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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

Confession

Before each weekday Mass

Every Saturday from

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

(followed by Benediction)

First Friday of each month

10:00am - 12:00pm

Our Lady of Victoires Church and School community founded to serve French Immigrant Catholics: serving God's people: proud of our past: living our today

NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES

Third Sunday of Easter – April 14, 2024

JESUS' FORGIVENESS FLOWS TO US FROM THE CROSS

So, it is good when we are sensitive enough to recognize that we have abandoned Jesus, and we feel a sense of shame and guilt. I say it is good because when we have a sense of shame or guilt, we can turn to Jesus for healing.

But Jesus does not want us to remain in shame or guilt. He did not want his disciples to remain in shame or guilt and so his first words to them as we heard in our Gospel were, "Peace be with you." His meeting with his disciples is really one in which he forgives them for having abandoned him. He comes to them again as the same familiar person and so he shows them the wounds in his hands and feet. This gentle meeting did so much to ease the tension and calm nerves. Emotions were beginning to return to normal again. "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?" he asks to reassure them that everything is okay. Jesus is accepting his disciples as his disciples again and not chastising them for having abandoned him. After we sin Jesus wants us to return to him quickly also.

When we repent and are genuinely sorry and want to return to Jesus and not sin again, he forgives us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. How is it that we can receive the forgiveness of Jesus? Jesus paid the price for our sins by his passion and death on the cross. The forgiveness of Jesus flows to us from the cross. Remember the words of Jesus during the Last Supper which we hear in every Mass at the consecration, "This is my Body which will be given up for you..." "This is the cup of my blood. It will be shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins..." It is from Jesus on the cross that forgiveness comes to us. It is the pain Jesus suffered from those wounds that heals the disciples and heals us of our sins.

There is judgment and our sins are evidence against us, but Jesus pleads on our behalf, and we could have no better attorney than Jesus to plead our case. Jesus' wounds are the defense on our behalf so that we can gain forgiveness. Therefore, after sin we always want to return to Jesus in repentance and sorrow. He says to us, "Peace be with you." From his wounds we receive forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as the priest in the name of God absolves us of our sins.

Fr. Tommy Lane



FRENCH CORNER

Le Seigneur leur ouvrit l'esprit.

C'est ce qui se passe chez les disciples avec la mort et la résurrection du Christ. Ils ont vécu l'expérience mais tout cela n'avait pour eux aucun sens, jusqu'à ce que Jésus leur ouvre l'esprit à l'intelligence des Écritures.

Les anciens disaient qu'il n'y a pas de chrétiens sans la méditation de l'Écriture. La Parole de Dieu doit devenir pour nous une nourriture de tous les jours. Nous en avons besoin pour affirmer notre foi et retrouver le véritable sens de notre existence. Daniel-Ange, un auteur italien, disait : «*La Parole de Dieu doit être goûtée dans le silence, creusée par l'étude, assimilée dans la prière, célébrée dans la liturgie, vivifiée dans la vie fraternelle, annoncée dans la mission... jusqu'à devenir notre langue maternelle.*»

La parole de Dieu peut éclairer l'ensemble de notre existence, avec ses joies, ses peines, ses espérances, ses découragements, ses limites, ses maladies et ses morts tragiques ou annoncées. La parole de Dieu devient pour ceux qui savent la lire, une parole de sagesse, de consolation, de courage et de fraternité. Elle nous nourrit de dimanche en dimanche, de semaine en semaine et nous apporte la joie, la sérénité et la paix.

Écouter la Parole de Dieu c'est s'ouvrir à elle de manière à ce qu'elle soit créatrice en nous, c'est entrer dans le grand cycle de la fécondité divine. Déjà le prophète Isaïe disait au sujet de cette Parole : «*Comme la pluie et la neige descendent des cieux et n'y remontent pas sans avoir arrosé la terre, l'avoir fécondée et fait germer, pour qu'elle donne la semence au semeur et le pain comestible, de même la parole qui sort de ma bouche ne me revient pas sans résultat, sans avoir fait ce que je voulais et réussi sa mission.*»

Père Yvon-Michel Allard, S.V.D.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

This week, our 7th-grade class went on an educational trip to Yosemite. There, they got to hike and learn about the park's science and history. We are most grateful to our science teacher, Ms. Eschelbach, who planned and led the trip, and to our Parent Association for funding it. Check out our Instagram page for pictures.

God bless,
Sarah Currier, principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, April 13th

5:15 pm Belete & Mertenesh Family Blessing

SUNDAY, April 14th

9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am Lucille Mosbacher †
12:15 pm Ayele Tafesse †

MONDAY, April 15th

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory †

TUESDAY, April 16th

7:00 am For the Incarcerated

WEDNESDAY, April 17th

7:00 am Unemployed

THURSDAY, April 18th

7:00 am Martha A. Gutierrez Romero Family

FRIDAY, April 19th

7:00 am Youth of the Parish

SATURDAY, April 20th

5:15 pm Victims of War

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Amanuel Assefa, Cecille Bien, Odette Etcheverry, Antonio Espiritu, Brett Fischer, Jeremiah Hallisey, Diana Munoz, Martha A. Gutierrez Romero, Rosario Cecilia Samson, Fasil Tegene, and Peter Wang.



