



Notes from Fr. Nick

Labor Day

A few years ago it occurred to me that when I wake in the morning, of all the possible things I could do in the day, getting to work is right at the top of my list. Although I have my bad days, I am aware that I actually relish the routine, discipline, challenges, and personal interactions that occupy my work day. I wish I had learned this aspect of my character much earlier — I wouldn't have gone through the day dreading things that actually made me happy!

How do *you* feel about your work? Is it a means to an end? Something to be endured until the weekend? How has the pandemic affected your ideas about work? Were you unemployed, did you work from home, did you have to change how you did your work? For me, everything I learned over more than 40 years of priesthood had to be reassessed. It wasn't so much that I had to work harder, but that I had to do everything differently—it was exhausting!

Many people have to work in jobs that are unfulfilling, or that force them into relationships with people who make their lives miserable. Some people are inadequately paid, and many work long hours and have difficult commutes. Others work to avoid the chaos and bad feelings at home. Without diminishing these situations, I think countless people are unhappy at work because we live in a culture that promotes leisure above all else. For them, work is a necessary evil. Covid-19 forced us to reconsider this.

On this Labor Day weekend, take a little time with your spouse or your family to consider the value of your work. Ideally, work should be fulfilling in itself. Short of that, it should be at least bearable, and provide the means to accomplish other important things for yourself or your family. If you truly find your work to be unfulfilling, maybe you should consider how you can make it more so: can you change how you interact with your colleagues, customers, or students? Is there something you can do in your workplace that will help? If the troublesome aspects of your job cannot be changed, then it may be time for you to consider a new career.

The Church generally talks about "*vocation*," rather than work. This is because we believe that God has a special plan for everyone's life. Your work may not be at the center of that plan, but it should at least promote what God wants for you. Pray that your work is in keeping with your purpose in life. Know that if it makes you happy, there is a good chance you are in keeping with God's vocation for you.



A Prayer For Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for Your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment. We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us.
Amen.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, And I shall give you rest."
Matthew 11:28-30

*"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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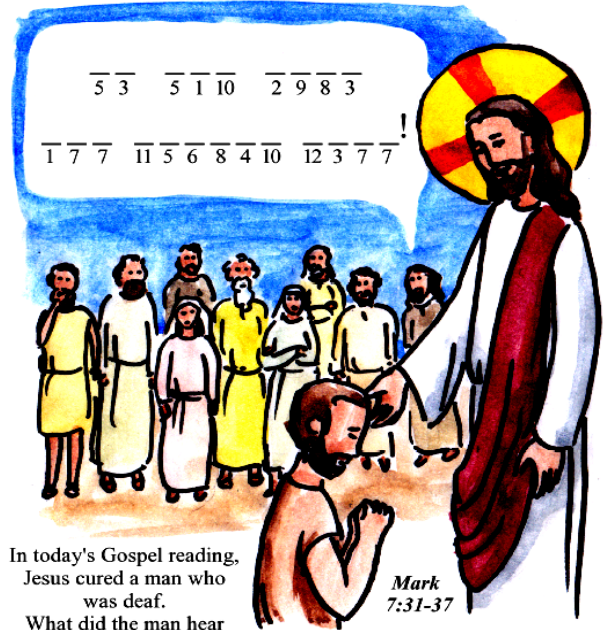
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The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 5th, 2021

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In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured a man who was deaf. What did the man hear people saying when he could hear again?

Mark 7:31-37

Use the number code below to find the answer!

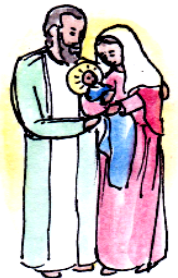
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Our Lady's Birthday

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See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



On September 8th we celebrate Mary's BIRTHDAY. She was CHOSEN by God to be the MOTHER of JESUS before she was even BORN. To PREPARE Mary to receive His SON, God made her PURE and WITHOUT SIN right from the first moment of her life.

JOACHIM and ANN were HOLY JEWS who were waiting for the MESSIAH to come. God chose them to be the FATHER and mother of MARY, who would become the mother of CHRIST.



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September 5th, 2021 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

| Collection for the Week Ending August 29 th , 2021 | | | |
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| Sunday | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| 8/29/2021 | \$6,880.20 | \$8,471.00 | -\$1,590.80 |
| Year-to-Date | \$278,712.20 | \$307,064.00 | -\$28,301.80 |
| <i>Stewardship is key.</i> | | | |

You're Invited to Join our Racial Equity Committee!

The Committee was formed this summer to develop plans for helping us all to better understand the racial realities we live with daily — no matter what our race — and to give us opportunities to help make the world a more just place. Our next meeting will take place this **Tuesday, September 7th**, over Zoom; the link is available at marymagdalen.org/parishevents/.

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 5th TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Isaiah 35:4-7 / James 2:1-5 / Mark 7:31-37
- 6th Weekday
Colossians 1:24-2:3 / Luke 6:6-11
- 7th Weekday
Colossians 2:6-15 / Luke 6:12-19
- 8th **Feast: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 1:18-23
- 9th Memorial: St. Peter Claver, Priest
Colossians 3:12-17 / Luke 6:27-38
- 10th Weekday
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 / Luke 6:39-42
- 11th Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]
1 Timothy 1:15-17 / Luke 6:43-49

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 5:30 | Intentions of Samuel Leung |
| Sunday | 8:00 | Intentions of Liliana Carla |
| | 9:30 | Intentions of the Gaspardone Family |
| | 11:30 | For the People of the Parish |
| Monday | 8:30 | Jessie Parrish Morland RIP |
| | 5:30 | Joe McGruder RIP |
| Tuesday | 8:30 | Intentions of Ann Sustarich |
| | 5:30 | Candace Fleming RIP |
| Wednesday | 8:30 | Intentions of the Lukban Family |
| | 5:30 | Richard Wahl RIP |
| Thursday | 8:30 | Intentions of Mary Day |
| | 5:30 | Candace Fleming RIP |
| Friday | 8:30 | Walter Ulrich RIP |
| | 5:30 | Eunice Jackson RIP |
| Saturday | 8:30 | Intentions of Michael Wilson |

Peace & Justice Notes

Immigration Reform – Two House Bills (the **American Dream and Promise Act H.R. 6** and the **Farm Workforce Modernization Act H.R. 1603**) passed nearly six months ago, but now languish in the Senate. *These bills are supported by the U.S. Conference of Bishops*, and would provide legal status with a path to citizenship for Dreamers, Temporary Protected Status holders, and Deferred Enforced Departure recipients (H.R. 6); and create an earned legal status program for undocumented agricultural workers and improve the existing H-2A temporary agricultural program (H.R. 1603). Take action to move these bills through the Senate! Advice on how that be accomplished is available at votervoicenet.org/JFI/home. American bishops are suggesting we engage in prayer, letters to the editor, and encouraging others to take up this cause.

Friday September 10th, 4:00 pm – Peace & Justice Committee meeting in Norton Hall. Please join us — *everyone is welcome!*

JustFaith Racial Justice Programs Begin!

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 to 9 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 **JustFaith** participants who have completed either Session #1 or Session #2:

- ◆ **Tuesdays, 2:00 pm** (begins September 14th)
- ◆ **Wednesdays, 7:00 pm** (begins September 15th)
- ◆ **Thursdays, 2:00 pm** (begins September 16th)
- ◆ **Thursdays, 7:00 pm** (begins October 7th; ends on December 2nd; no session on Thanksgiving.)

To sign up, please email krstncllns@hotmail.com or cvbroome@gmail.com, or call the parish office at (510) 526-4811.

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