

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



Notes from Fr. Nick

Our Commitment of Time, Talent, and Treasure

Dear Parishioners,

You may recall that our parish held its 3rd Annual Parish Leadership Conference this past January. More than 40 attendees identified several areas of parish focus, including *Faith and Spirituality*, *Community Outreach*, *Development*, *Catholic Literacy*, and *Celebration*. Follow-up workshops were held on February 8th and March 7th. During those sessions, we framed a set of goals to renew and sustain our parish over the next three years. The Parish Pastoral Council then worked with our staff to prioritize specific and attainable objectives for the parish in the form of a three-year *Parish Plan for Renewal and Sustainability* beginning this year and culminating with the celebration of our parish's Centennial Year in 2023.

Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic has dramatically altered every aspect of our lives, as well as our ability to achieve the goals we have set out for the parish. For example, the very essence of our faith is gathering together in our community, yet our physical gathering is no longer safe without precautions.

In light of this new reality, it is more important than ever to pledge our commitment to St. Mary Magdalen Parish. Through the actions outlined in the updated *Parish Plan*, and with the robust commitment from all parishioners to support these actions, we can make great progress in sustaining the life of our parish and supporting the families and individuals who comprise our parish community. With our renewed commitment to one other, we will indeed have something to celebrate in 2023!

Stewardship of our church requires the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that each parishioner brings to our community. In the *Parish Plan* (published on the [website](#)) you will read about our aspirations for the next three years, reshaped to respond to the way the pandemic has disrupted many of the usual ways we participate in our faith and in the life of the church. We are asking you to do your part by taking the following steps:

- ◆ Sustain the spiritual life of the parish by **attending at least one [Livestream](#) or Saturday Vigil Mass per month**, until we can resume gathering together at in-person liturgies in the church;
- ◆ **Give of your talents to others in need**, through our [parish ministries](#) or in community outreach opportunities; and
- ◆ **[Donate](#) financially as you are able**, to support both our church and those in need.

Yours in Christ's Peace,

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor

Kristin Collins, Convener, Parish Pastoral Council

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

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

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The Kids' Bulletin

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The king sent his servants to call all the people in the street to his son's wedding. Follow the road on the map from the castle's courtyard all the way to the farmland. The people in the houses next to the road you pass are invited to the wedding.

You can colour in the houses if you like.
Who was invited to the feast?

True or False: Who is Invited to the Wedding?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of Heaven to a king giving a wedding feast for his son. What happened in the story? See if you know which of these are true statements and which are false:

1. The first time the servants went out to call those who were invited, all the guests came. True or false?
2. When the king sent out the second group of servants, some people didn't come, but went off to their farms and businesses. True or false?
3. Some people mistreated and even killed the servants. True or false?
4. The king decided that nobody else was worthy to come to his son's wedding. True or false?
5. The king decided to send his servants out into the streets to call everyone to come to the wedding. True or false?
6. When the servants called the people in the streets, they all came and filled the banquet hall. True or false?
7. When the king came in to look at his guests and found one that wasn't dressed for the wedding, he had him thrown out of the place. True or false?



October 11th, 2020 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection for the Week Ending October 4 th			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
10/04/2020	\$8,802.00	\$8,829.00	-\$27.00
Year-to-Date	\$330,158.92	\$364,331.00	-\$34,172.08

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. - Philippians 4:6

Covid-19 Reflection Group with Fr. Nick



All interested parishioners are invited to join Fr. Nick in a series of bi-weekly meetings to share our responses to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are meeting in Rengel Plaza (in front of Norton Hall) bi-weekly on Monday afternoons. Our next 'socially-distanced' meeting will take place **tomorrow, October 12th**, at 5:30 p.m. Come join us — and bring your mask!

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 11th 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Isaiah 25:6-10 / Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 / Matthew 22:1-14
- 12th Weekday
Galatians 4:22-26-5:1 / Luke 11:29-32
- 13th Weekday
Galatians 5:1-6 / Luke 11:37-41
- 14th Weekday [St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr]
Galatians 5:18-25 / Luke 11:42-46
- 15th Memorial: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
Ephesians 1:1-10 / Luke 11:47-54
- 16th Weekday [St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque]
Ephesians 1:11-14 / Luke 12:1-7
- 17th Memorial: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
Ephesians 1:15-23 / Luke 12:8-12

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	E. Paul Kelly RIP
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Sally Campbell RIP
	11:30	Madeline Mancini RIP
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Jeremy, son of Susan Whitney
	5:30	Encarnation Lamasan
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Br. Anthony Maria Akerman
	5:30	Intentions of Patricia Martin & Family
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Br. Jordan Martin
	5:30	Patrick Mettes RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Fr. Albert Paretsky, OP
	5:30	Intentions of Marie Smith
Friday	8:30	Ed & Alice Mazzucchi RIP
	5:30	MaryAnn Rolig RIP

Peace & Justice Notes

Sunday, October 11th, 1:30-3:00 pm: *Voting Your Conscience, A Faith-Based Dialogue* (via Zoom) on why we are called to vote and how we can vote well, sponsored by St. Joan of Arc Parish. Dialogue facilitators are **Julie Rubio** (Jesuit School of Theology) and **Jason Brennan** (Georgetown University School of Business). Zoom Link: tinyurl.com/VYC-Zoom

Immigrants: The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) requested authority from the *National Archives and Records Administration* to destroy thousands of records documenting abuse and misconduct by its agents. Approval was granted, but nearly 100 organizations have since registered opposition. Opponents argue that these records are necessary to “evaluat[e] patterns of abuse and misconduct within the agency, breakdowns within CBP’s complaint procedures, as well as CBP’s failure to discipline officials.” A 2017 study by the *American Immigration Council* found that CBP took no action in 95.9% of complaints against agents over a three-year period.

Refugees: The Trump Administration has informed Congress that the U.S. will accept 15,000 refugees in 2021, establishing the lowest-ever limit on refugees into this country. Actual admissions trend lower than the limit; in 2020 the Administration set the cap at 18,000 refugees and admitted fewer than 11,000. In 2019, according to the *U.N. Refugee Agency*, at least 79.5 million people were forcibly displaced worldwide. **40% of the displaced are children.**

Welcome the Stranger: In this year’s **The Day of the Migrant** address, Pope Francis reminded us that “Displaced people offer us this opportunity to meet the Lord, even though our eyes find it hard to recognize him: his clothing in tatters, his feet dirty, his face disfigured, his body wounded, his tongue unable to speak our language.” Pope Francis calls us to **faithful action**: to know the immigrant in order to understand; to be close in order to serve; to listen in order to be reconciled; to share in order to grow; to be involved in order to promote; and to cooperate in order to build. Read “[Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2020](https://www.vatican.va)” at www.vatican.va.

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