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His Excellency, Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland



Notes from Fr. Nick

Our Parish Finances

Earlier this year, I wrote you about the state of our parish in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. At the time, I said we would let you know where we stand over the course of the year. We are now in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year and it's time for an update. We have both good news and challenges.

First, I want to thank you for your extraordinary loyalty and generosity. We have made much progress in spite of the hardships we are all laboring under. In the last nine months we have retained our staff, paid our bills, and even made improvements. Beyond this, the avenue of electronic ministry has opened up to us as both a savior and an opportunity.

We were very fortunate to have cleared off our debt before pandemic began. This, along with a small business grant from the Federal Government, enabled us to retain our entire staff. Most of us had to re-learn how to minister under the circumstances, so even though we may not have been particularly visible to you, we were all working behind the scenes to be sure that the Gospel was ministered and sacraments celebrated. Our homeless dinner program has continued almost uninterrupted with takeout catered by *Agrodolce* and served by priests and volunteers out of the garage. Going forward we expect one staff member to retire in the coming year but otherwise we've "hung in there!"

Since you were last inside the church we have begun improvements to the sound system, made more extensive use of video, and constructed a cabinet in the chancel to house new choir chairs and hymnals. The space is cleaner visually, and you will notice better balanced sound when we return to in-person liturgies. We have repaired the ceiling and installed new lighting in the Parish Hall, and it will soon be repainted. What you can't see is the replacement of our sewer lines so they comply with codes and don't pollute Cordonces Creek, which runs under our property.

Financially, the year has been mixed. As I said at the outset, your generosity has been outstanding. You have continued to support the parish at levels comparable to before the Coronavirus hit. Where we have come up short is in the rent we had expected to receive for concerts in the church and use of the Parish Hall. At the moment, we expect to have about a \$40,000 deficit at the end of this year unless we are able to make up the difference. To that end, you'll be hearing from our Finance Council about a direct appeal. I know many of us have experienced financial hardship on account of the virus, but others of us may be able to help the parish end the year with a balanced budget.

This leads me to explain my priorities when it comes to finances. The staff comes first. Southwest Airlines' business model is "Employees First." I agree with the airline that if I take care of my staff it will pay off in dedicated service to the People of God. Next, our commitments to the Diocese of Oakland and the greater Church. Beyond staff and the greater Church, our operating expenses must be met. Paying bills on time and in full is a big part of living within our means. Even with the crisis we have managed to do this in 2020.

Finally, there are the projects that enable us to grow. The internet is a new means of ministry that makes it possible to reach others including the homebound, travelers, and those who have found us and want to make Saint Mary Magdalen their spiritual home. I believe this audience is important enough that it should be a priority, in our ministry, even after the pandemic is over.

Ann Flemer, our Finance Council chairperson, will shortly give you a more detailed accounting of our finances, and a member of our Development Committee will explain how we plan to put our parish on a sound financial footing for the coming year and continuing to our 100th anniversary in 2023.

Thank you for your prayers, dedication and support in these trying times. You are in my prayers.

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

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

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Sunday 8:00 am - Church

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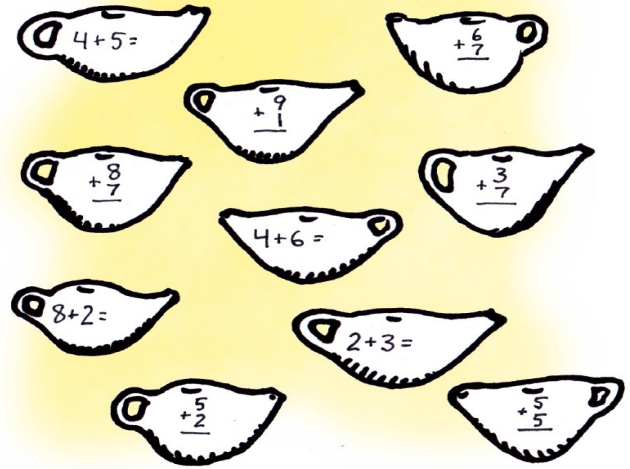
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The Kids' Bulletin

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*In today's parable, ten bridesmaids
 are waiting with their lamps.
 How many of them brought extra oil?
 Figure out the problems on each lamp.
 Colour in the ones that equal 10
 to find out the answer!*

Psalm 63 Word-Find

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.



