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



Notes from Fr. Nick

Penance Service



Advent is a time of preparation for the great feast of Christmas. It's a time when we want to be honest with ourselves, so that when the feast comes, our celebration won't be tinged by our sinful baggage. Normally, the means we use to address our faults is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During the time I've been pastor, we've always held a Penance Service where we express our sorrow and ask forgiveness as a community.

Sacraments require personal contact. We're being creative this year in order to help you to receive this sacrament of forgiveness. To this end, we'll be presenting the **Advent Reconciliation Service online at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14th**. For the rest of the week, a priest will be available to hear your confession after Daily Mass, on the following schedule:

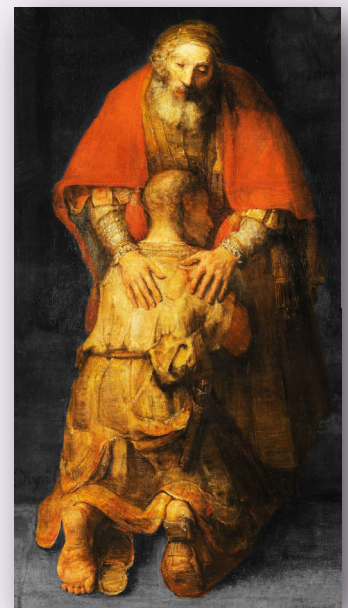
- **Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:00—9:30 am**
- **Thursday & Friday: 6:00—6:30 pm**

(The ending times are approximate; the priest won't leave as long as penitents are present.)

Due to the lockdown, many of us have not availed ourselves of the sacrament. Bishop Barber dispensed all of us from the requirement to confess our sins during Easter season, so you have not been required to go to confession this year. Regardless, all of us need to hear that we have been sacramentally forgiven, and so I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity. If you're not able to attend any of the scheduled times, please consider making an appointment with one of the priests.

This pandemic has placed additional and unusual stresses on all of us. Beyond this, we have coped with fires, racial tension, and a presidential election that brought out the worst in politics. Have any of these issues caused you to be less than what God asks of you? I suspect many of us have behaved in ways we would like to resolve before God. As you examine your conscience, you may want to consider how these and other stresses have impacted you.

Christmas will be unusual this year, but it is still the celebration of hope which begins the Paschal Mystery. Let's use this Advent as a time to get ourselves right with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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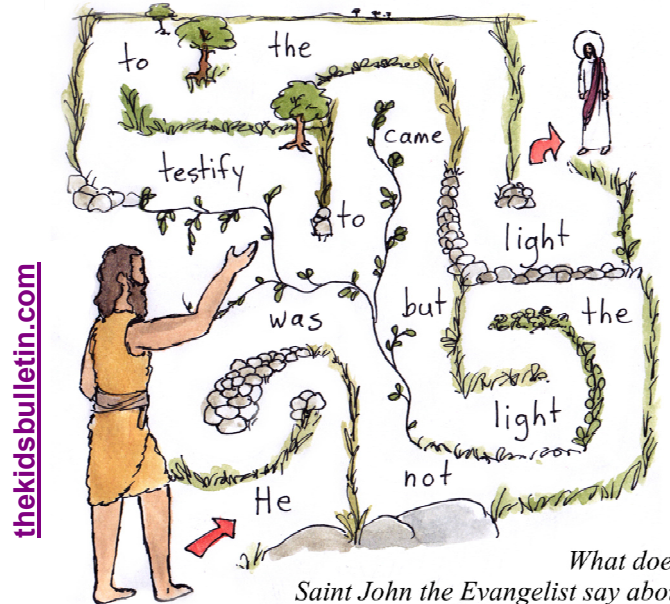
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The Kids' Bulletin



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What does Saint John the Evangelist say about Saint John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel? Read the words you pass as you go through the maze.

Was the priest who offered Mass today wearing pink vestments? The colour pink, or rose, is a sign of joy. We use it for the third Sunday of Advent because we are happy that we're half-way to Christmas! If you have an Advent wreath, it's time to light the pink candle!



The Messenger of Peace Word-find

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See if you can find the words in CAPITALS from today's first reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks in the reading.

The SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has ANOINTED me; he has SENT me to bring GLAD TIDINGS to the POOR, to heal the

to PROCLAIM LIBERTY to CAPTIVES and RELEASE to the PRISONERS, to ANNOUNCE a YEAR of FAVOUR from the Lord and a day of VINDICATION by our GOD.



December 13th, 2020 – Gaudete Sunday

Collection for the Week Ending December 6 th			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
12/06/2020	\$8,358.34	\$8,829.00	-\$470.66
Year-to-Date	\$401,943.52	\$443,792.00	-\$41,848.48

Thank you all for your support of your parish.

Postponements...

The new Covid-19 restrictions have caused Music Director **Andy Canepa** and parishioner and caterer **Lourdes Guzman** to postpone their musical and culinary tribute to Beethoven until late January. Please stay tuned for details.

If you registered for **Fr. Nick's pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, please contact organizer Mary Emily Onglatco for information about options to handle your deposit: emsmmholyland@gmail.com

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 13th *THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT*
Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 / 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 / John 1:6-8, 19-28
- 14th *Memorial: Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor*
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17 / Matthew 21:23-27
- 15th *Advent Weekday*
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Matthew 21:28-32
- 16th *Advent Weekday*
Is 45:6-8, 18-25 / Lk 7:18-23
- 17th *Advent Weekday*
Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17
- 18th *Advent Weekday*
Jer 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25
- 19th *Advent Weekday*
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25/Luke 1:5-25

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Claire McWalters RIP
Sunday	9:00	Catherine Andres RIP
	11:00	For the People of the Parish
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Rebeca Sebas
	5:30	Intentions of Florence Wahl
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Kate Mia
	5:30	Joe McGruder RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Jean Bissonnette RIP
	5:30	Joe McGruder RIP
Thursday	8:30	Donald Smith RIP
	5:30	Joe McGruder RIP
Friday	8:30	Rex R. Vaubel RIP
	5:30	Justine Hume RIP
Saturday	8:30	Dr. Ronald Schmidt RIP

Peace & Justice Notes

Capital Punishment: The Trump Administration will have executed 13 people in six months by the time President-elect Joseph Biden is sworn into office. This rush to execute is unprecedented; the last federal execution under a lame-duck president was in 1889. The *U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops* has filed an *amicus curiae* brief in opposition with the Supreme Court. You can join the bishops' efforts to stop executions by writing to Attorney General William Barr. To do so, visit the USCCB website usccb.org and follow the links to the Action Center.

And Pray: Please join *Catholic Mobilizing Network's* prayer vigils for these individuals. The vigils are an hour of prayer, reflection and lamentation that our government takes a life for a life, while our Faith teaches that God takes no pleasure in the taking of another's life. To join the vigils: Register and RSVP at www.catholicmobilizing.org

Virtual Prayer Vigil for Lisa Montgomery

- ♦ Tuesday, Jan. 12 | 11:00 am-Noon, PST

Virtual Prayer Vigil for Corey Johnson

- ♦ Thursday, Jan. 14 | 11:00 am-Noon, PST

Virtual Vigil for Dustin Higgs

- ♦ Friday, Jan. 15 | 11:00 am-Noon, PST

Immigration: In Pope Francis's third encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, he recognizes the humanitarian crises that force people to flee homelands. He identifies essential actions nations should take to "welcome, protect, promote and integrate" migrants, including increasing and simplifying the granting of visas, ensuring adequate consular assistance, and providing equitable access to the justice system (Chapter 4 "A Heart Open to the Whole World", Section 134). Instead, expect additional orders from the current Administration to obstruct immigration to the U.S.

The Trump Administration has already reduced the number of refugees that will be accepted into the U.S. in 2021 to 15,000, the lowest-ever limit on refugees. Actual admissions trend lower than the limit; in 2020 the Administration set the cap at 18,000 and admitted fewer than 11,000. In 2019, at least 79.5 million people were forcibly displaced worldwide, according to the *United Nations Refugee Agency*. 40% of the displaced are **children**.

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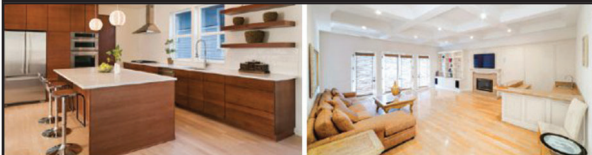
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