



Notes from Fr. Nick

My Parents' Marriage

Tomorrow, September 20th, would have been my parents' 71st wedding anniversary. Although Dad died a couple of years ago, they managed 68 years together. Mom is now 93 and still living in the family home with my brother Tom, who is retired.

They first met when a doctor arranged a blind date between an art school student and my mother, a nurse. But the art student fell and broke his leg, and so he asked my father to stand in for him. My father didn't let on that he was a replacement, but the date apparently went very well, because they fell in love and were married. Later, the doctor invited my parents to dinner aboard his yacht, and my father had to confess his original deception.

As the eldest of five children, I've been present for most of the ups and downs in my parents' marriage: the births of my three brothers and sister; frequent moves on account of my father's career as an artist, writer, and businessman; their world travels; their finally settling down in rural North Florida. My parents' relationship was both stormy and affectionate, but in later years they independently confessed to me they were more romantically involved than ever.

Marriage is the most peculiar of sacraments. Rather than being bestowed by the Church, the couple ministers the sacrament to each other. Weddings are a commitment of hope more than an accomplished sacramental fact. While Christ is visible from the beginning, it is only after looking back over many years of loving, fighting, caring, mourning, joy, and sorrow that the true sacramental pattern of Christ's presence emerges. My parents' marriage taught me more about the sacrament than I ever learned in the seminary.

My father's dementia in the months before his death two years ago strained the entire family's relationships. But, with a little distance from his passing, I'm able to appreciate my parents' commitment to each other. In many ways, it was working out Christ's presence in the very nuts and bolts of living, rather than an ideal to be imitated. In the end, that's what all sacraments are.



*"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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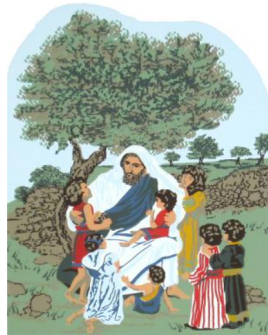
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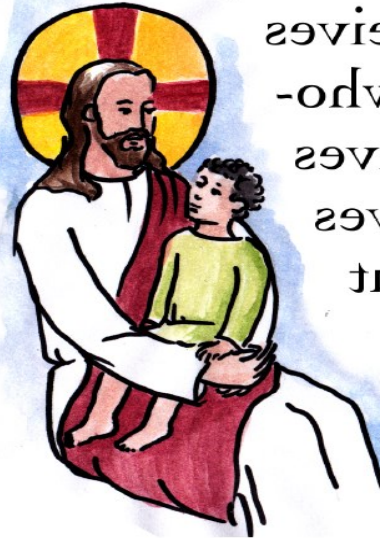
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 19th, 2021

What did Jesus say to the apostles after He told them that anyone who wanted to be great must be the servant?

Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

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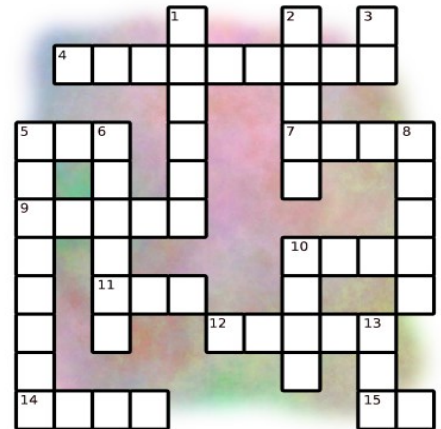
Whoever receives one
 such child in my



name receives
 me; and who-
 ever receives
 me, receives
 not me but
 him who
 sent me.

Mark 9:30-37

Psalm 54 Cross- Word



Unscramble the words in today's
 Psalm to fit them into the puzzle.
 a=Across d=Down

O God, by your name (ESAV 14a) me,
 and by your (THGMI 2d) (FENDED 6d) my cause.

O God, (ERHA 7a) my (YREPRA 1d);
 hearken (OT 15a) the (DROWS 12a) of my mouth.

For the haughty have (NERIS 8d) up against (EM 3d),
 the ruthless seek my (FLEI 10a);
 they (TES 13d) (NTO 11a) God before their eyes.

Behold, (DGO 5a) is my helper;
 the (DOLR 10d) sustains my life.

Freely will I (EFFOR 9a) you (FICESACIR 4a);
 I will praise your name, O Lord,
 for its (NSSEGDOO 5d).



September 19th, 2021 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection for the Week Ending September 12 th , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
9/12/2021	\$8,791.99	\$8,471.00	\$320.99
Year-to-Date	\$294,734.39	\$323,956.00	-\$29,221.61

Congratulations — we made our goal for the week!

As of now, we have pledged or donated 76% of our goal!



The goal for the 2021 Bishop's Appeal is \$3 million. The funds raised will help offset the costs of services and ministries.

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Readings for the Week

19th TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 / James 3:16-4:3 / Mark 9:30-37

20th Memorial: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
Ezra 1:1-6 / Luke 8:16-18

21st Feast: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 / Matthew 9:9-13

22nd Weekday
Ezra 9:5-9 / Luke 9:1-6

23rd Memorial: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Haggai 1:1-8 / Luke 9:7-9

24th Weekday
Haggai 2:1-9 / Luke 9:18-22

25th Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary]
Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15 / Luke 9:43-45

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Miguel Paris & Ermia Lamasan RIP
Sunday	8:00	Intentions of Norik Khachikians
	9:30	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Intentions of Mary Ann Onglatco
Monday	8:30	Intentions of the Ross Schultz Family
Tuesday	5:30	Candace Fleming RIP
	8:30	Barbara Britschgi RIP
Wednesday	5:30	Intentions of Michael C. Killelea
	8:30	Françoise Faupin RIP
Thursday	5:30	Veeda Lewis RIP
	8:30	Intentions of Kellie & Morgan Su
Friday	5:30	Emery Fleming RIP
	8:30	Intentions of Robert Whalen
	5:30	Helen Huang RIP

Peace & Justice Notes

"Too often we participate in the globalization of indifference. May we strive instead to live global solidarity." (Pope Francis)

We are witnesses to multiple humanitarian needs around the world due to hunger, poverty, war and natural disaster. Please consider what you can do to alleviate suffering by checking out the work of these organizations, and what they are asking for in terms of support. It may be simply calling your Congressional representative or signing a petition, or financial donations to help those in need. Please do and give as you can.

Church World Service (CWS) - cwsglobal.org
 Catholic Relief Services (CRS) - support.crs.org
 Doctors Without Borders - doctorswithoutborders.org
 East Bay Sanctuary Covenant - eastbaysanctuary.org
 California Wildfire Relief 2021 - californiawildfirerelief.org

Peace & Justice Committee – After ten years of committed and gracious leadership, *Ann Fitzgerald* is stepping down, and Madeleine teacher *Paula Rice* has become our convener. Contact her at smmpanj@gmail.com. Our next meeting is on **Friday, October 15th, at 4:00 pm** in Norton Hall.

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:

- ◆ **Mondays, 7:00 pm** (begins September 27th)
- ◆ **Fridays, early afternoon*** (begins October 1st)

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 22nd)
- ◆ **Thursdays, 2:00 pm** (begins September 23rd)
- ◆ **Thursdays, 7:00 pm** (begins October 7th)

To sign up, email cvbroome@gmail.com, or call the parish office. *Time TBD, based on participants' needs.

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