



## St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

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His Excellency, Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

### Adult Sunday School Continues This Weekend!

Deacon Stanley shares his second lesson on the virtues with us this week. Check the parish website for the link. There will not be a Q&A on Sunday.

### Notes from Fr. Nick

## Independence Day

Last New Year's Eve I remember people exclaiming, "Good riddance to 2019!" Little did anybody know the calamities that awaited us in 2020. The global pandemic has already killed more than 100,000 people in the U.S. alone, has shut down our economy, disrupted

education, and forced us to close our churches. If that weren't bad enough, the senseless death of George Floyd has provoked anarchists to take advantage of peaceful protests, damaging and looting businesses already reeling from the impact of the shutdown. Some government officials seem more intent on taking political advantage than being leaders.

In the face of all the world's and our country's woes, can we really talk about 'celebrating' Independence Day? Have the values enshrined in our Constitution and Bill of Rights been lost in dealing with one emergency after another? The First Amendment right to peaceable assembly has been justifiably curtailed by the threat of mass disease. Freedom of religion has needed to be limited for the same reason. Government officials forbade protests under the umbrella of the pandemic, and then came wanton destruction and theft by violent rioters. The Constitution guarantees due process, redress of wrongs, plus safety and welfare of everyone within our borders. It may be because we assume these are rights 'inalienable' that we are at a loss when they are truly threatened.

Most disheartening may be our sense of powerlessness. Former presidential candidate Bernie Sanders said, "If you're not outraged, you're not paying attention!" While that may seem to be a reasonable sentiment, I don't think it is very helpful. Taking to the streets after months of quarantine may help deal with our frustration and aggression, but I doubt it will bring about meaningful change.

What can we do? First of all, I think it's time to pray. We're not in this alone, God's mercy is always present if we have the humility to accept it. Secularism can be both arrogant and disempowering. It assumes we have solutions solely within our society. This leaves us apparently omnipotent, but ultimately responsible for whatever goes wrong. Nobody intentionally created the pandemic. Recriminations are pointless and a waste of energy needed elsewhere. Being humble enough to ask for divine guidance completely recasts how we are to neutralize the virus and get on with life.

Second, demand that our officials, appointed and elected, follow the rule of law set out in our nation's framing documents. They must afford the accused due process, but when they don't, taking them to court is more effective than smashing windows. Violent protests are a last resort after peaceful orderly means have been exhausted.

Finally, fatigued as we are from months of idleness and isolation, it's important to summon fortitude and discipline a little longer. I remember a scene from J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* when Frodo and Gandalf were trekking through an endless forest for days and were about to give up, unaware that they were near the edge, because they could not see it. We will come through these difficult times, and see them from a perspective in which they have meaning and be the better for it. This year we should celebrate the Fourth of July not because we can bask in our values, but because we have the hope and self-control that can make them stand firm.

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

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

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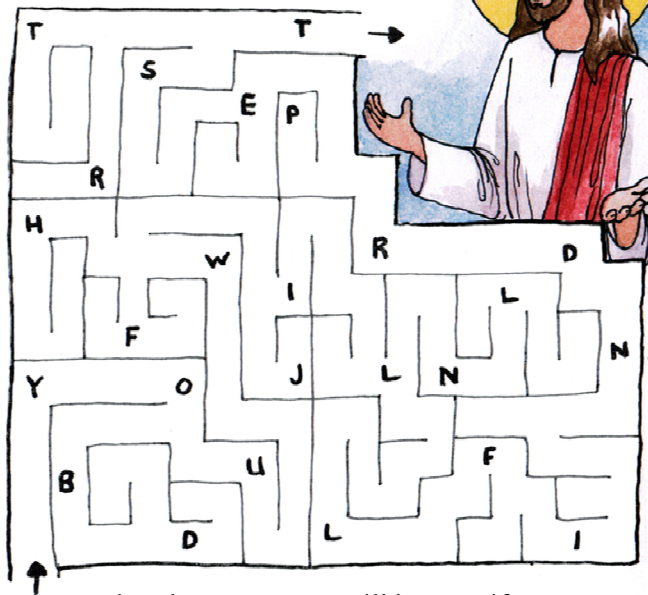
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# The Kids' Bulletin

"Come to Me, all you who labour and are burdened..."



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What does Jesus say will happen if you go to Him when you're tired and worn out? First find your way through the maze and then use the words from that path to fill in the blanks.