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Serawit Asfaw, Wondifraw Asrat, Felicitas Baricar, Nancy Batmale, Anne-Marie Duboscq, Raynold Descilo, Hedwige Fernandez, Ralph González, Maria Elena Grimaldo, Tadesse Habte, Benjamin Haller, Andres Herrera, Marie-Louise Hugues, Charlene Haught Johnson, William McKnight, Pedro Muro, Robert J. Puts, Roberta Eileen Renzi, Linda Solomon, Eleanor Toolajian, and William Steel.

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.



ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2024: I hope all of you received my letter highlighting this year’s Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

On behalf of youth, young adults, seminarians, social ministries, and everyone who you support through the Appeal, I ask you to prayerfully consider giving to the 2024 AAA. Through our generosity, we join others throughout our Archdiocese in answering God’s call to discipleship by supporting His work.

This year’s theme is from Matthew 22:39, “*Love Your Neighbor as Yourself.*”

As Catholics, we use our gifts and talents to serve and demonstrate our love for our neighbors. Indeed, instead of asking who our neighbors are, Catholics ask, “...is there anyone who is not our neighbor?” **The Appeal also helps our parish since all coverage beyond our parish goal will be directed towards ministries in our parish.**

Our Parish Goal for this year’s Appeal is \$21,643
 Total paid to date: \$8,907
 Goal Balance: \$12,736



Special Needs Retreat for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

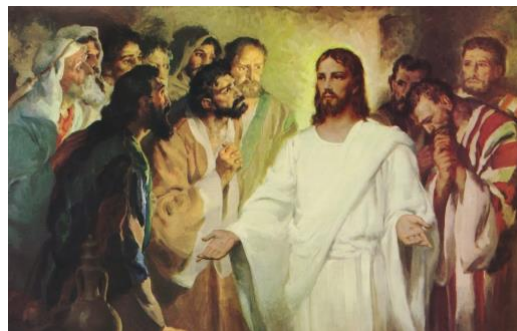
April 20, 2024 - 11:00 am - 2:30 pm
 St. Augustine Church - Parish Center
 3700 Callan Blvd, California South San Francisco
 We invite our Special Needs Community to join us for a retreat filled with prayer time, stories of our faith, and caring friends. For ages 6 to young adults. Free registration, free T-shirt, and lunch are provided. Please contact Lorna Ferial at the Office of Faith Formation at 415-614-5654 or 415-370-7340 or email ferial@sfarch.org



Praise and Worship Eucharistic Adoration

April 19, 2024 - 7:15pm - 8:45pm
 St. Patrick's Seminary & University
 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025
 Join St. Patrick’s Seminary & University for an evening of Eucharistic Praise and Worship led by Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ and St. Patrick’s Seminarians. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Light refreshments to follow.

**STEWARDSHIP
 CALLED
 TO SERVE**
Third Sunday of Easter



In addition to celebrating all Christ did for us this Easter season, we also are reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives.

Today’s Gospel reminds us that Jesus should be the center of our lives. This passage begins with two disciples realizing Jesus had just appeared to them.

We can learn a valuable lesson from these disciples. To recognize Jesus’ appearances in our lives, we need to know Him. And the best way to know the Lord is to spend time with Him. It can start with just 10 minutes of quiet prayer a day and increasing that each week. We might begin by reading Scripture, books on the lives of the Saints, or even a decade of the Rosary. Yet the goal should be to carve out time each day, in a quiet space, for just you and the Lord.

As the disciples mentioned, they recognized it was Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We, too, can better know the Lord through the sacraments, most especially the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself — Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity. What better way to grow in intimacy with Christ than to receive Him frequently or to go talk to Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament? As we make Jesus the center of our lives through prayer and the sacraments, we will be able to recognize Him in day-to-day moments.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, take time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.

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 2024 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 **NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES.**

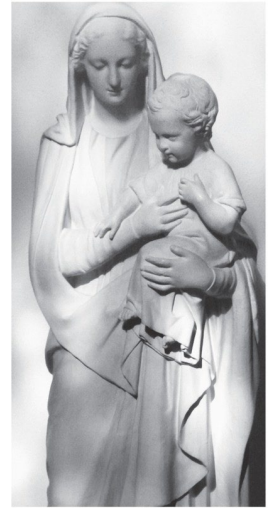
SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK			
April 14 to April 21, 2024			
Sunday	- Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	- 1 Jn 2:1-5a	- Lk 24:35-48
Monday	- Acts 6:8-15		- Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	- Acts 7:51—8:1a		- Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	- Acts 8:1b-8		- Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	- Acts 8:26-40		- Jn 6:44-51
Friday	- Acts 9:1-20		- Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	- Acts 9:31-42		- Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	- Acts 4:8-12	- 1 Jn 3:1-2	- Jn 10:11-18

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