



Weekday Masses

7:00 am Monday - Friday

Saturday Mass

5:15 pm (Vigil)

Sunday Masses

9:00 am

10:30 am (French)

12:15 pm

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THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The First Reading is the source for the Christian tradition about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There are seven of them: pietas, fortitude or courage, fear of the Lord, wisdom, understanding, counsel, and knowledge. The last six are all listed in this Reading (Isaiah 11:2). The first one, pietas, is the spiritual virtue described in the verse about taking care of the poor and afflicted. There is a version of all these virtues that you can get all by yourself. You can practice being brave, for example, and your practice will build a kind of habit in you. There is also a kind of courage that the Lord can put into a person. The apostle Peter wasn't a particularly brave person, as you can see in his denial of the Lord, but the Lord gave him such courage when he had to face the Jewish authorities after Christ's resurrection that they marveled at him (Acts 4:13).

But the gifts of the Holy Spirit are different from both these kinds of virtues, the acquired ones and the ones God infuses. You can see the difference clearly if you look at pietas. In Roman times, pietas was a virtue having to do with fathers and sons. A son owed his father reverence, and a father owed his son care. There are also pietas towards your community or country. This is still a virtue having to do with fathers. The idea is that every citizen owes reverence and care toward his fatherland. In Christian times, pietas, as a virtue infused by God, had to do with taking care of your own, your own parents, your own children, your own community, and your own country. Paul says that if any person does not take care of his own, he is worse than an infidel. (1 Tim 5:8).

But those pietas are still not the same as the pietas that are a gift of the Holy Spirit. Pietas, which is a gift, is the love of God as our Father in heaven, and it includes the recognition that every human being who crosses our path—everyone without exception—is the beloved child of our Father. And so, every human being—the sinful, the annoyingly stupid, the derelict, the afflicted—is one of our own. And this is pietas as a gift of the Holy Spirit. And all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are like this. If we do not refuse them, they kindle in us the fire of love for God and for his people.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Tous les êtres humains verront le salut de Dieu

Après avoir souligné l'aspect éphémère des grands de ce monde, Luc met l'accent sur la parole de Dieu qui se fait entendre, non par l'empereur romain, ni par le gouverneur de Galilée, ni par les tétrarques du temps, ni par les grands prêtres du Temple, mais par Jean le baptiste. Cette parole de Dieu « descend » sur le fils de Zacharie, dans le désert. Elle nous parviendra à travers les siècles grâce à ce prophète du Seigneur. Encore aujourd'hui, c'est souvent grâce à des gens très simples : ceux et celles qui visitent les malades, ceux et celles qui s'occupent de leurs parents malades, ceux et celles qui apportent la communion, ceux et celles qui partagent leurs faibles revenus, que nous parvient la parole de Dieu !

La parole de Dieu « descend sur Jean ». Toute la période de l'Avent tient dans ce mot : « recevoir la parole de Dieu », écouter cette parole qui transforme, qui fait de nous des femmes et des hommes nouveaux. Grâce à cette parole, le Christ devient pour nous « le chemin, la vérité et la vie ». L'évangile d'aujourd'hui confirme ce que Paul dira aux Romains : « La pédagogie de Dieu choisit ce qu'il y a de plus faible pour confondre les forts ».

Hier comme aujourd'hui, l'Histoire avance grâce à des hommes et des femmes de charisme qui ont écouté la parole de Dieu. Ces dernières années, Teresa de Calcutta donne un nouveau visage à la tendresse de Dieu. La parole de Dieu est descendue sur ces héroïnes, sur ces héros, et le monde a été transformé. Aujourd'hui, la parole de Dieu « descend sur chacune et chacun d'entre nous ».

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that your Advent plans and Christmas preparations are going well. This week, we celebrated the Blessing of the Advent Wreaths and our students in 3rd-8th grade received the Sacrament of Penance. We will keep you in our prayers as we await the coming of Christ and ask that you do the same for us.

