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Notes from Fr. Nick

## The Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope & Love

Saint Paul tells us (1 Corinthians 13:13) that the virtues that come directly from God are *faith, hope and love*. **Faith** is steadfastness in belief. **Hope** is an expectation and desire of receiving, not giving up or falling into despair. **Love** is selfless, unconditional and voluntary kindness. What makes these *theological virtues* distinct from others? For example, how do they differ from the *cardinal virtues*—justice, fortitude, prudence and temperance?

Unlike other virtues, we cannot acquire the theological virtues through our own efforts. They are strictly gifts from God. We may exercise these virtues so that their true potential develops in our beings, but without God placing their essence in each of us, we would be incapable of living out our destiny as his sons and daughters.

Other humanly-acquired virtues run the risk of becoming vices; if carried to extreme: *Justice* can be coldhearted, *fortitude* might turn into stubbornness, too much *prudence* could lead to indecisiveness; and over-zealous *temperance* might starve a person.

On the other hand, the stronger our faith is, the deeper is our relationship with God. Enduring hope is not rose-colored optimism; it is, rather, the expectation that *all things ultimately resolve into God's goodness*. Abundant love always enriches the hearts with whom it contacts and grows God's presence in the world.

In a real sense, the theological virtues are mysteries of God's presence within all of us. They are to be pondered rather than defined. Survey in yourself how you are actualizing these virtues that are the essence of your humanity.

## Annual Parish Conference

**The time is now:** Sign up for the Annual Parish Conference!

**Mark the Date on your Calendars: Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

*\*\*\* Fr. Nick would like for every member of the parish to attend.\*\*\**

**Schedule:** The morning session will start at 10:00 am, followed by a long lunch break. (A special lunch will be provided at a discount by Madeleine Dad Angelo D'Alo, owner of *Agrodolce Osteria*, as he did for the Mary Magdalen Festival.) "Breakout" and closing sessions will run from 1:30 pm to approx. 3:00 pm.

**Moderator:** Deacon Jeff Burns, Ph.D. **Speaker:** Joel Thompson, SJ

**How to Register?** Call the office (510-526-4811) or email Norah at [parish@marymagdalen.org](mailto:parish@marymagdalen.org)

No matter where in the world we may be, our virtual parish conference will be accessible to anyone with a computer, smartphone, or even just an old-fashioned telephone. (You will be given a toll-free number to call.) Register now!

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### MASS TIMES

Sunday 9:00 am—Livestream Mass

Sunday 11:00 am—Dominican Garden

### OFFICE HOURS

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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm

*(and by appointment)*

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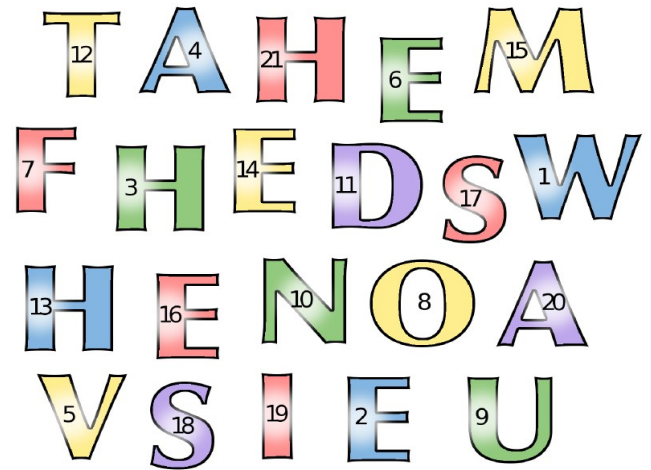
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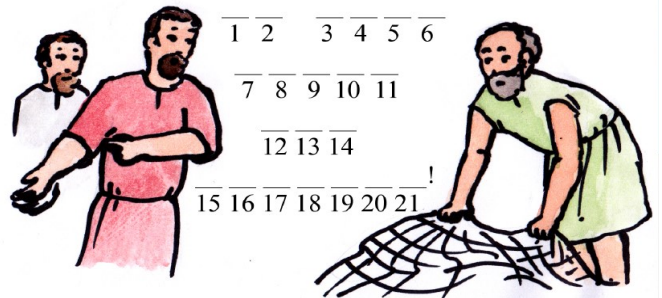
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# The Kids' Bulletin



What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading?  
Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!

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## Samuel's Call Cross-Word

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.  
Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

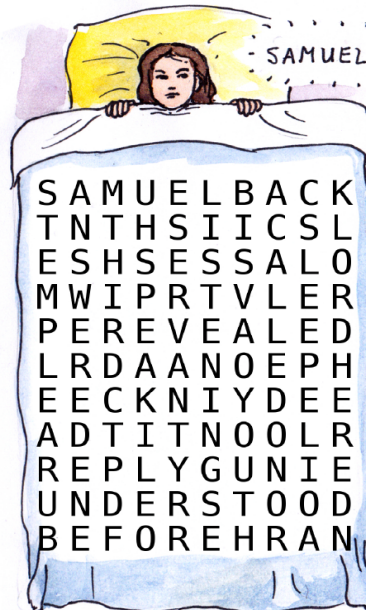
SAMUEL was sleeping in the TEMPLE. He heard a voice calling him, so he RAN to ELI and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go BACK to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Then the same thing happened again. The voice CALLED Samuel again, for the THIRD time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "HERE I am. You called me."

