

Notes from Fr. Nick



## Flying the Flag



Our flag is a symbol of our identity that has been coopted by a radical fringe. Recently, a woman (who identifies as a liberal) was told by her tenants' association to stop flying the flag on her porch. Apparently, it was offensive to others. Given what we've seen in our country recently, I can understand the sentiment, but I grieve the loss of something valuable.

Patriotism can be abused, but identity is an essential part of our being as individuals, and as

a community. When we opt for a nebulous 'child of the universe' understanding of ourselves, we lose a sense of worth and value that atomizes and isolates us. Striking a balance between 'us versus them' and anomie isn't always easy, but losing symbols of who we are starts us down that path. By analogy, I can preside at a perfectly valid Eucharist in street clothes, and that might be 'egalitarian', but my vestments provide a focus that tells us we are Catholic Christians. Our Catholicism may mean many things to each of us individually, but our symbols unite us as a community.

Ideally, the flag should be a similar symbol. It should not denote political affiliation or ideology, but rather, a set of values we all hold dear. It should symbolize "One nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all."—not "I have a corner on national values and you don't." If people with progressive values hold on to the symbol of the flag, it can stand for the dynamic tension that enlivens our country, rather than coming to mean bigotry and intolerance.

*"Together we share our Faith in Jesus Christ."*

*"We live the Gospel, and we care for others."*

### MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:30 pm—Vigil Mass  
Sunday 9:00 am—Livestream Mass  
Sunday 11:00 am—Dominican Garden

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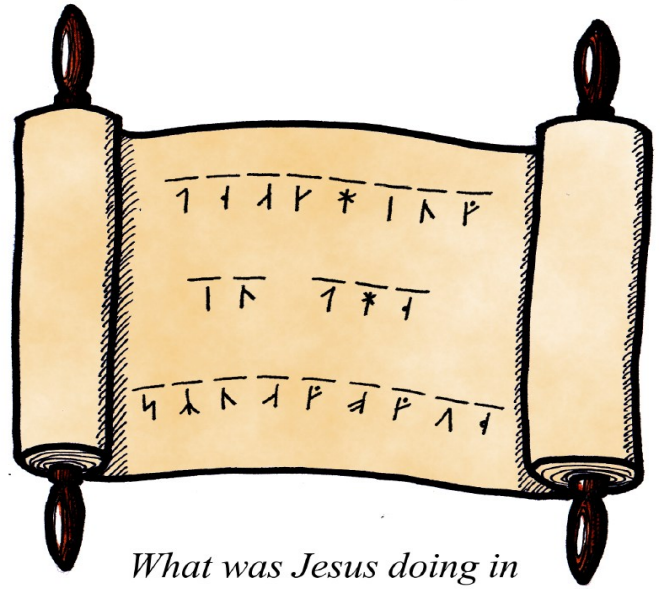
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*What was Jesus doing in today's Gospel reading? Use the secret code to find out!*

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## Saint Paul Accepts Suffering from God

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*Find the words in CAPITALS. The leftover letters tell you why Saint Paul said he would boast of his weakness.*



Saint PAUL tells of asking God to take away his suffering: "Three times I BEGGED the LORD about this, that it might LEAVE me, but he said to me, "My GRACE is sufficient for YOU, for power is MADE PERFECT in weakness." I will rather BOAST MOST GLADLY of my WEAKNESSES, in order that the POWER of Christ may DWELL in me. Therefore, I am CONTENT with weaknesses, INSULTS, hardships, PERSECUTION and constraints, for the SAKE of CHRIST; for when I am weak then I am STRONG."

"That the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_."



# July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Collection for the Week Ending June 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
06/27/2021	\$5,575.65	\$8,471.00	-\$2,895.35
Year-to-Date	\$209,798.46	\$230,775.00	-\$20,976.54
<i>Summertime collection season has arrived.</i>			

## Gospel Reflection Groups Begin This Week!

Starting this Tuesday, you are invited to join a group to reflect on Sunday's Gospel. The sessions will last for six weeks. Please contact the leader of the group you choose:

- ◆ Tuesday at 2:00 pm with Joan Bell: will begin **via Zoom**. [BellFamily1523@outlook.com](mailto:BellFamily1523@outlook.com)
- ◆ Tuesday at 7:00 pm with Deacon Jeff Burns **via Zoom**. [jmburns@sandiego.edu](mailto:jmburns@sandiego.edu)
- ◆ Thursday at 6:00 pm for Young Adults with Natalia Miano **in person**. [mianonatalia@gmail.com](mailto:mianonatalia@gmail.com)
- ◆ Friday at 9:00 am with Ann Fitzgerald and Georganne Perkins **in person** at Norton Hall. [fitz1607@gmail.com](mailto:fitz1607@gmail.com)

If none of these times works for you, contact Deacon Jeff.

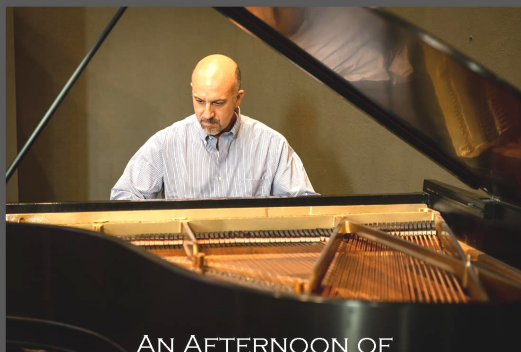
## Scripture Readings for the Week

- 4<sup>th</sup> *FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*  
Ezekiel 2:2-5 / 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 / Mark 6:1-6
- 5<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal]*  
Genesis 28:10-22a / Matthew 9:18-26
- 6<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr]*  
Genesis 32:23-33 / Matthew 9:32-38
- 7<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24 / Matthew 10:1-7
- 8<sup>th</sup> *Weekday*  
Genesis 44:18-23-29; 45:1-5 / Matthew 10:7-15
- 9<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions, Martyrs]*  
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30 / Matthew 10:16-23
- 10<sup>th</sup> *Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]*  
Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26 / Matthew 10:24-33

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Mia Barreta
Sunday	9:00	For the People of the Parish
	11:00	Phillip Edward Doran RIP
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Richard Hylton
	5:30	Joe McGruder RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Rolando Robles RIP
	5:30	José Ras RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Intentions of Andrew Guiot
	5:30	Czesław ('Chet') Grycz RIP
Thursday	8:30	Intentions of Joe Fassler & Family
	5:30	José Ras RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Will Silloway
	5:30	Intentions of the Grycz Family
Saturday	8:30	Ardis Scollin RIP

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## Dorothy Portner Hospitalized

We have been alerted that longtime parishioner Dorothy Portner has suffered a series of strokes. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

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