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Notes from Fr. Nick

The "Talk of the Parish"

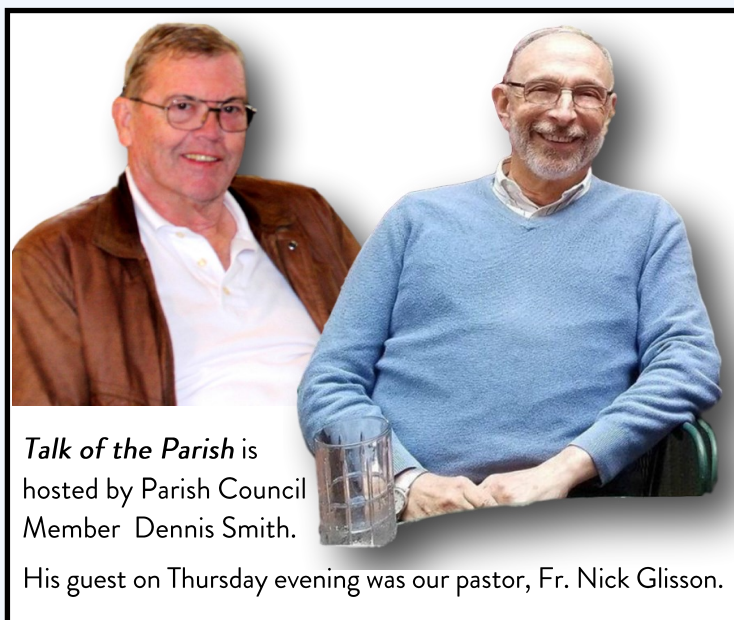
Last Thursday, October 29th, we inaugurated our new program, *Talk of the Parish*, via the internet. This program will be another means to communicate with you while we're isolated due to the plague. A lot goes on in the parish every day, but sometimes — even when we've done our best to make you aware — the message doesn't get through. We also hope it will be an opportunity for me (and other guests) to expand on topics we can't cover fully in homilies, the bulletin, and on the website.

I'm aware that this sort of forum can descend into whining about the Church, our country, or... you choose the complaint! We'll try to avoid this trap by preparing a wide range of topics, not just focus on urgent matters. For last Thursday's session the topics were:

- ◆ Our Parish Pledge.
- ◆ The reopening of the Parish.
- ◆ Pope Francis' recent statements and appointments.

Later on, we may choose to talk about the role of art for communicating Church Teaching (Deacon Stanley has written about this topic), or on how millennials view the Church. The Parish Council is exploring a range of topics and how to present them. By using the Zoom internet format, you will be able to submit questions and comments for the host and featured speaker to answer live. The next *Talk of the Parish* will take place on **Thursday, November 19th**.

The pandemic has forced many of us in the Church to address the internet age in ways we didn't know we were capable of. For me, it's opened up a whole new avenue of ministry fairly late in my priesthood. I've been resistant to learning new skills, but as I have done so, it's given me a new creative spirit with which to proclaim the Good News. Who knows, after the epidemic is over, forums like our "Talk of the Parish" might be just the innovation we need to bring Christ to a whole new generation!



Talk of the Parish is hosted by Parish Council Member Dennis Smith.

His guest on Thursday evening was our pastor, Fr. Nick Glisson.

"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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Saints on the front page: Back row: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Peter, St. Joseph, St. Maximilian Kolbe. Front row: St. Joan of Arc, St. Therese of Lisieux, Our Lady (Mary), St. Jean Marie Vianney, St. Maria Goretti. Answer to the Beatitudes Puzzle: Be a saint!

Today we celebrate all the people that are in Heaven with God. We call these people 'saints.' They were normal people like us who chose to follow God.

Here are some saints that you can colour. Do you know who they are?

The Beatitudes Puzzle

Match the first and second parts of each of the beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and then use the letters in the same order to fill in the blanks at the end.

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, B
2. Blessed are they who mourn,
3. Blessed are the meek,
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
5. Blessed are the merciful,
6. Blessed are the clean of heart,
7. Blessed are the peacemakers,
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,



T ...for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

A ...for they will inherit the land.

B ...for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

S ...for they will be satisfied.

E ...for they will be comforted.