Then Eli UNDERSTOOD that the Lord was calling the YOUTH. So he said to Samuel, "Go to SLEEP, and if you are called, REPLY, "SPEAK, Lord, for your SERVANT is listening." When Samuel went to sleep, the LORD came and REVEALED his presence, calling out as BEFORE, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel ANSWERED, "Speak, for your servant is LISTENING."

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

What's another way of saying this was Samuel's calling?  
It was



# January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

| Weeks Ending January 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sunday  | Actual      | Budget      | Difference  |
| 01/03/2020  | \$5,942.40  | \$8,339.00  | -\$2,396.60 |
| 01/10/2020  | \$9,779.59  | \$8,339.00  | \$1,440.59  |
| Year-to-Date  | \$15,721.99 | \$16,678.00 | -\$956.01   |

*Happy New Year!*

## Please Support Andy's Fundraiser!

The Covid-19 restrictions have caused our Music Director, **Andy Canepa**, to be creative: he will be presenting the same Beethoven concert *five times*: twice on the internet (*maximum number of attendees: 100*), and three times in the Church: (*maximum number of attendees: 9*).

Please support Andy's and parishioner and caterer **Lourdes Guzman's** hard work to help our parish make up its deficit. The dates are noted on the poster at right. **Note: you must call 510-526-4811 to order your tickets;** they cannot be purchased online.

## Scripture Readings for the Week

- 17<sup>th</sup> *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Samuel 3:3-19 / 1 Corinth. 6:13-20 / John 1:35-42
- 18<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
Hebrews 5:1-10 / Mark 2:18-22
- 19<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
Hebrews 6:10-20 / Mark 2:23-28
- 20<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [St. Fabian & St. Sebastian, Martyrs]*  
Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17 / Mark 3:1-6
- 21<sup>st</sup> *Memorial: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*  
Hebrews 3:7-14 / Mark 1:40-45
- 22<sup>nd</sup> *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*  
Hebrews 8:6-13 / Mark 3:13-19
- 23<sup>rd</sup> *Weekday [St. Vincent, Martyr; St. Marianne Cope; BVM]*  
Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14 / Mark 3:20-21

## Mass Intentions

|           |       |                                 |
|-----------|-------|---------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 5:30  | For the People of the Parish    |
| Sunday    | 9:00  | Intentions of Bea Sharifi       |
|           | 11:00 | Spencer Yeh RIP                 |
| Monday    | 8:30  | Ed May RIP                      |
|           | 5:30  | Nam Sin Lao RIP                 |
| Tuesday   | 8:30  | Felix de la Cruz RIP            |
|           | 5:30  | Marietta Gamboa Leyesa RIP      |
| Wednesday | 8:30  | Floyd Tokuda RIP                |
|           | 5:30  | Intentions of Chet Grycz        |
| Thursday  | 8:30  | Terry Colvert RIP               |
|           | 5:30  | Sylvia Flores RIP               |
| Friday    | 8:30  | Ben & Marjorie Mathias RIP      |
|           | 5:30  | Intentions of Natividad Ramirez |
| Saturday  | 8:30  | Marie Smith RIP                 |



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Our parish is nurturing our spiritual life through **JustFaith** Small Faith Groups. Join fellow parishioners in small groups to discuss how our Faith calls us to consider racial equity (and other needs of the greater world) within our spiritual practice. Primarily, the groups provide an opportunity for expressing our thoughts and concerns through hearing and learning from each other. As one participant stated after our first **JustFaith** program last Fall: *"It was very helpful to hear the experiences of the other members of the group. Real life experiences are the most meaningful."*

**Don't worry if you are new to the tech experience of virtual groups: jump in and we will help you out!**

Every parishioner is invited to join one of the new groups, which will meet in the afternoons and evenings on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Interested? Contact the parish office at [rsvp@marymagdalen.org](mailto:rsvp@marymagdalen.org) (or 510-526-4811); see our website for details on meeting times; or write to Claire Broome at [cvbroome@gmail.com](mailto:cvbroome@gmail.com).

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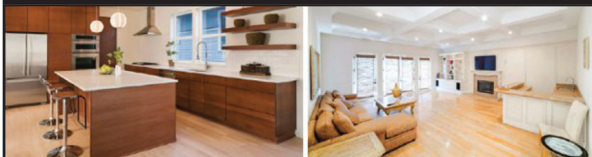
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