

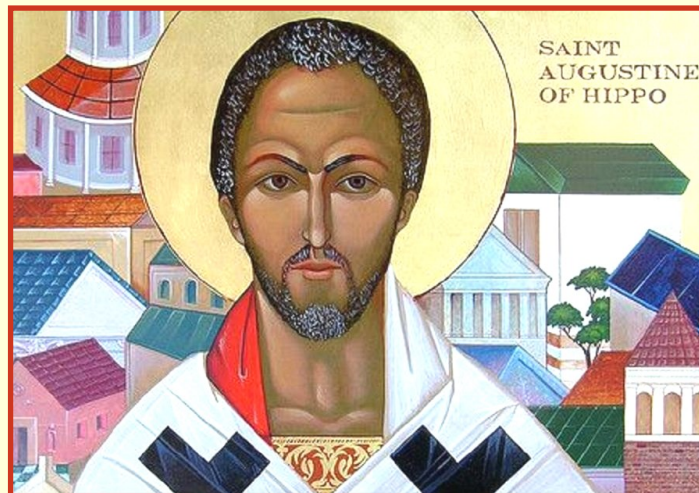
Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor
His Excellency, Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

Notes from Fr. Nick



Saint Augustine

Saint Augustine and I seem to have a connection with each other. I was a priest of the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida, for the first 24 years after ordination. I served at the St. Augustine Student Center of the University of Miami when I was a deacon. St. Augustine is also the name of the Catholic Student Center of the University of Florida where I served as Parochial Vicar for four years (it is my home parish as well). And then, after I moved to this side of the country, I served at St. Augustine's Parish in Pleasanton.



Saint Augustine is an interesting saint. He was born to a Roman father and a Berber mother in (modern-day) Algeria. He may have been the most brilliant man in western history. The commentator George Will says that *Augustine was consciously aware that his life as a human being mattered in the eyes of God* – an idea that nobody had expressed in writing before him.

Because Augustine was a prolific writer, we know much about his personal life. His *Confessions* may be seen as the world's first autobiography, and they present a fascinating paradox. We know Augustine's faults because he wrote them down for all to read: he had an illegitimate child, he didn't want to be a bishop, some of his musings don't agree with later Church teaching. All this makes him a much more believable person to me, somebody I can see as a real example.

The Church tends to 'whitewash' the lives of the saints. Most biographies 'conveniently' omit anything that happened after they focused their lives on God that didn't conform to their sainthood. If they never had a problem with their faith after their conversions, their lives don't hold much store as examples for me. I'm well aware that I'm not perfect (although I usually try not to let on), and so I need saints who face the same troubles as I do every day. St. Augustine is an example, partly on account of his faults. St. Augustine's feast day will take place this Friday, August 28th. Maybe we should take some time that day to pray for his intercession to help us live with our faults as we strive for sainthood.

Outdoor Masses Begin Next Month!

Fr. Nick would like to start holding one Mass a week outdoors in the Dominican Garden. Services will provisionally begin on **Saturday, September 19th** in the late afternoon (the Vigil Mass for Sunday). If you would like to help set up for the service, please let Norah know of your availability.

The Livestream Mass will continue to be broadcast Sunday mornings on Facebook.

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Faith in Jesus Christ.*

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

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Who do you say that I am?

God,
the living
the son of
the Christ,
you are



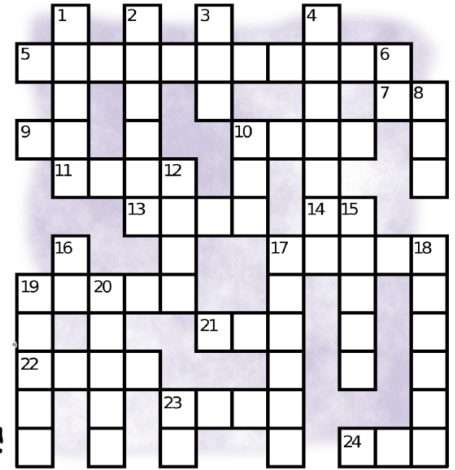
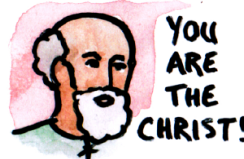
Blessed are you,
Simon son of Jonah,
For flesh and blood
have not revealed
this to you, but my
heavenly Father.

What were Peter and Jesus saying in today's Gospel reading?

Look in the mirror to find out!

"Who do you say that I am?" CROSSWORD

See how well you know what happened in today's Gospel story!