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 ALIFEHANDSER
 RICHESGOODRT
 YHEEKINDNESS

O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK;
 for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS
 like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY
 to see your POWER and your GLORY,
 for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE;
 my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE;
 lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME.
 As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be
 satisfied,
 and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.

November 8th, 2020 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection for the Week Ending November 1 st			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
11/01/2020	\$7,127.80	\$8,829.00	-\$1,701.20
Year-to-Date	\$361,063.19	\$399,647.00	-\$38,583.81

As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. ~ Wisdom 3:6

New Schedule for In-Person Masses!

Last week we opened the church to 35 congregants for Mass. Open Masses in the church now 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 the presider will deliver the Eucharist to you.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 8th **32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 Wisdom 6:12-16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Matthew 25:1-13
- 9th **Feast: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
 Ezekiel 47:1-12 / 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 / John 2:13-22
- 10th **Memorial: Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor**
 Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 / Luke 17:7-10
- 11th **Memorial: Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**
 Titus 3:1-7 / Luke 17:11-19
- 12th **Memorial: Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**
 Philemon 7-20 / Luke 17:20-25
- 13th **Memorial: Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini**
 2 John 4-9 / Luke 17:26-37
- 14th **Weekday (Blessed Virgin Mary)**
 3 John 5-8 / Luke 18:1-8

Mass Intentions

Saturday	4:00	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	8:00	Hubert Carvallo RIP
	10:30	Donald & Claire Davis RIP
Monday	8:30	Holy Souls
	5:30	Intentions of Chet Grycz
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Mario Zelaya
	5:30	Holy Souls
Wednesday	8:30	Holy Souls
	5:30	Mary Lee Lao RIP
Thursday	5:30	Holy Souls
Friday	8:30	Holy Souls
	5:30	Intentions of Owen Wesley Fitzgerald
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Dcn. Stanley Goh, SJ

Peace & Justice Notes

Thanksgiving Giving: Please contribute any small (hotel-size) toiletries you may have to our Peace & Justice toiletry drive. Items will be donated to local shelters and other advocacy groups for those in need. **You can drop them off at the Parish Office during regular open hours — 9:00 am-5:00 pm (closed Noon-1:00 pm) — by Friday, November 20th.**

Prayers for the Hungry: *Food insecurity is here in our community and also devastatingly present across the globe.* Join pray-ers worldwide to “grow, nourish, sustain, together — our actions are our future.” This is the theme of **2020 World Food Day** — pray on any day this Fall to end the scourge of hunger. Please also consider donating to the *Berkeley Food Pantry, our St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Relief Services*, or other groups that serve the hungry.

“Zero Tolerance Policy” Report: On October 30th Congress issued its findings about the Administration’s immigration policy that led to the forcible separation of thousands of children at the U.S.-Mexico border in 2018. There are still 545 children who were separated under the policy whose parents cannot be located. The report includes emails and memoranda of the Departments of Homeland Security; Justice; Health and Human Services (HHS); and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Their lack of preparedness is evident, as well as the lack of any plan to track and reunite families. An example: *“No, we do not have any linkages from parents to [unaccompanied children. We have a list of parent alien numbers but no way to link them to children.”* [HHS response to ICE three days after the Administration cancelled the Zero Tolerance Policy.] Pray for those 545 children and their families, as well as other migrants fleeing danger and facing it here.

An Evening of Virtual Wine and Art, Thursday November 12th, 6:00-7:00 pm: Sponsored by the American Immigration Lawyers Association as a **benefit for the American Immigration Council**, which works to advance a fair immigration system. You’ll take a virtual journey through the *Stolpman Vineyards* and the *de Young Fine Arts Museum*. Registration is free, but a raffle ticket required to participate. Click here: tinyurl.com/AILA-artwine

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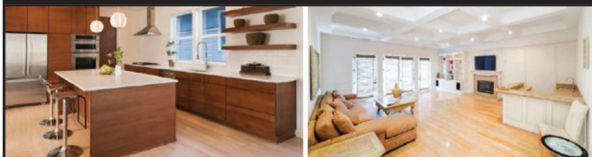
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