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### **Daily Masses**

#### **Monday - Friday**

7:00 am

12:10 pm

#### **Saturday**

7:00 am

### **Sunday Masses:**

Vigil 5:15 pm (Sat.)

7:30 am (quiet)

9:00 am

10:30 am (French)

12:15 pm

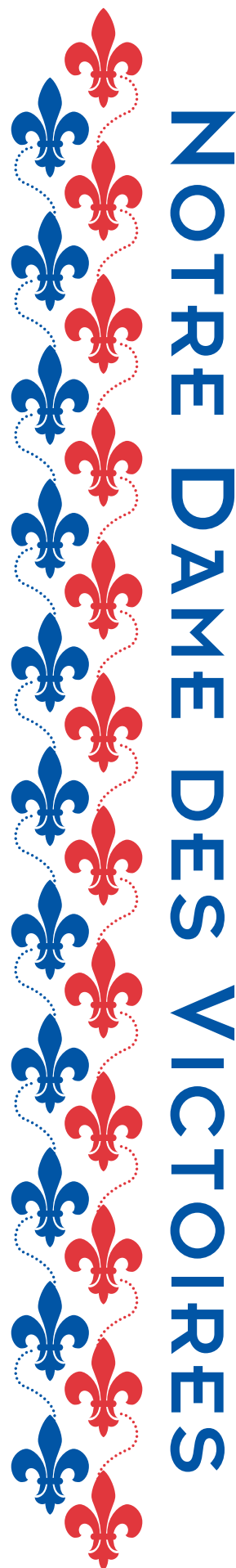
### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Before each weekday Mass

Every Saturday from

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

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## Second Sunday In Ordinary Time – January 17, 2021

### WHO IS CALLING?

In the First Reading, Samuel, who was still young, was waked up by hearing his name called in the night. He thought that the person calling him was Eli, the old priest whom Samuel served. But Samuel was wrong in thinking this. It was the Lord calling. God had to call *three* times before the experienced old priest Eli tumbled to the fact that it was God who was calling Samuel. God had to call *four* times before Samuel finally answered by saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

Who would believe this story? Wouldn't you suppose that if God called you, you would know that something very special had happened? Who would believe that God could call you, and you would not recognize that you were having a wild, spooky, religious experience? Who would believe that you could get the voice of God confused with the voice of the old guy in the neighboring room? The answer is "Eli." In other words, in the story, it is the wise old priest who believes these things. It is Eli who understands that you can be in direct contact with God and still not know that it is God who is talking to you. But if God's voice can be confused with some ordinary voice, how does Eli know, how does Samuel know, how does *anyone* know that it is God calling?

The answer is that you cannot know until you are willing to listen. God does not force monologues on the unwilling. He invites to conversation. When Samuel is ready to tell God that he is willing to listen, then the real connection between God and Samuel begins. The connection that starts with that willingness of Samuel grows into a friendship that is rightly described this way: The Lord was with Samuel. At that point, no one at all could miss the fact that it was God who had called Samuel. And so here is one moral of the story in the First Reading. The voice of God can be anywhere, in any guise. It is not thunder and lightning or extraordinary psychic happenings that connect a person to God. Rather, it is the willingness to listen, to trust and obey, that makes the Lord known to you.

Eleonore Stump



### FRENCH CORNER

#### *Voici l'Agneau de Dieu*

Nous entendons si souvent cette expression à la messe, avant la communion, que nous ne pensons pas toujours à ce qu'elle signifie.

Quand Abraham allait immoler son fils, un ange l'en empêcha et c'est un bélier qui devint la victime offerte à Dieu. Plus tard, quand un troupeau était décimé par la maladie, les bergers chassaient dans le désert un bélier qui emportait avec lui tous les germes néfastes afin de sauver le reste des agneaux.

Appeler Jésus l'Agneau de Dieu qui enlève le péché du monde, c'est dire qu'il donne sa vie pour nous sauver de nos péchés. C'est vraiment au cours du dernier repas, le Jeudi Saint, quand Jésus partagea avec ses apôtres l'agneau pascal, qu'il devint la victime se sacrifiant pour nous.

Il y avait aussi un rappel de l'agneau immolé par les Hébreux au moment de quitter l'Égypte et de traverser le désert. Communier à Jésus, Agneau de Dieu, c'est prendre la nourriture divine qui nous aidera tout au long de notre pèlerinage sur cette terre pour atteindre la vraie patrie.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

### FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope that you are having a blessed New Year and that you and your family were able to celebrate the Epiphany together.

We welcomed students back into our school building this week for the second time this school year and are blessed to have such a talented and hard-working staff that we are able to fully support the needs of learners at home and at school. We continue to benefit from the support of Father Juan and the entire NDV church community. Thank you for your gifts of financial support and prayer. If you or anyone you know is interested in applying for the 2021-2022 school year, please email [admissions@ndvsf.org](mailto:admissions@ndvsf.org).

Have a blessed week,  
Sarah Currier, Principal



### Mass Intentions for the Week

**ALL SUNDAY & FEAST DAY  
MASSES WILL BE PRIVATE LIVE  
STREAMED**

#### **SUNDAY January 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Ger & Margaret Hassett †

10:30 am Marie-José Delvaux †

#### **MONDAY January 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Kelemewa Mamcha †

#### **TUESDAY January 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Alejandro Lopez Luna - Needs

#### **WEDNESDAY January 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

#### **THURSDAY January 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 pm Gezahegne GebreWold †

#### **FRIDAY January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 am Beletu Woldeyes †

### WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Monique Antolin, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Odette Etcheverry, Benjamin Haller, Lupita Herrera, Cármen López, Alejandro Lopez Luna, Patrick Maher, Maria Manley, Grant Melton, Brook Mesfin, Askale Munga, Mary Jo Onopa, Robert Potter, Roberta Renzi, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, and Rosie Zedamoi.



### WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Alphonse Acheritogaray, Jacqueline Archieri, Pete Arendt, Fr. George Baricar, Anna L. Bernadico, Kenfe-Michael Beth-Selassie, Claire Casabonne, Denise Carrade, Madeleine Constant, Jeannette Cornu, Magdalena Cravotto, Yvonne Delclaux, Mark Fischer, Jeannette Ganem, Georges Handras, Barbara J. Higgins, Charlene Haught Johnson, Nasif Khoury, Ekho Lim, Lynn Leininger, Odette LePendu, Claudia Ponce Marquez, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, Mary Orley, Christiane Pelletier, Bernard Picard, Rolande E. Pottier, Yolanda Prioto, Juliette Puts, Stephen Rice, Mary Jo Stechschulte, Dimitrios Tsokas.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK AND DECEASED:

Please note starting next week we will automatically remove anyone who has been on this list over a year unless we are notified not to remove. Thank you for your understanding.



With the surge of the Coronavirus in our county of San Francisco, we have once again suspended indoor worship. Once the Health Department updates its policy regarding public worship we will notify you of the reopening of Masses here at NDV. For now you can participate in a live stream of our Sunday Parish Masses. Please click on the link on our Parish Website: [ndvsf.org](http://ndvsf.org) for Sunday's Live Stream Masses. Mass will begin at 9 a.m. in English and at 10:30 a.m. in French. The Masses will also be recorded and you can access the liturgy at a later time. God Bless.

## VISIT SCHOOL

**NDV SCHOOL is OPEN!** Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires is a Catholic Elementary & Middle School with grades Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through eighth grade. Our co-ed school features strong academics and enrichment classes including art, technology, and music, and daily French instruction located in the heart of downtown San Francisco. Please contact the Director of Admissions by email [admissions@ndvsf.org](mailto:admissions@ndvsf.org) to schedule a tour.

## STEWARDSHIP CALLED TO SERVE

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture passages from the First Book of Samuel and St. John's Gospel express the common topic of accepting God's will by responding to His call. Our vocation is the Lord's plan for our lives. St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthian community, professes we are all members of the Body of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit, that you are not your own. For you have been purchased at a price. Further in First Corinthians, Paul indicates that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we may be given special spiritual gifts — unique gifts which we use to serve the Lord and carry out His divine plan. These gifts in turn, can lead to prayer, meditation, and contemplation — to conversion of mind to heart, and help the discerning steward discover his or her vocational call from the Lord. This call may be to the priesthood or religious life, marriage, the permanent diaconate, or single life. Are we, like Eli, Samuel, or the Apostles, Peter, John, and Andrew, open to the Lord's prompting in our lives?

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to request a Mass for a specific intention, please call the Parish Office at 415.397.0113 and speak to our secretary Mertenesh. The Mass Book for 2020 is available to reserve a Mass Intention. Per the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the offering for a Mass request is \$10.00. If paying by check, please make the check payable to the order of: **MARIST FATHERS.**

**CALIFORNIA BISHOPS ISSUE POSITIVE STATEMENT ON VACCINES:** On December 3, the Catholic bishops of California issued a statement saying that the imminent Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are morally acceptable. The bishops committed the California Catholic Conference to working with Catholic health care ministries and Catholic Charities to promote and encourage COVID-19 vaccinations in collaboration with state and local governments and other entities. Archbishop Cordileone said, "I join my brother bishops in welcoming the news that safe, effective vaccines against the COVID-19 virus will soon be available. Together, we bishops affirm that the imminent Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are morally acceptable, and we encourage everyone to receive the vaccine when it becomes available."

**VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER, MENLO PARK:** Find an island of peace in a world of crazy. Vallombrosa Retreat Center invites you to come and enjoy a moment of repose from today's COVID world. Private single rooms are available, with business-class Wi-Fi and a writing desk, an en suite restroom, access to gardens, and, if you wish, Spiritual Direction. Or maybe you just need a break from the house, children, and spouse to write a few e-mails and reflect. The atmosphere is prayerful and mindful; the setting is ten acres of lovely gardens; nestled in the quiet neighborhood of Nativity Church and Corpus Christi Monastery. A "day retreat" is a peaceful time away from home, with your private room to yourself from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, for a single day or for more days, up to a full five-day week. Also available is an "overnight retreat" for a minimum of three nights. There may be other ways that Vallombrosa can accommodate your needs, so you are invited to reach out and inquire. Please contact: *Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park - David Leech at 650-325-5614 or [davidl@vallombrosa.org](mailto:davidl@vallombrosa.org)*

**ON-LINE GIVING:** During the COVID-19, our Masses have been suspended. We suggest that you consider making your donations on line. This will help with the needs of our parish's daily financial responsibilities. Our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online. This service is safe and secure. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at [ndvsf.org](http://ndvsf.org) and select the Online Giving link. Click on Create New Account and follow directions to set up your account. Thank you for your generosity.



### SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

January 17, 2021 – January 24, 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	- 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19	- 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20	- Jn 1:35-42
<b>Monday</b>	- Heb 5:1-10		- Mk 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Heb 6:10-20		- Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Heb 7:1-3, 15-17		- Mk 3:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	- Heb 7:25—8:6		- Mk 3:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	- Heb 8:6-13		- Mk 3:13-19
<b>Saturday</b>	- Heb 9:2-3, 11-14		- Mk 3:20-21
<b>Sunday</b>	- Jon 3:1-5, 10	- 1 Cor 7:29-31	- Mk 1:14-20





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