 5:38-42
- 16th *Weekday*
1 Kings 21:17-29 / Matthew 5:43-48
- 17th *Weekday*
2 Kings 2:1, 6-14 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- 18th *Weekday*
Sirach 48:1-14 / Matthew 6:7-15
- 19th *Solemnity [THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS]*
Deuteronomy 7:6-11 / 1 John 4:7-16 /
Matthew 11:25-30
- 20th *Weekday [The Immaculate Heart of Mary]*
2 Chronicles 24:17-25 / Luke 2:41-51

Mass Intentions



Saturday	5:30	Antoni Lewicki RIP
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Jon-Paul Hippolyte
	9:30	Thelma Ramos RIP
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Kevin Shea
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Sarla Rose Mahoney
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Elizabeth Jacob
	5:30	Justine Hume RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Clarissa O Campo

"The New Normal"

(continuation of Fr. Nick's Pastor's Column from page 1.)

Honoring the spirit of our worship is more complex than you might think. Bishop Barber has authorized drive-in Masses, and that might work in parishes with large parking lots. Our problem at Saint Mary Magdalen parish is that we have only one route for entrance and exit, and there is a fence in the middle of the lot. I'm not opposed to the idea, but the logistics make it impractical. I'd be happy to hear your ideas about this plan.

An alternative is using the Dominican Garden. This might work better, but we would still need a large group of volunteers to sanitize the chairs and direct people in and out for social distancing. We would need to construct a portable altar as well as a 'mass kit', so we have all the necessary equipment for the liturgy.

An idea I'm more favorable toward is to schedule individuals and families for Daily Mass throughout the week. If we're able to accommodate about 75 people at each liturgy, and we have 15 liturgies throughout the week, everyone would be able to attend.

Singing, preaching, and reception of Communion are among the ways that have been proven to communicate the virus. Communal recitation of the Creed, Lord's Prayer and prayer responses also put a lot of breath into the air that are a source of danger. Enabling active participation (a priority of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy) in the Mass will require some creativity.

I know viruses are not actually living things, and I don't believe in a 'boogie-man devil' in the traditional sense, but the coronavirus has managed to make everything that we hold dear in our liturgy dangerous. I want to defeat the virus, but I also want us to have a truly prayerful experience of the Eucharist. This means gathering as a community, hearing, and reflecting on the proclaimed Word of God, and receiving the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Communion. I am relying on your creativity, perseverance and willingness to 'pitch in' so we can be the Body of Christ in these challenging times.

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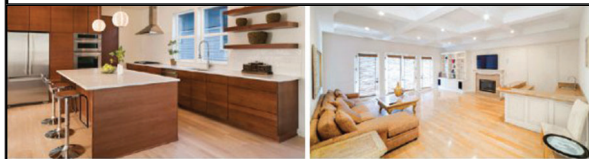
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