



## St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

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### Notes from Fr. Nick

### Active Worship

Until the coronavirus is stopped, one of the primary tenets of the Second Vatican Council is in jeopardy. *The Constitution on Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum concilium 14)* states: **“Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people’ (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.”**

Implementing this directive, the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal* outlines how the laity are to participate in liturgy. It states that the role of the community at Mass is to listen attentively to the readings and prayers, respond to greetings, and to sing the hymns and the parts of the Mass allotted to them. It also directs the faithful to participate in the liturgical ministries of Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Sacristan, and Acolyte. By extension, we can include altar servers, musicians and other ancillary functions.

In a world of facemasks and social distancing, how can we be faithful to the spirit of our worship and yet remain safe around one another? I wish I had a clear answer to this question. The path of least resistance would be to revert to our pre-Vatican II habits and remain silently in our pews while the priest “says Mass.” Doubtless we’ll have to curtail some of our practices, but I hope that we’ll be able to work out some common-sense compromises that will enable us to move forward. I still want to joyfully celebrate our salvation by supping with the Lord.

During this time of abstinence from Holy Communion, you have made me aware just how important it is to you to receive the Lord into your being. I want for opportunities to receive the Eucharist to be as common as they were before the pandemic. Yet I fear that if the sacred meal is divorced from our gathered community and proclamation of the Word, the richness of the Paschal feast may diminish. The image of Holy Communion as medicine for the soul is valid but it pales in comparison with dining at the Lord’s table.

If we have to keep a social distance, and restrict singing and praying in common, we will need to be all the more vigilant about acknowledging each other’s presence during liturgy, to listen attentively when God’s Word is proclaimed and soak in the richness of the music performed for us. Above all, I want everyone to recognize that this is temporary.

*“Together we share our  
Faith in Jesus Christ.*

*We live the Gospel,  
and we care for others.”*

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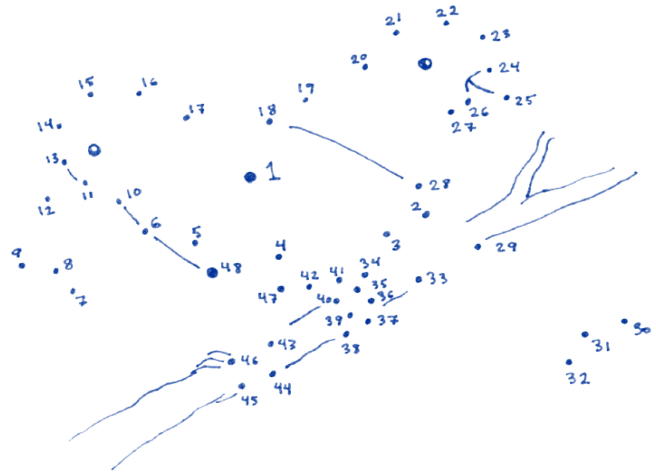
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# The Kids' Bulletin

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21st, 2020

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In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that God sees even little things. What little things did He mention? Connect the dots to find out!

## Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blank spaces with the words from the list. Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end!

What I tell you in the dark, utter in the    ; and what you hear whispered,     upon the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the   but     kill the soul; rather    him who can kill both body and soul in Hell.

Are not two       sold for a   ? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your      will. But even the hairs   your head are numbered.

Fear   , therefore; you are of    value than many sparrows. So     who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge    my Father who is in heaven;    whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

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EVERYONE  
PROCLAIM  
FATHER'S  
CANNOT  
BEFORE  
PENNY  
LIGHT  
MORE  
BODY  
FEAR  
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OF



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# June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 — 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Collections for June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
06/14/2020	\$9,438.60	\$8,829.00	\$609.60
Year-to-Date	\$204,890.08	\$223,067.00	-\$18,176.52

*"The choicest of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God." - Exodus 23:19*

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## Scripture Readings for the Week

21<sup>st</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Romans 5:12-15 /  
Matthew 10:26-33

22<sup>nd</sup> Weekday [St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher,  
Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs]

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15, 18 / Matthew 7:1-5

23<sup>rd</sup> Weekday

2 Kings 19:9-21, 31-36 / Matthew 7:6, 12-14

24<sup>th</sup> Solemnity THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Is 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 / Luke 1:57-66, 80

25<sup>th</sup> Weekday

2 Kings 24:8-17 / Matthew 7:21-29

26<sup>th</sup> Weekday

2 Kings 25:1-12 / Matthew 8:1-4

27<sup>th</sup> Weekday [St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor; BVM]

Lamentations 2:2, 10-19 / Matthew 8:5-17

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of the Stroh Family
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of the Layton Family
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Michael Smith RIP
Monday	8:30	Alejandro Lukban RIP
	5:30	Intentions of the Barrett Family
Tuesday	8:30	Carol Smith RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Marilyn Scholz
Thursday	8:30	Librada Donor RIP
	5:30	Robin Saunders RIP
Friday	8:30	Gary Protzmann RIP
	5:30	Joseph McWalters, Sr. RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Eamon Fitzgerald

## Peace & Justice Notes

**Fighting Hunger:** Thank you to parishioners who responded to the call for letters to our elected officials as part of *Bread for the World's* June campaign to address rising hunger due to the pandemic. It is not too late to write! All you need to know can be found at [marymagdalen.org/bfw2020/](https://marymagdalen.org/bfw2020/). This is at-home activism to address worsening hunger and food insecurity — an urgent matter across our nation and the globe.

**Overcoming Racism:** Pope Francis and the U.S. Bishops called out the brutal killing of George Floyd as a sin

*"that cries out to heaven for justice" and "that needs to be answered by each one of us in a spirit of determined conversion."* The Bishops emphasize that *"racism is not a thing of the past"* and it *"must be met head on ... indifference is not an option."*

Therefore, we are called to pray to rid ourselves of the *"harm that bias and prejudice cause."* They urge us to *"encounter, accompany, listen to, and learn from"* those who *"have historically been disenfranchised ."* Please go to [our website's front page](#) to find information to guide us both individually and as a Catholic community to confront and overcome racism. We can—and must—do better. (The prayer: [tinyurl.com/SMM-Racism](https://tinyurl.com/SMM-Racism).)

**Resources for information and action:**

Black Lives Matter: [blacklivesmatter.org](https://blacklivesmatter.org)

Southern Poverty Law Center: [splcenter.org](https://splcenter.org)

American Civil Liberties Union: [aclu.org](https://aclu.org)

Racial Equity Resource Guide (Kellogg Foundation):  
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