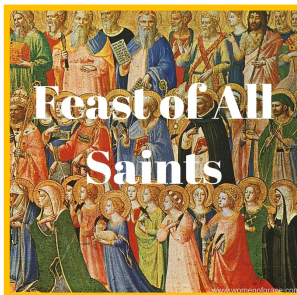
I ...for they will see God.

N ...for they will be called children of God.

A ...for they will be shown mercy.

Living the Beatitudes will help me

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	!



November 1st, 2020 — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection for the Week Ending October 25th

Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
10/25/2020	\$7,296.35	\$8,829.00	-\$1,532.65
Year-to-Date	\$353,945.39	\$390,818.00	-\$36,872.61

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. — Matthew 22:37

New Schedule for In-Person Masses!

We are now able to open the church to 35 congregants for Mass. Open Masses in the church will take place on weekdays at 8:30 am & 5:30 pm; Saturday mornings at 8:30 am; and Sunday mornings at 8:00 am.

Monday - Friday 8:30 am & 5:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am & 4:00 pm (Dominican Garden)
Sunday 8:00 am (& 10:30 am - livestream only)

The livestream Mass will continue to be broadcast, but at **10:30 am** in a closed church. For Masses inside the church, a maximum of 35 congregants is allowed. If that number is exceeded, you are welcome to listen on Berryman Plaza and receive the Eucharist at the conclusion of Mass.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 1st **SOLEMNITY: ALL SAINTS**
 Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 John 3:1-3 / Matthew 5:1-12
- 2nd **All Souls' Day**
 Wisdom 3:1-9 / Romans 5:5-11 / John 6:37-40
- 3rd **Weekday (31st Week in Ordinary Time; St. Martin de Porres)**
 Philippians 2:5-11 / Luke 14:15-24
- 4th **Memorial: Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**
 Philippians 2:12-18 / Luke 14:25-33
- 5th **Weekday**
 Philippians 3:3-8 / Luke 15:1-10
- 6th **Weekday**
 Philippians 3:17-4:1 / Luke 16:1-8
- 7th **Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]**
 Philippians 4:10-19 / Luke 16:9-15

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Maria Curtis & Family
	10:30	Intentions of Marcela Lao
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Patricia Reyes
	5:30	Holy Souls
Tuesday	8:30	Holy Souls
	5:30	Berta Manzia RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Dorothy Portner
	5:30	Holy Souls
Thursday	8:30	Holy Souls
	5:30	Helen Abrams RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Br. Peter Ciolino, OFM Cap
	5:30	Holy Souls
Saturday	8:30	Holy Souls

Fr. Anthony Nwankwo Chidiebere, MSM

The parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen are blessed to receive Fr. Anthony Nwankwo Chidiebere into our parish.

A member of the Igbo tribe (made famous to Westerners in Chinua Achebe's novel, *Things Fall Apart*), and the youngest of five siblings, he was given the name "Chidiebere" by his eldest sister at his birth. She had yearned for a sister, but spontaneously called her brother "Chidiebere," which means "the Mercy of God" in Igbo. Their father was so struck by her



declaration that he decided to give the baby this name. A few months later, he was baptized by a Bishop Anthony on the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua in his home city of Aba, the largest city in Abia state in southeastern Nigeria.

From these auspicious beginnings Fr. Anthony was called early to the priesthood, impressed as he was by the dignity of his pastor, "who conferred authority by his presence." At the age of 10 he entered a seminary in a neighboring state far from home, but close to the university where his mother, a teacher, was studying for her master's degree. He was ordained a priest in 2016, at the age of 31. In 2017-2018, he served as the *Parochial Vicar* and *Assistant Diocesan Chaplain of Catholic Charismatic Renewal* at Holy Family Parish (Limbe); the following year he was the *Parochial Vicar* of St. Theresa Parish (Mekongi Sandpit) and served as the *Diocesan Chaplain of Catholic Charismatic Renewal* in Buea Diocese. Both assignments were in Cameroon.

Fr. Anthony is a religious priest of the order of the **Missionary Sons of St. Mulumba**. He has come to Berkeley to obtain his Licentiate in Sacred Theology, which is not yet available in Nigeria. His field is moral theology (ethics). Although he has not yet been able to meet most of us, Fr. Anthony is "enjoying every bit" of parish life here. "I think I'm in the right place," he declared. The feeling is mutual!



"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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