- ACROSS**
5. "...the gates of the _____ will not prevail..."
 7. "...this rock I will build my Church..."
 9. "Whatever you bind on earth shall _____ bound in Heaven."
 10. "I will _____ you the keys of the kingdom..."
 11. "On this _____ I will build my Church."
 13. Jesus made Peter the _____ of the Church on earth.
 14. "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed _____ Heaven."
 17. "_____ and blood have not revealed this to you..."
 19. "_____ asked them, 'Who do you say that I am?'"
 21. God _____ Peter in charge of His Church on earth.
 22. Jesus changed Simon's _____ to Peter.
 23. "Flesh and blood _____ not revealed this to you..."
 24. "...You are the Christ, the _____ of the living God!"
- DOWN**
1. _____ said, "You are the Christ..."
 2. "On this rock I will build my _____."
 3. "Blessed _____ you, Simon..."
 4. "...the gates of the netherworld shall not _____"
 6. "Who _____ people say that the Son of Man is?"
 8. "Flesh and blood have _____ revealed this..."
 10. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living _____!"
 12. "I will give you the _____ to the kingdom of Heaven."
 15. When will the gates of the netherworld prevail against the Church?
 16. _____ belong to the Church that Jesus started.
 17. The Heavenly _____ revealed to Simon who Jesus was.
 18. "...the keys to the kingdom of _____"
 19. "Blessed are you, Simon, son of _____"
 20. Peter's name before Jesus changed it.
 23. Jesus ordered the disciples to tell no one that _____ was the Christ.

August 23rd, 2020 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collections for the week ending August 16 th , 2020			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08/16/2020	\$11,546.10	\$8,829.00	\$2,717.10
Year-to-Date	\$275,388.26	\$302,528.00	-\$27,139.74

*We had some 'catch-up' donations that really helped out.
Thank you for sustaining the parish.*

Quarterly Report: Parish Donations For Maintenance & Social Ministries

Total Collected (Checks + EFT)	\$12,564.75
Capital Repair & Improvements	\$2,088.35
Food for the Poor	\$4,269.08
Mexicali Mission Support	\$609.00
Refugee Aid	\$689.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,819.60
School of the Madeleine	\$3,089.72

Scripture Readings for the Week

23 rd	21 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Isaiah 22:19-23 / Rom. 11:33-36 / Mat. 16:13-20
24 th	Feast [St Bartholomew, Apostle] Revelation 21:9-14 / John 1:45-51
25 th	Weekday [St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest] 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17 / Matthew 23:23-26
26 th	Weekday 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 / Matthew 23:27-32
27 th	Memorial [St. Monica] 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 / Matthew 24:42-51
28 th	Memorial [Augustine, Bishop & Doctor] 1 Corinthians 1:17-25 / Matthew 25:1-13
28 th	Memorial [Passion of St. John the Baptist] 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 / Mark 6:17-29

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Sally Campbell RIP
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Peter McWalters RIP
	11:30	Rolando Robles RIP
Monday	8:30	Virginia Abrahamson RIP
	5:30	Edgardo & Florentino, Jr., Lamason RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Arvid Abrahamson RIP
	5:30	Gil & Raul Aujero RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Algut Abrahamson RIP
		Nieva & Luisa Aujero RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Marina Eglevsky
	5:30	Marcelo, Sr., & Luisa Laboy RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Charlotte Smith
	5:30	Joyce Chen RIP
Saturday	8:30	Gene Smith RIP

How Can We Address Racial Inequity?

Just-FAITH
Deepen your faith.
Live the Gospel.

Since the murder of George Floyd and the increasing community concern about racial injustice, you may

have wondered, "What does our Faith call me to do? In this time of physical isolation, and public unrest, how can we come together for community and discussion?"

We are providing an opportunity to join with fellow parishioners in small groups to discuss our faith, and how it calls our community to consider racial equity: the parish is offering a program developed by **JustFaith**, which lets groups of 8 to 10 people meet **virtually** for 8 weekly sessions of 90 minutes each. Every session includes prayers, discussions about background readings and our own experience, and exploration of racial inequity through the lens of faith. Primarily, the group provides an opportunity for expressing our thoughts and concerns, with openness to learning from each other.

All are welcome and invited to participate. Groups are scheduled on **Tuesday** and **Thursday afternoons** (2:00-3:30 pm); **Wednesday** and **Thursday evenings** (7:00-8:30 pm). Additional groups may be offered. A virtual retreat for all participants introduces the program; we will offer this both on Sunday afternoon, **August 30th** and Saturday morning **September 5th**; small groups will start the week of **September 7th**.

Please RSVP the parish office (rsvp@marymagdalen.org), providing your **first choice day/time** and a **second choice**, if possible. There's more information on the parish website, where you may also watch parishioner Joan Bell talk about this **JustFaith** journey.

Participating in a group with fellow members of our parish community can help us respond to last Sunday's homily by Deacon Stanley Goh, S.J., when he said: "Let us ask for the grace to try to listen to the voices that are not often heard, and to recognize faith and God's mercy appearing in places where we least expect. And for the grace of courage to speak out, to call out structures that are unjust, but to do this gently, with humor and humility, engaging always on the level of faith and mercy."

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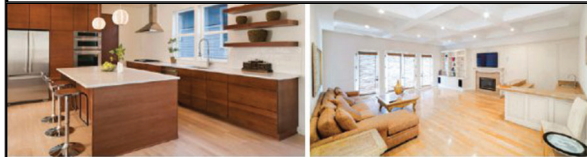
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