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Notes from Fr. Nick

SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the Church, social justice may be ‘where the rubber meets the road’. If we are to have any credibility with the rest of the world, it will be in our standing with those whom society wants to cast off. However, long before our social positions helped to justify the Church’s presence before the world, our care for the poor and disenfranchised was a basic Gospel stance. It goes to the heart of being Christian.

At its heart, social justice recognizes the basic worth and dignity that comes from the fact that God made all of the universe, and human beings are the crown of that creation. *If God cares so much for every one of us, then it is our responsibility to extend that care to each other.* This means that not one person is expendable, or without worth, because they do not fit into our lives, or contribute to society to the degree we would like. All of creation is sacred.

Pope Paul VI instituted what he called a “preferential option for the poor,” and all subsequent popes have followed suit. The preferential option for the poor means that, all other things being equal, *the Catholic Church must side with those who are without the means to protect themselves and lack the basic necessities of life.*

St. Mary Magdalen Parish has long prided itself for its stand on social justice issues. Our [Peace and Justice Committee](#) regularly addresses matters large and small that affect our area and the greater world. (See page 3.) Our parish [St. Vincent de Paul Conference](#) helps to meet the needs of our neighbors who lack basic necessities. Before and throughout the pandemic, our [Dinners for the Hungry](#) have continued on the first and fourth Sundays of every month. These are just a few of the many ways we try to live out the Gospel. While the need will always outstrip means, we do our best to authentically follow Christ’s mandate.

These are not just pocketbook issues. Social Justice is solidarity with the poor, the environment and all of creation. We imitate our Creator when we are selfless and we justify our place in the community by our actions on the side of whoever or whatever is in need.



During Lent, our community participates in the [CRS Rice Bowl](#), a faith-in-action program that invites us all to reflect on the challenges of global hunger and our Gospel call to care for our global human family.

Half of all children in Madagascar are undernourished, meaning they don’t have enough nutritious food to stay healthy. Parents want their children to grow up healthy and strong, and the puppet shows give them new knowledge they can use right away to make sure that happens. Community health workers trained by CRS use the puppets to teach families about how doctor visits, hand washing and *rainbow foods*—different colored foods like tomatoes and carrots that have important vitamins and nutrients—are necessary to stay healthy. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

You can pick up your Rice Bowls at the main entrance to the church, or at the Dominican Garden Mass.

“Together we share our Faith in Jesus Christ.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 9:00 am—Livestream Mass

Sunday 11:00 am—Dominican Garden

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Here are the Ten Commandments that God gave to Moses for His people. The only problem is that they are in the wrong order! Can you put the right numbers in the spaces?

Jesus at the Temple Word-Find



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 H E V T E P X O T A
 M Z E A L I E I E T
 F O R T Y L N N M H
 O U T A B L E S P E
 P S U L E E H H L R
 T H R E E D O V E S
 M O N E Y I U S I X
 S W E J E W S T O P
 B O D S H E E P D Y

Find all the words in CAPITALS and then use the letters that are left over to fill in the blanks at the end.

Jesus made a whip out of cords and DROVE them all out of the TEMPLE area, with the SHEEP and the OXEN, and SPILLED the COINS of the MONEY-changers and OVERTURNED their TABLES, and to those who sold DOVES he said, "Take these OUT of here, and STOP making my FATHER'S house a market place." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, ZEAL for your HOUSE will consume me. The JEWS said to Him, "What sign can you SHOW us for doing this?" Jesus answered them and said, "Destroy this temple, and in THREE days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for FORTY - SIX years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking of _____ of _____.

March 7th, 2021 ~ Third Sunday in Lent

Collection for the Week Ending February 28 th , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
02/28/2021	\$5,303.80	\$8,471.00	-\$3,167.20
Ash Wednesday	\$521.17		\$521.17
Year-to-Date	\$62,658.29	\$76,239.00	-\$13,580.71

Thank you for your Time, Talents, & Treasure!

