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Notes from Fr. Nick

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Perhaps the biggest distinction between Catholic music and that of other Christian denominations is that, ideally, we sing our liturgy. Most Protestant churches focus on the spoken word and pause to sing hymns. However, for centuries Catholic music faced a long decline that was reversed only by the Second Vatican Council. We may remember a beautiful High Mass on Easter Sunday, but that was an exception to the norm.

There was no era when we can say that church music reached its high point, but we can mark the decline beginning during the Counter-Reformation. During that time, the Catholic Church concentrated on what it saw as essential to the faith. The Church clarified its teaching at a time when there was much confusion, but it had the effect of reducing liturgy to its lowest common denominator.

Instead of striving for ideal worship, the Church focused on the minimum necessary for Mass to be valid. The norm for liturgy became the priest's private Mass, rather than the "community solemn High Mass." If you're old enough to remember Sunday Mass before Vatican II, you'll recall praying privately from your prayer book or saying the rosary while the priest whispered the liturgy with his back to the congregation. If you were especially devout, you might have attended the 'High Mass', when the choir sang the Mass parts, often unseen in a choir loft.

This had been the situation for nearly 400 years when [the 2nd Vatican Council revised the liturgy](#). Many of us can also recall the chaos and the often-bad music that followed. At first we adopted many Protestant hymns, which we stuck into our liturgy in the same way they were used in Protestant worship. The first English translations of the Psalms needed more tinkering in order to make Gregorian chant sound right. Detractors of post-Vatican II worship often point to this period when they say we should go back to the Latin Mass.

In the fifty-odd years since the Vatican Council, Catholic liturgical music has found its voice. We've returned to singing the parts of the Mass. The revised [General Instruction on the Roman Missal](#) assumes that all community Masses have music, and that the major parts are sung. We have a mixture of traditional music and new settings that work better with English grammar. The quality of our music has improved greatly.

In many ways, I've felt that the coronavirus is against Vatican II. It prevents us from gathering as a community, receiving Communion from the cup, and being allowed to sing in church. Our Music Director, Andy Canepa, has risen admirably to this challenge. Maybe you've seen our videos wherein choir members and other parishioners recorded themselves on their smartphones. The videos were then mixed by Samuel Leung to create a 'virtual choir'. More recently, we've been permitted a single cantor to intone our worship. Hopefully, by summer we'll all be able to return to church and sing together. And perhaps this hiatus will remind us of the importance of music in our worship, and we'll sing again with full voice in our church.

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took Peter, James and John up a




Suddenly His  became dazzling white, like the



began to speak with Moses and Elijah,

who appeared beside Him.  were terrified.

Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we

build  : one for You, one for Moses and

one for Elijah?" Then a  came over them, and a

voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son.

Listen to Him." Then only  was there with them.

Coming down the , He told  not to tell

anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

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*Use the pictures to help read the story
 from today's Gospel reading!*

ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE PUZZLE

*Do the math! Answer the math problems to find the right words
 to fit in the spaces to answer the questions!*

God wanted to test Abraham's faith.
 He told him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac.

Did Abraham trust in God? _____
 3-3=_____

Did God let Abraham sacrifice his son,
 or did he stop him?

He _____ and _____ a
 3+4=_____ 6+4=_____ 5-1=_____

_____ 5-3=_____ 1+5=_____

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| 0 YES | 4 SENT | 8 BURNED |
| 1 NO | 5 KILLED | 9 SWORD |
| 2 SHEEP | 6 INSTEAD | 10 HIM |
| 3 COW | 7 STOPPED | |



February 28th, 2021 ~ Second Sunday in Lent

Collection for the Week Ending February 21 st , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
02/21/2021	\$5,697.90	\$8,471.00	-\$2,773.10
Year-to-Date	\$56,833.32	\$67,768.00	-\$10,934.68

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The Bishop's Appeal is in Full Swing!



Like most parishes, we weren't able to reach our goal last year, but we get a 'do-over' with the same theme as in 2020: **Rebuild My Church**. The words that St. Francis heard the Lord speak to him eight centuries ago still reso-

nate today, for the pandemic has hurt *all* our churches, especially the most vulnerable. Donating is an act of solidarity with our diocese; we thereby support parishes in need, as well as priestly formation, SPRED programs, and other needs. Click on vimeo.com/510932868 to watch Bishop Barber's video. To donate: marymagdalen.org/donate and chose [Bishop's Appeal](#).

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 28th **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
 Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 / Romans 8:31-34 / Mark 9:2-10
- 1st **Lenten Weekday**
 Deuteronomy 9:4-10 / Luke 6:36-38
- 2nd **Lenten Weekday**
 Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 / Matthew 23:1-12
- 3rd **Lenten Weekday [St. Katharine Drexel]**
 Jeremiah 18:18-20 / Matthew 20:17-28
- 4th **Lenten Weekday [St. Casimir]**
 Jeremiah 17:5-10 / Luke 16:19-31
- 5th **Lenten Weekday**
 Genesis 37:3-4, 12-28 / Matthew 21:33-46
- 6th **Lenten Weekday**
 Micah 7:14-20 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 9:00 | Marilyn Overbay RIP |
| | 11:00 | Intentions of Fr. Anthony Nwankwo, MSM |
| Monday | 8:30 | Pat Haukom Sontag RIP |
| | 5:30 | Joe McGruder RIP |
| Tuesday | 8:30 | Intentions of Dina Fathi |
| | 5:30 | Panya Sobrevega RIP |
| Wednesday | 8:30 | Intentions of Kevin Miller |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Chet Grycz |
| Thursday | 8:30 | Terry Colvert RIP |
| | 5:30 | Intentions of Martha Schendorf Klinger |
| Friday | 8:30 | Intentions of Laurie Murdock |
| | 5:30 | Joyce Chen RIP |
| Saturday | 8:30 | Alex Adilman RIP |

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

Yes, you *can* read the entire Catholic Catechism in one year! Fr. Nick is encouraging all of us to sign up for *free* daily emails that summarize two questions (in dialogical format, with references), as below: Type your email address here: flocknote.com/catechism

77. What other consequences derive from original sin?

In consequence of original sin human nature, without being totally corrupted, is wounded in its natural powers. It is subject to ignorance, to suffering and to the dominion of death and is inclined toward sin. This inclination is called concupiscence.

Further reading: CCC 405-409, 418

78. After the first sin, what did God do?

After the first sin, the world was inundated with sin but God did not abandon man to the power of death. Rather, he foretold in a mysterious way in the "Protoevangelium" (Genesis 3:15) that evil would be conquered and that man would be lifted up from his fall. This was the first proclamation of the Messiah and Redeemer. Therefore, the fall would be called in the future a "happy fault" because it "gained for us so great a Redeemer" (Liturgy of the Easter Vigil).

Further reading: CCC 410-412, 420

Stations of the Cross ~ Outdoors

Praying the Stations of the Cross is a practice we often do as a community during Lent. Waterproof images of the stations created a few years ago by then-Deacon Jonathan Harmon, SJ, with Madeleine students have been placed on the fence between the parking lots. Come, join fellow parishioners following the 5:30 pm Mass (around 6:00 pm) every Friday in Lent. Candles will be available to participants for additional lighting, or bring a flashlight!



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