## Psalm 145 Word-Find

L H A N G E R Y O U G  
O E F O R E V E R I O  
R B S F A L L I N G D  
D L C O C M P G O O D  
M E R C I F U L A W K  
K S A S O A S O W O I  
I S I U I P R O R N  
N P S M S T R Y R D D  
G E E I T H A N K S N  
D A S G O F I A S L E  
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Find the words from today's Psalm that are in CAPITALS. Use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks:

What is one of the things this Psalm tells us about God?

I will EXTOL you, O my GOD and King, and I will bless your NAME forever and ever. Every day will I bless YOU, and I will PRAISE your name FOREVER and ever.

The Lord is GRACIOUS and MERCIFUL, SLOW to ANGER and of great KINDNESS. The Lord is GOOD to all and compassionate toward all his works.

Let all your works give you THANKS, O Lord, and let your faithful ones BLESS you. Let them discourse of the GLORY of your KINGDOM and SPEAK of your MIGHT.

The Lord is FAITHFUL in all his WORDS and holy in all his WORKS. The LORD lifts up all who are FALLING and RAISES up the bowed down.



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



# July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 — 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## Collections for the week of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
06/28/2020	\$5,705.00	\$8,829.00	-\$3,124.00
Year-to-Date	\$216,425.18	\$240,725.00	-\$24,299.82

*"Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field ... so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work that you undertake." -Deut. 14:22,29*



California's Catholic bishops have just produced a **Virtual Stations of the Cross** to draw attention to the sin of racism.

Recording locations included Oakland's Fruitvale BART Station, California's first African-American Catholic Church and a former KKK headquarters in San Diego. Watch the video at [cacatholic.org](http://cacatholic.org).

## Scripture Readings for the Week

- 5<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Zechariah 9:9-10 / Romans 8:9-13 /  
Matthew 11:25-30
- 6<sup>th</sup> Weekday [St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr]  
Hosea 2:16-18-22 / Matthew 9:18-26
- 7<sup>th</sup> Weekday [The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church]  
Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 / Matthew 9:32-38
- 8<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 / Matthew 10:1-7
- 9<sup>th</sup> Weekday [St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions,  
Martyrs]  
Hosea 11:1-9 / Matthew 10:7-15
- 10<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
Hosea 14:2-10 / Matthew 10:16-23
- 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial [St. Benedict, Abbot]  
Isaiah 6:1-8 / Matthew 10:24-33

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Don Murray RIP
	9:30	Margoth Aguilar RIP
	11:30	Maria Lewicka RIP
Monday	8:30	Jennifer Reid RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Maria Hartman
Tuesday	5:30	Barbara Banks RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Alfonso José Guzman
	5:30	Intentions of Fr. François Lainé
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Josephine McIver
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Hubert Carvalho
	5:30	Jennifer Reid RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Albert Joseph Lukban

## Peace & Justice Notes

*"But a country is not just what it does—it is also what it puts up with, what it tolerates."*

~ Kurt Tucholsky, 1935

### What are we putting up with?

The Administration has again scheduled the execution of federal prisoners by order of (Catholic) Attorney General William Barr. A previous order to execute 5 prisoners was stayed by court order; however, on June 29 the Supreme Court declined to review challenges to the death penalty protocol, and Mr. Barr has now scheduled four executions commencing in mid-July. (Only three people have been executed for Federal crimes since 1988; the last execution took place in 2001.)

**Do we tolerate capital punishment?** Pope Francis has called for *"the global abolition of the death penalty."* Please look for ways to stand up against the death penalty. This latest SCOTUS decision may not be the final decision on resuming executions, because appeals on other grounds may be forthcoming. For more information, please see [deathpenalty.org](http://deathpenalty.org).

**Do we tolerate racism?** Pope Francis and the U.S. Bishops declared the brutal killing of George Floyd to be a sin *"that cries out to heaven for justice,"* and yet police action and other violence against Blacks persists since his death. We cannot deny the ongoing pattern of violence against Blacks and other people of color in this country. Please look for ways that we as individual Catholics and as a parish can respond to this ugly reality in *"the spirit of determined conversion,"* as Pope Francis has urged.

**A good starting point:** Read Fr. Bryan Massingale's essay *"The Assumptions of White Privilege and What We Can Do About It":* [tinyurl.com/Massingale-WP](http://tinyurl.com/Massingale-WP)

**Immigration Good News:** A recent SCOTUS action lets Dreamers (DACA recipients) stay in the U.S., for now. The *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* supports the DREAM Act of 2019, which includes a path to citizenship, and sent a letter to each Senator asking that they support S. 874. Additionally, the *USCCB* is supporting efforts to introduce a Senate version of House Resolution 6, which *"cancels and prohibits removal proceedings against certain aliens and provides such aliens with a path toward permanent resident status."*

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