



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

A Ministry of the Marist Priests and Brothers

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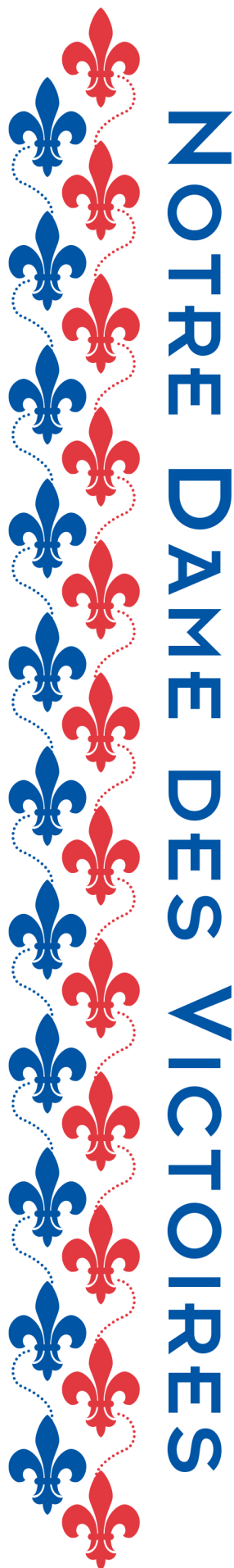
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Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time – August 25, 2019

GO AWAY

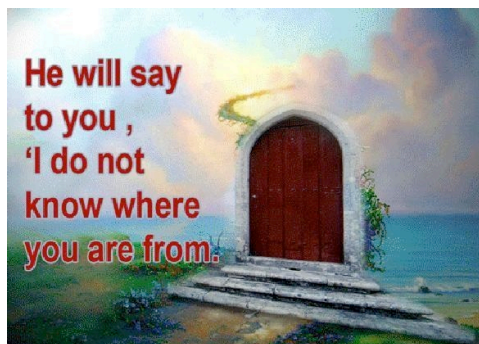
In the Gospel Reading Jesus says that some people will come to him confidently but he will say to them, "I don't know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!" This must be one of the most frightening passages in the gospels. But if we get fearful and ask, "Ok, then, what do I have to do in order not to be sent away," we are on the wrong track entirely.

God does not hate anything that he has made; he loves it." (John 3:16). So you don't have to rush out to bring sandwiches to the poor or do anything else whose purpose is to work your way into God's love and forgiveness. The gift of God's love and forgiveness are already there for you. But then why are those people in the Gospel passage sent away? If the gift is already there, then why don't these people get it? Well, no gift can be given unilaterally. Successful gift-giving takes two: one to offer the gift, and one to receive it. If you refuse the gift God offers you, the gift cannot be successfully given, can it?

So maybe the whole problem with these people who are sent away is their determination to do the right stuff in order to be part of the in-group. If you want to achieve for yourself what God is offering as a gift, you are in effect refusing the gift, aren't you? And maybe that's why Jesus says to these people, "I don't know where you are *from*." If you accept God's gift of his forgiving love, then you are *in* Christ; and the spirit of Christ is in you. You don't have to come *from* anywhere to him. You are your beloved's, and he is yours, as the Song of Songs says (Song 6:3).

So what you have to *do* in order not to get sent away is nothing. Just receive the gift, open to the Lord, let the Holy Spirit of Christ in. Then you might bring food to the poor, or write a book, or compose a symphony. But however you share your gifts, you will do so by first having opened to God's love, which is his gift to you.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Elle est étroite la porte de la vie

Nous vivons dans un monde où l'on veut nous persuader que la facilité nous rendra la vie plus heureuse et que nous n'aurons plus à nous faire de soucis pour le lendemain : « achetez aujourd'hui, et payez dans un an, sans aucun intérêt.... » « utilisez plusieurs cartes de crédit afin d'éviter des ennuis avec celle qui a trop de dettes... » Si la porte est grande ouverte, elle se refermera un jour sur les imprévoyants, et ils devront en payer les conséquences.