God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, December 3rd

5:15 pm Gladys R. Frontera - Needs

SUNDAY, December 4th

9:00 am Manuel Henry - Needs

10:30 am People of the Parish

12:15 pm NDV Teachers & Students

MONDAY, December 5th

7:00 am Wondifraw Asrate †

TUESDAY, December 6th

7:00 am Nino Andrew - Needs

WEDNESDAY, December 7th

7:00 am Children of the World

THURSDAY, December 8th

7:00 am Society of Mary

6:30 pm Mertenesh & Belete Family

FRIDAY, December 9th

7:00 am Wondifraw Asrate †

SATURDAY, December 10th

5:15 pm Fasil Tegene - Health

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Cecille Bien, Nancy Bruno, Yazmine Duarte, Odette Etcheverry, Jennifer Fadelli, Maria Noella Felipe, Brett Fischer, Frank, Izabela, Emily, Amie and Tennessee Gonzalez, Wondi D. S. Asrate Gutiérrez, Benjamin Haller, Jeremiah Hallisey, Sharon M. Haney, Reggio Hearn, Patrick Maher, Elizabeth Malana, Maria Manley, Diana Munoz, Ron & Erik Ongstad, Robert Potter, Martha A. Gutierrez Romero, Rosario Cecilia Samson, Juan Gil Sanchez, Fasil Tegene, Josefina Tapia Solis, and Peter Wang.

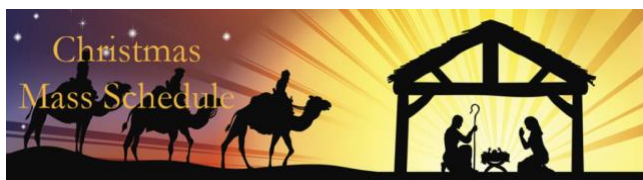


WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Florencio Agot, Serawit Asfaw, Jacqueline Archieri, Wondifraw Asrat, Felicitas Baricar, Madeleine Constant, Jacqueline Foret, Mark Fischer, Ralph González, Maria Elena Grimaldo, Charlene Haught Johnson, Paul Jae Wook Koo, Alejandro Lopez Luna, William McKnight, Fernando Orantes, Claudia Ponce Marquez, Valerie Meehan, Askale Munga, Daniel J. Per, Marie Secail, and Nicole Zambelli.

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND DECEASED:

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



Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24th, 2022

4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day December 25th, 2022

7:30 a.m. [English] 9:00 a.m. [English]

10:30 a.m. [French] 12:15 p.m. [English]

Solemnity of Mary Saturday, December 31st

Confessions at 4:30 p.m. Mass at 5:15 p.m.

New Year's Day January 1st, 2023

9:00 a.m. [English] 10:30 a.m. [French]

12:15 p.m. [English]

STEWARDSHIP CALLED TO SERVE

Second Sunday in Advent

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love. This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us. The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality. So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace. As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Saturday, December 10, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

1500 Mission Road, Colma - All Saints Chapel - Holy Cross Cemetery

Contact: Monica Williams | 650-746-5463

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On Thursday, December 8, the Mass Schedule is: 7:00 am, School Mass at 8:30 am and the evening Mass at 6:30 pm. December 8 is the patronal feast day of the United States of America. "No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and the birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin." (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 142-143)



NDV CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Please save the date for our school-wide Christmas Concert that will take place next Friday, December 9th at 2:00pm in our auditorium. This is a full uniform day, but the students are strongly encouraged to wear holiday accessories (i.e. bell necklaces, Santa/elf hats, reindeer antlers, mittens, scarves, etc.). Each class TK through 8th grade will present a festive song (or two!), then the concert will conclude with a not-to-be-missed grand finale performed by the entire student body. All are welcome to attend!

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SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

December 4, 2022 – December 11, 2022

Sunday	- Is 11:1-10	- Rom 15:4-9	- Mt 3:1-12
Monday	- Is 35:1-10		- Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	- Is 40:1-11		- Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	- Is 40:25-31		- Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	- Gn 3:9-15, 20	- Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	- Lk 1:26-38
Friday	- Is 48:17-19		- Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	- Sir 48:1-4, 9-11		- Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	- Is 35:1-6a, 10	- Jas 5:7-10	- Mt 11:2-11

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