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Notes from Fr. Nick

## Making Moral Choices in an Election Year

The last presidential election reached a new low in rhetoric. Vulgar language, misrepresentation of facts, and outright lies became permissible in the effort to gain votes. This election has dished out more of the same. While the pandemic has added a new wrinkle to the campaign, it hasn't diverted candidates from some pretty reprehensible behavior. Even some of the Church hierarchy have indulged in partisanship. In the face of this deliberate obfuscation and dirty tricks, how are we to decide for whom to vote?

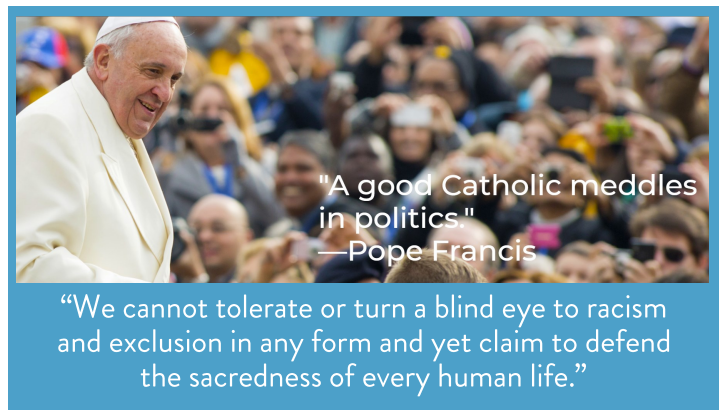
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides some guidance to active Christians for making informed choices in this election. We're providing copies of a portion of this document, entitled [Faithful Citizenship](#), as a bulletin insert, but I wanted to highlight the portion that addresses your freedom to vote your conscience. The section is entitled "[Making Moral Choices](#)."

The U.S. Bishops state, "*Difficult political decisions require the exercise of a well-formed conscience aided by prudence.*" They emphasize that our Catholic conscience is properly formed when it "*always opposes policies that violate human life or weaken its protection.*" Thus we are obliged to work for the correction of defective laws that diminish or destroy the value of human life. Prudence demands that we choose the best approaches for restoring justice. Sometimes the best approach is open to discussion.

Regarding other social teachings, the bishops write: "*Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care, and immigration.*"

Church teaching is less binding here than in areas that speak to the sanctity of life.

*Faithful Citizenship* does not tell Catholics for whom or what they should vote. You are free to vote for a person with whom the Church may not agree on every issue, as long as you believe their overall positions promote our moral values better than another's. *Faithful Citizenship* is intended to help frame political issues in the context of the Church's moral teachings, in order to guide you in making informed, prudential, moral choices.



As we head to the polls—or review our absentee ballots—it's important to clear away all the hype and vitriol that has besmirched the election process. We should get out our pens and take our responsibility seriously.

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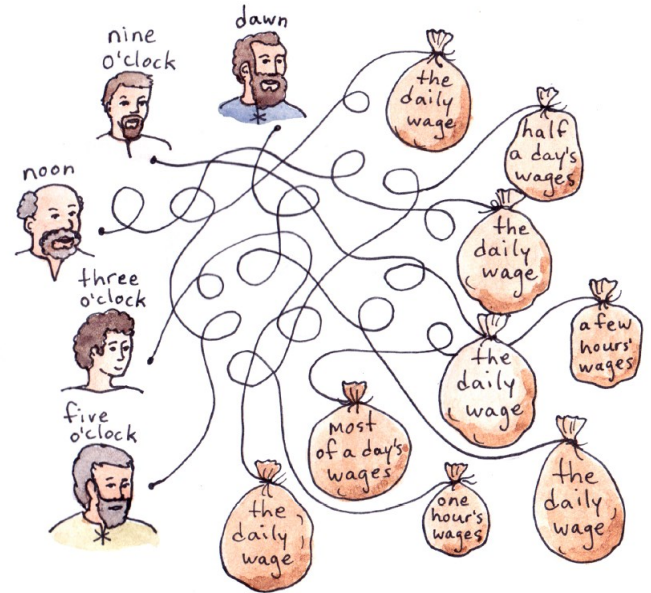
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*In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day. At the end of the day, how much did each man get paid? Follow the wiggly lines to see!*

## Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. I am caught \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ benefit.

