

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor  
The Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ, Bishop of Oakland



Notes from Fr. Nick

## A CATHOLIC WEDDING

Matrimony has a unique theology among the sacraments of the Catholic Church. It is the only sacrament not ministered by the Church; rather, it is ministered by the couple to each other in the presence of the Church.



Saint Augustine defined a Christian marriage as: exclusive faithfulness, life-long commitment and the possibility of children. (An exception is made for older people, unable to have children.) These form the basis for sacramental love between a couple with Christ at their center.

There are some basic Church laws and policies in place for couples preparing for marriage: Catholics are

required to be married in the Catholic Church, or to have permission to marry outside it. They must be *free to marry*. That is, they cannot be previously married, unless either their spouse has died or their previous marriage has been annulled by the Church.

The Diocese of Oakland and St. Mary Magdalen Parish have specific policies as well: Couples must contact the parish at least six months before the proposed marriage, there is some paperwork that establishes 'freedom to marry', and we also require classes and counseling.

If you are contemplating marriage during the next year, please give me a call so that I can explain the procedures to you in more detail.

**Design Our  
EASTER BANNERS!**



Do you have artistic talent? Fr. Nick is seeking designs for two banners to be displayed on our church façade during Easter Time. We want to display *your* artwork!

**Requirements:**

- Original, colorful design
- No or minimal wording
- Digital artwork suitable for printing on two 8' x 3' vinyl banners

**How to submit:**  
Email your digital files to [nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org](mailto:nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org) on or before  
— March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 —

For reference: at left, the two magnificent angels drawn by parishioner Mary Ernst that were displayed on our church façade during Christmas Time.  
Designer: Lourdes Guzman  
Photo: Cat Nielsen

*"Together we share our Faith in Jesus Christ.  
We live the Gospel, and we care for others."*

**MASS TIMES**  
Sunday 9:00 am — Livestream Mass  
Sunday 11:00 am — Dominican Garden

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00 pm  
(and by appointment)

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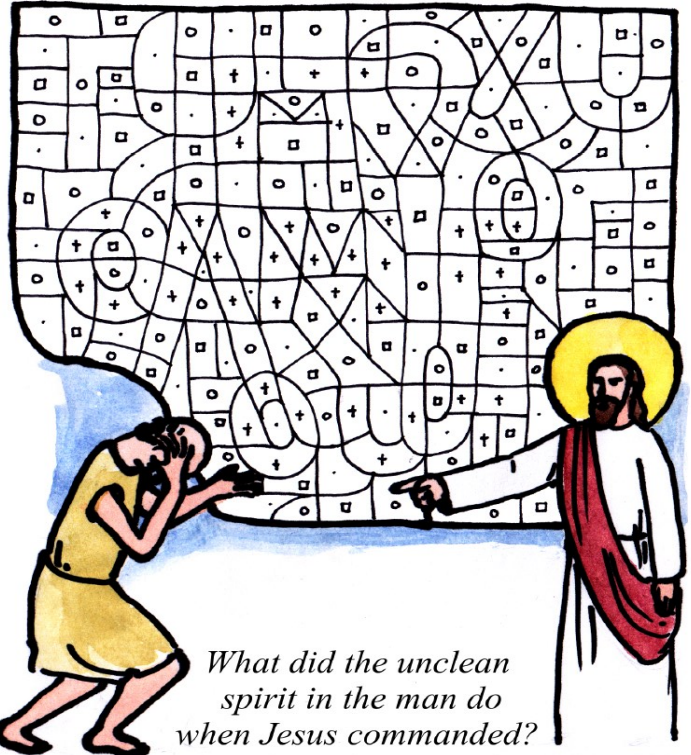
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# The Kids' Bulletin

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*What did the unclean spirit in the man do when Jesus commanded?*

*Colour in only the spaces that have crosses to find out what it did.*

## Unscramble: Jesus Casts out a Demon

*Sort out the letters to fill in the blanks.*

*Use the letters in the boxes to fill in the last row of boxes.*

And immediately there was in their synagogue a    (NMA) with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, "What have you to do with us,    (ESSJU) of Nazareth? Have you come to     (YDSETRO) us? I know who you are, the     (OYLH) One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and    (MEOC) out of him!"