Jésus, à l'inverse, nous dit que la porte du Royaume est étroite. Si tout le monde est invité au festin et à s'asseoir à sa table, il faut s'y préparer en suivant les instructions qu'il a formulées dans les Evangiles : servir les autres, aimer même ses ennemis, savoir pardonner, porter sa croix, pratiquer la miséricorde... etc.

On comprend que les Juifs qui l'écoutaient ne l'ont pas suivi. Ils étaient convaincus qu'en pratiquant les commandements de Moïse et en allant au Temple le jour du sabbath ils assuraient leur salut. Entendre dire que « les premiers seront les derniers et que les derniers seront les premiers » les déroutait. Il est vrai que le Dieu que le Christ nous révèle est dérangeant. Il n'a pas un visage de comptable, il est « Amour ». Quand nous essayons de le faire entrer dans nos calculs, il se dérobe. Alors, renonçons à calculer et laissons-nous entraîner par cet Amour.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY – VIGIL August 24th

5:15 pm Belete and Mertenesh Families

SUNDAY August 25th

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am For Poor Souls in Purgatory †

10:30 am Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

12:15 pm Ester Hasset †

MONDAY August 26th

7:00 am For Priestly Vocations

12:10 p m For single Parents

TUESDAY August 27th

7:00 am For the Children of the World

12:10 pm Marie Hong Tran †

WEDNESDAY August 28th

7:00 am Shiferaw Habte †

12:10 pm For the Hungry

THURSDAY August 29th

7:00 am Megdelawit Asrat

12:10 pm For the Incarcerated

FRIDAY August 30th

7:00 am Tewabch Belete

12:10 pm Raymond Archer †

SATURDAY August 31st

7:00 am For the Sick of the Parish

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Fanny Alcosiba, Simone Ampillac, Jacques Arceneaux, Wondifraw Asrat, Michael Bartholomew, Annalyn Carlos, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Mark Fishcher, Jack Flynn, Ernie Fox, Annemarie Gallagher, María Cerón Gamero, Yunina Graham, Benjamin Haller, Georges Handras, Erich Herbitschek, Lupita Herrera, Louise Hughes, Diane Kelley, Rose Le Bail, Matthew Lech, Lynn Leininger, Tom Leskie, Mike Leskie, Candi McMahan Lewis, Maria Lim, Jacqueline Lira, Carmen López, Grant Melton, Alma and Armando Morales, Dyan Ocampo, Christiane Pelletier, Catherine Stoner Persais, Rev. Matthew Peters, Joan Rasby, Cathie Reece, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, Dani Stecko, key-Lang Tam, Dimitrios Tsokas, Alison Williams, Michael Wonderly, and Rosie Zedamoi.

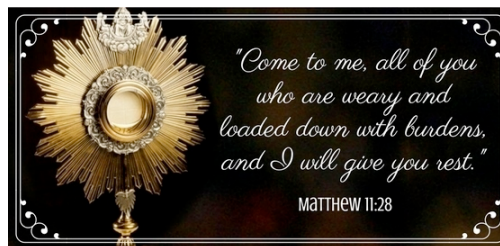
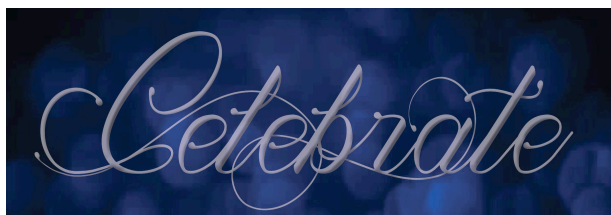


WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Alphonse Acheritogaray, Fr. George Baricar, Anna L. Bernadicou, Claire Casabonne, Denise Carrade, Jeannette Cornu, Yvonne Delclaux, Paul Arthur Domergue, André Fournier, Barbara J. Higgins, Karine Jardin, Lydia A. Jewell, Barbara Charlene Johnke, Charlene Haught Johnson, Nasif Khoury, Ekho Lim, Paulette Lusinchi, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, Bernard Picard, Rolande E. Pottier, Yolanda Prioto, Juliette Puts, Stephen Rice, Arlene M. Sullivan, Marcel Uharriet,

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.



