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Notes from Fr. Nick

Friedrich Hegel

Although he lived more than 150 years ago, the philosopher Friedrich Hegel has a lot to say about the present day. Unfortunately, his writing was impenetrably dense, and he isn't studied so much these days on account of it. Nevertheless, Hegel's philosophy can help us to understand ourselves. There are five major themes in Hegel's philosophy: First, Hegel believed we could learn from history. A negative side-effect of the Enlightenment was the belief that human beings had entered into a new phase, and that all previous eras were barbaric. For example, Hegel pointed out that the ancient world could teach us about the need for community in the face of the dehumanizing industrial revolution.

Second, we can learn from people whom we dislike. Knowledge is disseminated throughout humanity. The seeds of good ideas can be found in places we least expect. Thus, we should take seriously the points of view of people with whom we disagree.

Third, human history is messy! This may be Hegel's most important point. He says most of human progress is made up of corrections from earlier excesses. He calls this a *dialectic*. For instance, the swing in art in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries from excessive realism to abstraction has resulted in contemporary art that is both accessible and delves into the creative force that brought it about. This *thesis, antithesis, synthesis* approach is called the **Hegelian Triad**.

Fourth, art has a purpose. It presents ideas in a sentient way rather than abstractly. Often a painting or poem can get an idea across succinctly and in a more nuanced way than can be expressed in an essay. Art is *not* just for art's sake.

Fifth, we need new institutions. As human society progresses, it needs new structures to accommodate its needs. For example, in the early 19th century, democracy, was a relatively untried form of governance. It arose as a new institution to meet the needs of a newly wealthy and mobile society.

It doesn't take a major intellect to see some problems with Hegel's thinking. I believe we have come to assume that the swing from thesis to antithesis and back to synthesis is inevitable, leading us to waste a lot of time and energy stating an extreme position in response to another extreme, when we might be able to work out a common solution agreeable to all. Having said this, I believe that knowing how our world builds much of its self-understanding on Hegel's ideas may help us to better understand ourselves and our world –including the Church.



Last Saturday, parishioner Mary Emily Onglatco organized a **Rosary Rally** in the Dominican Garden, attended by (perhaps) the youngest member of our parish, baby **Clare Deist**.

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and we care for others."*

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The Kids' Bulletin

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In today's Gospel reading, some men asked Jesus if it was right to pay tax. What did Jesus ask them to show Him? Connect the dots to find out!

Sing 2 the Lord... a math puzzle

Figure out the answers to the math questions and use the answers to find the right words to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm.



Sing to the _____ a new _____;
 $4+4=$ _____ $1+4=$ _____

_____ to the Lord, all you _____.
 $4+2=$ _____ $6+3=$ _____

Tell his _____ among the _____;
 $3+4=$ _____ $1+1=$ _____

among all _____,
 $2+1=$ _____

his wondrous _____.
 $2+2=$ _____

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| 2 nations | 6 sing |
| 3 peoples | 7 glory |
| 4 deeds | 8 Lord |
| 5 song | 9 lands |

October 18th, 2020 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection for the Week Ending October 11th

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
10/11/2020	\$8,879.44	\$8,829.00	\$50.44
Year-to-Date	\$339,038.36	\$373,160.00	-\$34,121.64

I can do all things in him who strengthens me. - Philippians 4:13

How You Can Help our Parish to Thrive!

What is the best way to make your voice heard, and also to help our pastor to accomplish the vision for our parish in concrete ways? Join the Parish Pastoral Council! *Fr. Nick is looking for new parishioners to replace two outgoing members.* We meet (virtually, for now) on the second Tuesday of every month. Council members may be asked to lead an initiative or find people to do so. Please call or email Fr. Nick if you're interested: pastor@marymagdalen.org.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 18th 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 / Matthew 22:15-21
- 19th Weekday
Ephesians 2:1-10 / Luke 12:13-21
- 20th Weekday [St. Paul of the Cross, Priest]
Ephesians 2:12-22 / Luke 12:35-38
- 21st Weekday
Ephesians 3:2-12 / Luke 12:39-48
- 22nd Weekday [St. John Paul II, Pope]
Ephesians 3:14-21 / Luke 12:49-53
- 23rd Weekday [St. John of Capistrano, Priest]
Ephesians 4:1-6 / Luke 12:54-59
- 24th Weekday [St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop; BVM]
Ephesians 4:7-16 / Luke 13:1-9

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 The Burhans Family RIP
- Sunday 8:00 Intentions of Paul Smith
9:30 For the People of the Parish
11:30 Justine Hume RIP
- Monday 8:30 Intentions of Fr. Sergius Propst, OP and Fr. Anthony Rosevear, OP
5:30 Intentions of John & Pat McKibben
- Tuesday 8:30 Intentions of M. Emily Onglatco
5:30 Intentions of Fr. Mac Lingo
- Wednesday 8:30 Intentions of Br. Cassian Smyth
5:30 John O'Leary RIP
- Thursday 8:30 Anton Betschart RIP
5:30 Intentions of Yolanda & Victor Espejo RIP
- Friday 8:30 Intentions of Emilio Jose Guzman
5:30 Eulalia Artiaga RIP
- Saturday 8:30 Intentions of Fr. Larry Sergott

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

Our first public Masses (apart from a brief reprieve in July) began four weeks ago, much to the joy of parishioners delighted to join each other — at a safe social distance — in the Dominican Garden. Come to the Vigil Mass; the number of participants is unlimited! (*Everyone receives a 'health check' at the entrance; masks are required.*) Current Mass time is **5:30 pm**; when PST begins in November, the time will switch to **4:00 pm**.



Above: Fr. Nick addresses the congregation on October 10th. Celebrant: Priest-in-Residence Fr. Anthony Nwankwo.

Below: Gregory Saldanha, saxophone; Molly Wakeling, electric cello; Catie Cariaga Nakamura, electric guitar.

Photos by Andy Canepa, Director of Music



"A good Catholic meddles in politics."
—Pope Francis

"I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are genuinely disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor!"

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