Stations of the Cross ~ Outdoors



Praying the Stations of the Cross is one of our traditional practices during Lent. In 2019, then-Deacon Jonathan Harmon, SJ, and Fr. Nick worked with School of the Madeleine 7th-graders to produce these gorgeous Stations, copies of which can now be viewed on the fence between the church and school parking lots.

Join fellow parishioners following the 5:30 pm Mass (around 6:00 pm) in the parking lot every Friday in Lent. Candles will be available, or bring a flashlight!



Scripture Readings for the Week

- 7th *THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*
Exodus 20:1-17 / 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 / John 2:13-25
- 8th *Lenten Weekday [St. John of God, Religious]*
2 Kings 5:1-15 / Luke 4:24-30
- 9th *Lenten Weekday [St. Frances of Rome, Religious]*
Daniel 3:25, 34-43 / Matthew 18:21-35
- 10th *Lenten Weekday*
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 / Matthew 5:17-19
- 11th *Lenten Weekday*
Jeremiah 7:23-28 / Luke 11:14-23
- 12th *Lenten Weekday*
Hosea 14:2-10 / Mark 12:28-34
- 13th *Lenten Weekday*
Hosea 6:1-6 / Luke 18:9-14

Mass Intentions

- Saturday 5:30 For the People of the Parish
- Sunday 9:00 Earl Jacobs RIP
11:00 Earl Jacobs RIP
- Monday 8:30 Fred Egger RIP
5:30 Intentions of Chet & Monica Grycz
- Tuesday 8:30 Intentions of Shahab Laal
5:30 Eulalia Artiaga RIP
- Wednesday 8:30 Catherine Andres RIP
5:30 Peter Sunday Nwankwo RIP
- Thursday 8:30 Intentions of Conor Fitzgerald
5:30 Margarita (mother of Norma Coello) RIP
- Friday 8:30 Catherine Andres RIP
5:30 Intentions of Krysia Grycz
- Saturday 8:30 Earl Jacobs RIP

Peace & Justice Notes

Federal Death Penalty: President Biden is the first sitting president to openly oppose the death penalty. The Administration is currently discussing policy options, from directing the Justice Department not to schedule any executions, to abolishing the death penalty through legislation (requiring the support of Congress). A federal law would prevent future presidents from resuming federal executions, as former President Trump did when he executed 13 federal prisoners between July 14, 2020 and January 15, 2021. (In the last remaining months of his presidency, Trump executed more prisoners than during the previous 56 years.) Pope Francis reminds us: *"The death penalty is inadmissible, and Catholics should work for its abolition."*

Wednesday, March 10, 5:00-6:30 pm via Zoom. The *East Bay Sanctuary Covenant* presents *"Immigration Policy Under the Biden Administration: The Fight for a More Just Immigration System."* Hear national experts discuss key aspects of Biden's immigration policy – what has changed, what still needs to be done, and how we can hold the Administration accountable moving forward. See eastbaysanctuary.org to register.

Hunger. *The World Food Program (WFP)* was awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize for "its efforts to combat hunger ... its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and ... as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict." *WFP* reports that one in nine people worldwide still do not have enough to eat. Consider donating, volunteering, or supporting in other ways organizations that seek to mitigate the hunger and food insecurity, including:

- ◆ **Alameda County Community Food Bank:** Dedicated for more than 30 years to the unwavering belief that food is a basic human right. ACCFB distributes millions of healthy meals every year, and is on the forefront of new approaches to ending hunger and poverty *"until everyone is fed."* (accfb.org).
- ◆ **The Berkeley Food Pantry:** a local non-profit organization started in 1969 that provides monthly bags of nutritious and delicious emergency groceries to Berkeley and Albany residents in need. Our parish is an important contributor. (berkeleyfoodpantry.org)
- ◆ **The World Food Program:** (wfp.org)
- ◆ **Catholic Relief Services:** (crs.org)

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