

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

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

August 8th, 2021
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Notes from Fr. Nick



St. Lawrence of Rome

The Feast Day of St. Lawrence of Rome will take place this Tuesday, August 10th. Born in Valencia, Spain, in 225, Lawrence became a deacon of the 3rd-century Pope Sixtus II at a young age, and was known for his custody of the Holy Grail. The Holy Grail is the chalice believed to have been used by Jesus at the Last Supper.

Saint Augustine connected Lawrence with the chalice, noting that he ministered with this cup at the Eucharist. Lawrence purportedly spirited it out of Rome to his parents in Aragon (Spain) for safekeeping. Due to his conspiring to hide and protect the written documents of the Church, Lawrence is known as the patron saint of archivists and librarians.

After the execution of Sixtus II, the Prefect of Rome demanded that the Church turn over its riches to the state; however, Lawrence distributed them to the poor instead. When he presented himself to the Prefect, he brought with him *"the indigent, the crippled, the blind, and the suffering, and declared that these were the true treasures of the Church."* This act led directly to his martyrdom in 258 A.D. Tradition has asserted that he died by burning on a gridiron. This gave rise to his reported line: *"Turn me over; I'm done on this side."*



Francisco de Zurbarán (1639), Museum of Cadix, Spain.

Many scholars today assert this legend is the result of a faulty transcription of the verb *passus est* to *assus est* — that is, the original phrase meant "he suffered," but was reinterpreted to mean "he was roasted." Saint Lawrence is considered to be the third Patron Saint of Rome, after Saints Peter and Paul.

Solemn Vespers on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15th falls on a Sunday this year, and Fr. Nick has chosen to mark this day by the tradition of Solemn Vespers that he enjoyed while studying for his Master's Degree in Liturgics at the University of Notre Dame. Our Cantor and liturgical consultant, Paul Sporer, has prepared a beautiful liturgy for this special event. **Please join us in the Church at 7:30 pm next Sunday, August 15th.**

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

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

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:30 pm— Vigil (Livestreamed)
Sunday 8:00 am— Church
Sunday 9:30 am— Dominican Garden
Sunday 11:30 am— Church

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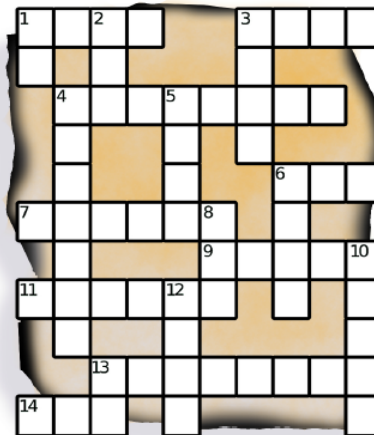


Jesus told the people that He was the Bread of Life. The people were confused and wondered what He was talking about. So He explained again, and told them this:

" _____ "

(Use all the letters that you pass in the maze to fill in the blanks and find out what Jesus said) John 6:41-51

Psalm 34 Cross-Word



ANSWERED
 TO
 ASHAMED
 FOR
 SAINTS
 WHO
 EXALT
 NAME
 LORD
 LOOK
 WANT
 FEAR
 GOOD
 MAN
 THOSE
 SEE
 REFUGE
 NO
 TROUBLES

My soul makes its boast in the _____ (3D);
 let the afflicted hear and be glad.
 O magnify the LORD with me,
 and let us _____ (9A) his _____ (1A) together!
 I sought the LORD, and he _____ (4A) me,
 and delivered me from all my fears.
 _____ (3A) _____ (13D) him, and be radiant;
 so your faces shall never be _____ (4D).
 This poor _____ (2D) cried, and the LORD heard him,
 and saved him out of all his _____ (13A).
 The angel of the LORD encamps
 around _____ (10D) _____ (14A) fear him,
 and delivers them.
 O taste and _____ (8D) that the LORD is _____ (12D)!
 Happy is the man who takes _____ (11A) in him!
 O _____ (6D) the LORD, you his _____ (7A),
 _____ (6A) those who fear him
 have _____ (1D) _____ (5D)!

A=Across D=Down

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Collection for the Week Ending August 1 st , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
08 / 1/2021	\$5,953.70	\$8,471.00	-\$2,517.30
Year-to-Date	\$247,606.98	\$273,130.00	-\$25,523.02
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Program in Faith & Racial Equity To be Offered this Fall

Starting the week of September 13th, the **JustFaith** program will be offered to all parishioners (and interested friends). Meetings take place either in-person or on Zoom, weekly for eight weeks. Last Fall and Winter over 50 parishioners participated in this eye-opening program; they will be offered the 3rd program of the series.

Intrigued? Email Claire Broome at cvbroome@gmail.com.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 8th NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 Kings 19:4-8 / Ephesians 4:30-5:2 / John 6:41-51
- 9th Weekday [St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross]
Deuteronomy 10:12-22 / Matthew 17:22-27
- 10th Feast: St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
2 Corinthians 9:6-10 / John 12:24-26
- 11th Memorial: St. Claire
Deuteronomy 34:1-12 / Matthew 18:15-20
- 12th Weekday [St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious]
Joshua 3:7-17 / Matthew 18:21-19:1
- 13th Weekday [Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus, Martyrs]
Joshua 24:1-13 / Matthew 19:3-12
- 14st Memorial: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
Joshua 24:14-29 / Matthew 19:13-15

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Dale Hoy RIP
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Dorothy Portner
	9:30	Intentions of Ann Mora
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
Monday	8:30	Intentions of Bill & Ann Betschart
	5:30	Eunice Jackson RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Marilyn Sporer RIP
	5:30	Dale Hoy RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Walter Betschart RIP
	5:30	Bernice McMillan RIP
Thursday	8:30	Marilyn Sporer RIP & intentions of Paul Sporer
	5:30	Intentions of Cybil Lee Cassidy
Friday	8:30	Intentions of John Sergeant
	5:30	Dale Hoy RIP
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Will Silloway

Peace & Justice Notes

Supporting Refugees in the East Bay – The *Peace & Justice Committee* participates in the work of the *East Bay Interfaith Immigration Coalition (EBIIC)*, a local group which supports recent immigrants in our community through a process called *accompaniment*. In the past, some parishioners provided this kind of support through *Catholic Charities of the East Bay*. The previous Administration's restrictions on refugees resulted in *Catholic Charities* having to close its refugee support department after 40 years of operation. *EBIIC's* program is akin to the *Catholic Charities'* model. They estimate that in the coming months, nearly 50 families will need accompaniment support in the East Bay.

If you would like more information, or would like to engage in *accompaniment*, please consider attending the next *Peace & Justice Committee* meeting (*details below*). *Accompaniment* includes activities such as helping immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses, to register children for school, etc.

Housing in our area is the usual need for recent arrivals, and most difficult to fulfill. If you have resources or contacts to help with housing (even short-term) please contact either Ann Fitzgerald (P&J) Committee convener) at fitz1607@gmail.com or Kristin Collins at krstncllns@hotmail.com.

Friday, August 13 at 4:00 pm in Norton Hall – the *Peace & Justice Committee* is again meeting **in person**. If you're curious and want to learn more, please come and check it out. We 'welcome the stranger' by supporting immigrants and asylum seekers in multiple ways. We take actions to end hunger, war, environmental degradation, and the death penalty – all goals consistent with our faith. *Questions?* Contact Ann at fitz1607@gmail.com.



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