# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

August 29th, 2021

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Notes from Fr. Nick

# Saint Augustine





Sandro Botticelli, 1494, Uffizi Gallery, Florence.

St. Augustine and I seem to have a connection with each other. I served as a deacon for four years at the St. Augustine Student Center of the University of Miami. For my first 24 years after ordination, I was a priest of the Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida, and my first assignment was as Parochial Vicar at St. Augustine Parish, which also happens to be my family's home parish (and is the Catholic Student Center of the University of Florida). Finally, after I was incardinated into the Diocese of Oakland, I was assigned to St. Augustine Church in Pleasanton.

St. Augustine is an interesting saint. He may have been the most brilliant man in Western history. The Catholic commentator George Will remarked that Augustine was consciously aware that his life as a human being mattered in the eyes of God — an idea that no one before him ever expressed in writing.

Because Augustine was a prolific writer, we know much about his personal life. His *Confessions* may be seen as the world's first autobiography. It presents a fascinating paradox. We know Augustine's faults because he wrote them down for all to read: he had an illegitimate child, he didn't want to become a bishop, some of his musings don't agree with later Church teaching. All this makes him a much more believable person to me, somebody I can see as a real example.

The Church's official biographies of saints tend to 'whitewash' their lives. Anything that happened after they focused their lives on God that doesn't conform to their sainthood seems to be conveniently omitted. If they never suffered any problems of faith after their conversions, their lives don't hold much store for me as examples. I'm well aware that I'm not perfect (although I usually try not to let on), and so I need saints who face the same troubles as me every day. Saint Augustine is an example, partly on account of his faults.

Saint Augustine's feast day is Saturday, August 28th. Maybe we should take some time this weekend to pray for his intercession to help us live with our faults as we strive for sainthood.

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#### 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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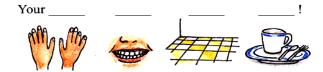
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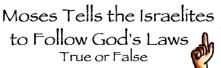
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The Jews knew that it was important to keep their bodies and their dishes clean.
But Jesus told them that something else was more important. What was it?

Match the letters from the top pictures with the things they clean at the bottom of the page to find out what is the most important thing to keep clean!





How much do you know about God's commandments for the Israelites? See if you know which of these are true and which are false:

1. Moses only taught some of the people of Israel that they had to obey the commandments that God gave them. True or false?

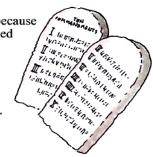
- 2. The people had to obey God's laws if they wanted to live in the land that He was giving them. True or false?
- 3. Moses said that they were not allowed to add to God's law, nor take away from it. True or false?
- 4. If the people obeyed God's commandments then all the other nations would see that they were wise. True or false?
- 5. The laws that God gave the people of Israel were unfair. True or false?

6. God gave His people laws because He cared for them and wanted what was best for them.

True or false?

7. We should obey God's commandments because they tell us how to live well. True or false?

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8



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Collection for the Week Ending August 22nd, 2021				
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference	
8/22/2021	\$7,859.92	\$8,471.00	-\$611.08	
Year-to-Date	\$271,832.00	\$298,593.00	-\$26,761.00	
Thank you.				

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Getting the vaccines that are authorized by the respective authorities is an act of love.

Fr. Nick is encouraging us all to watch — and share — Pope Francis' new video where he explains why vaccination is a moral "act of love." In Spanish and Portuguese with English subtitles, the 3-minute video also features messages by cardinals from Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, and Brazil, as well as Bishop Cabrejos of Peru, President of the Latin American Bishops' Council. See: tinyurl.com/Pope-Vaccinate

#### **Scripture Readings for the Week**

29th TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 / James 1:17-22, 27 / Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

30th Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Luke 4:16-30

31st Weekday

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 / Luke 4:31-37

1<sup>st</sup>Weekday

Colossians 1:1-8 / Luke 4:38-44

2<sup>nd</sup> Weekday

Colossians 1:9-14 / Luke 5:1-11

3<sup>rd</sup>Memorial: St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor Colossians 1:15-20 / Luke 5:33-39

Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]

Colossians 1:21-23 / Luke 6:1-5

#### JustFaith Racial Justice Programs To Begin Next Month!

St. Mary Magdalen Parish is pleased to continue our JustFaith programs on racial equity, where participants explore the question, "What does my faith call me to do?" as we learn more about the realities of race in our world and in our individual experiences. Groups will meet via Zoom for 90 minutes per week for 8 weeks. Plan to join!

Program #1, "Faith & Racial Equity" for new participants, beginning in mid-September:

- ♦ Mondays, 7:00 pm
- Fridays, 2:00 pm

Program #3, "Faith & Racial Justice" for the 50+ returning *Just*Faith participants who have completed either Session #1 or Session #2. **These** groups will also begin in mid-September (except for the Thursday evening group; see below):

- ♦ Tuesdays, 2:00 pm
- ♦ Wednesdays, 7:00 pm
- ♦ Thursdays, 2:00 pm
- ♦ Thursdays, 7:00 pm (This group meets from October 7<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>; no session on Thanksgiving.)

To sign up, please email <a href="mailto:krstncllns@hotmail.com">krstncllns@hotmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:cvbroome@gmail.com">cvbroome@gmail.com</a>, or call the parish office at (510) 526-4811.

### **Mass Intentions**



5.30	Jessie Morland RIP	
8:00	Intentions of Patricia Stewart	
9:30	Czesław ("Czet") Grycz RIP	
11:30	For the People of the Parish	
8:30	Intentions of Ben Karpen	
5:30	Candace Fleming RIP	
8:30	Judy Thornton RIP	
5:30	Intentions of Rosa Reyes	
8:30	Carmen "Carrie" Melhuish RIP	
5:30	Candace Fleming RIP	
8:30	Valdelice Farias de Brito RIP	
5:30	Robert Aronno RIP	
8:30	Tish Solmitz RIP	
5:30	Candace Fleming RIP	
8:30	Intentions of Luisa Paola	
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