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Like Saint Paul, we should be ready to either live or die for \_\_\_\_\_.

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# September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 — 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Collections: Weeks ending August 30<sup>th</sup> & Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08/30/2020	\$6,626.00	\$8,829.00	-\$2,203.00
09/06/2020	\$8,873.70	\$8,829.00	\$44.70
09/13/2020	\$6,988.70	\$8,829.00	\$1,840.30
Year-to-Date	\$305,536.12	\$337,844.00	-\$32,307.88

"The Lord is our Shepherd. We want for nothing."  
— paraphrase of Psalm 23:1

### Join Fr. Nick on Monday Afternoons!

Last Monday began the first in a series of bi-weekly meetings with Fr. Nick to share our response to the pandemic. These meetings are organized to enable participants to relate to each other, share stories, and encourage one another as we reinforce that we are all in this together. Any and all interested parishioners are invited to join Fr. Nick on Rengel Plaza (in front of Norton Hall) bi-weekly on Monday afternoons. The next meeting will take place on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Bring your mask!

### Scripture Readings for the Week

- 20<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Isaiah 55:6-9 / Philippians 1:20-27 / Matthew 20:1-16
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feast St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 / Matthew 9:9-13
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Weekday  
Proverbs 30:5-9 / Luke 9:1-6
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Memorial St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Proverbs 30:5-9 / Luke 9:1-6
- 24<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 / Luke 9:7-9
- 25<sup>th</sup> Weekday  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 / Luke 9:18-22
- 26<sup>th</sup> Weekday [Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs; BVM]  
Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 / Luke 9:43-45

### Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Fr. Gregory Liu, OP
Sunday	9:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Olivia Marie Lukban
	5:30	Barbara Britschgi RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Kelly Joseph McIver
	5:30	Intentions of Carl Makarczyk
Wednesday	8:30	Gianna Rossi RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Br. Kevin Peter Cantu
Thursday	8:30	Domenico Rossi RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Mayo Makarczyk
Friday	8:30	Fr. Bruno Barnhart, OSB Cam. RIP
	5:30	Intentions of Chet Grycz
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Joe Fitzgerald

### Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life

St. Ignatius developed his *Spiritual Exercises* in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. He intended them as a means of grace to the Church, and so they have been for centuries. The *Spiritual Exercises* involve prayerful meditation and contemplation of the Scriptures, and they have helped thousands of people to discern God's call in their lives, and also to develop the spiritual freedom necessary to generously respond to His call.

Parishioner [Sharon Henthorn-Iwane](#), a graduate of the three-year Pierre Favre training course in Los Altos, is now offering a series of spiritual direction sessions to interested parishioners. Using the Ignatian Exercises as their foundation, the sessions normally last 32 weeks, and involve a commitment to daily prayer and weekly meetings online with Sharon.

Cost: \$50/session (materials included). Scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Sharon Henthorn-Iwane at [sharon@prayericons.com](mailto:sharon@prayericons.com).



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### Please Pray for our Future *Confirmandi*

The Liturgy and Confirmation ceremony scheduled to take place in the Dominican Garden last Sunday afternoon had to be postponed due to the poor air quality. In the meantime, please keep our future *Confirmandi* in your prayers. Most have just begun their junior year in high school, and the majority are School of the Madeleine 2018 graduates. Their confirmations have been rescheduled for this afternoon.

Thomas Bell	Alexander Pansino
Anthony James Brencic	Isabella Perez
William Christie	George Rice
John Ernst	Benjamin Soto
Julia Frantz	Kaitlin Stephens
Jens Hallock	Dominic Storella
Noa Henthorn-Iwane	Gabriel Tarantino
Lila Higley	Lucia Tarantino
Michael Hurley	Elijah Tipton
Aidan Mark	Louisa Tipton

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