And the unclean     (TRSIPI), convulsing him and crying with a loud     (IOCEV), came out of him.

And     (YEHT) were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves,     (YSNIAG), "What is this? A new teaching!"

With           he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."





# January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection for the Week Ending January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
01/24/2021	\$5,612.30	\$8,471.00	-\$2,858.70
Year-to-Date	\$27,167.59	\$33,844.00	-\$6,716.41

*Consider joining our [Electronic Giving Family](#) if you have not already done so.*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 Report: Parish Donations For Maintenance & Social Ministries

<b>Total Collected (Checks + EFT)</b>	<b>\$13,190.29</b>
Capital Repair & Improvements	\$1,667.15
Sunday Dinners Program	\$4,818.11
Mexicali Mission Support	\$683.00
Refugee Aid	\$798.00
St. Vincent de Paul Conference	\$1,875.29
School of the Madeleine	\$3,348.74

## Scripture Readings for the Week

31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Deuteronomy 18:15-20 / 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 / Mark 1:21-28
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Weekday</i> Hebrews 11:32-40 / Mark 5:1-20
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Feast: The Presentation of the Lord</i> Mal 3:1-4 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Weekday [St. Blaise, Martyr, &amp; Saint Ansgar]</i> Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 / Mark 6:1-6
4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Weekday</i> Hebrews 12:18-24 / Mark 6:7-13
5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Memorial: St. Agatha, Martyr</i> Hebrews 13:1-8 / Mark 6:14-29
6 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Weekday [St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs]</i> Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 / Mark 6:30-34

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Leonard Guerrero RIP
Sunday	9:00	Patricia Giacomazzi Broemmel RIP
	11:00	For the People of the Parish
Monday	8:30	James Hansen RIP
	5:30	Joe McGruder RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Terry Colvert RIP
	5:30	Harry Brill RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Dr. Robert McIvor RIP
	5:30	Barr Fletcher RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Angela & Joe Hansen
	5:30	Joe Cooper RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Ann Fitzgerald
	5:30	Carol Cox RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Fr. Daniel Syverstad, OP

## Register Now for a *JustFaith* Group!

Our first *JustFaith* group begins **this Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. There are a few open spots remaining, so you can still sign up! A full description of the two programs (*Racial Healing* and *Engaging Spirituality*) and their scheduled meeting times (*Tuesday through Thursday, afternoon and evening choices*) is available at [marymagdalen.org](http://marymagdalen.org). Everyone is welcome and invited to participate! Call (510) 526-4811 or email [rsvp@marymagdalen.org](mailto:rsvp@marymagdalen.org) to register.

Participants in our earlier groups found the *JustFaith* experience meaningful, especially during this time when Covid-19 has isolated us. Below are some reactions from participants in the Fall 2020 program:

- ◆ *"Loved meeting new people through a purpose that everyone took seriously. Much better than chit-chat."*
- ◆ *"Over the 8 weeks I found my opinions (judgments?) of what people said re-shaped at times."*
- ◆ *"It helped me feel less isolated in this Covid time."*
- ◆ *"I just finished RCIA this year, and I met new people in my parish through the program."*

Sign up and become a part of this parish experience!

## Fifth Sunday Request

At the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus sent out his disciples two by two. In the same spirit, we members of the SMM St. Vincent de Paul conference go out two by two — observing Covid-19 protocols — to visit with our neighbors who have requested help. In the family setting, we learn about the hardships of juggling bills on limited incomes, where the cost to replace car tires or brakes can put anyone behind on their bills. We pray, offer advice, and provide assistance. Thank you for helping bring Jesus' love and mercy to the children of God. **Your generous giving during today's Fifth Sunday Collection will help with our neighbors' food, gas, rent, and utility bills.**

We also invite you to join us! We meet at 7:00 pm over Zoom on the first Monday evening of the month. (You may call Richard and Judy at 510-524-6747 for more information.) Thank you again for helping the poor and distressed in our parish.

*~ Judy & Richard, Ceara, Troy, and Laura*



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