2019 BAL DE PARIS: Please save the date of Saturday, November 9 for this year's Bal de Paris - *Cirque Magnifique* - to be held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in San Francisco. The planning committee has been working hard all summer to make this event a night to remember. This major fundraiser supports the school and church in significant areas of operation. Much thanks and appreciation goes to chairpersons Julia Arnold and Connie Foppiano for all of their work heading up the event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bal de Paris 2019 chairpersons at cirquemagnifique2019@gmail.com.

DECEASED HOMELESS: When they die, who remembers the chronically homeless and often mentally ill, alcoholic or drug-addicted men and women who wandered our streets? Often, no one. In many cases, no one around them even knew their real names. But they are children of God. All the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to join us on November 23rd for the second annual Requiem Mass for the Homeless Faithful Departed. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will preside. We particularly invite those who are touched by homelessness in some way either by personal experience or through participation in ministries and apostolates that help the homeless.



What if...

'I am unbaptized but want to grow spiritually in my life.'
'I have a different faith background but want to learn what Catholics believe and why.'
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.....we would love to assist you in your faith journey through an exciting and deeply enriching process in the Catholic Church called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.).

RCIA is for those who are seeking a better relationship with God, who are looking for more information about Catholic Christianity, or who are seeking to grow in their spiritual or Sacramental life. The RCIA process welcomes the unbaptized person to the family of Jesus Christ. Sessions are informal and comfortable opportunities to explore the Catholic faith with presentations, discussions, and fellowship. Explore the faith without obligation. For more info, please contact Fr. Juan at gonzalez@ndvsf.org

FORMED: How many of you would like to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ? How many of you know someone who has fallen away from the Church, perhaps a friend, a family member, a co-worker, and you want to reach them but you just don't know how? FORMED, is a wonderful website that has been called a "Catholic Netflix." FORMED has inspiring movies and video based studies, audio talks and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors. This is why our parish has invested in FORMED, so that each of us might grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others, especially those closest to us. To register for free membership, go to ndvsf.org Church and click on the FORMED icon on the home page. Follow instructions for creating your personal account.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on the First Friday of each month in the church from 9:00 a.m. thru 12 noon. At noon Benediction will be celebrated and the scheduled Mass will follow. The next date for adoration will be September 6th. On this Friday, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8:30 am School Mass. Please spread the word to other parishioners and co-workers. Come spend a time with the Eucharistic Lord in quiet meditation. You can sign up for a time to visit the Blessed Sacrament on our website; ndvsf.org. Please click the icon: Sign Up For An Adoration Time and follow directions. God bless.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: All gifts, regardless of amount, are greatly appreciated and tremendously beneficial. You may make your gift all at once or over time, if that is easier for you. This vital effort provides critical programs and services to people who need and depend on us. On behalf of all those lives whom will be changed by your gift, thank you.

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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 2019 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.**

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

August 25, 2019 – September 1, 2019

Sunday	- Is 66:18-21	- Heb 12:5-7, 11-13	- Lk 13:22-30
Monday	- 1Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10		- Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	- 1 Thes 2:1-8		- Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	- 1 Thes 2:9-13		- Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	- 1 Thes 3:7-13		- Mk 6:17-29
Friday	- 1 Thes 4:1-8		- Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	- 1 Thes 4:9-11		- Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	- Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29	- Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a	- Lk 14:1, 7-14

SUNDAY COLLECTION: August 17 & August 18

Church Basket:	\$1,715.00
On-Line Giving:	\$623.00
TOTAL:	\$2,338.00

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