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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

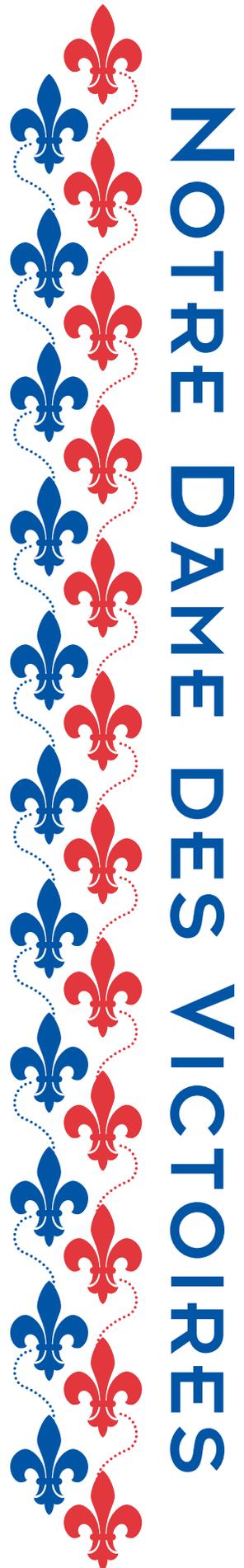
### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Before each weekday Mass

Every Saturday from

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

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



# Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time – October 6, 2019

## A LITTLE IS A LOT

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that if you have faith even as big as a mustard seed, you could command trees and they would obey you. A mustard seed is *very* small. But none of us can get trees to obey our commands. And so, from this, it is clear that the faith any of us has is not even a very small amount. That's not the only disheartening thought in the Gospel Reading. It gets worse. No matter how much faith you have, as the Gospel Reading makes plain, you are still highly unsatisfactory. Jesus says that, however hard you work in the service of the Lord, at the end of the day, recognizing all your sins in the day, you should say to yourself, I am an unprofitable servant of the Lord's.

This isn't a good thought to have before going to bed, is it? And it does make it hard to get out of bed in the morning, too. Who wants to wake up with this thought: "Oh boy, another day for me to be my sinful self! At the end of this day, I will be inadequate, unsatisfactory, and unprofitable!"

You can see why the prophet in the First Reading would say to the Lord, "How long, O Lord!" The prophet thinks it is hard to wait for the Lord to do something about the sins of other people. But it can be hard to wait for the Lord to take care of our own sins too. How long indeed! But the First Reading also says that the just will live by faith. Now real living is joyous, not depressive. And here's another thing to see. The First Reading doesn't mention *how much* faith you need in order to live. So, apparently, any amount is enough. Your faith doesn't have to be even mustard seed size. You will still live, really *live*, as long as you have any faith at all.

And so we can wait for the Lord to do something about our sins. It doesn't take even as much faith as a mustard seed for us to live. And if we live in the Lord, then we can also rejoice in the Lord, even if we are also still unprofitable servants. And if it brings a life of joy in the Lord, then however little our faith is, it is a lot, isn't it? And that is itself a joyful thought.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

### Augmente en nous la foi

S'il est une chose qui semble aller de soi chez les apôtres, c'est la foi. Au moins, nous disons-nous, ils ont vu le Seigneur, ils ont marché avec lui, entendu ses discours et vu ses miracles. Quand ils doutaient, ils pouvaient lui poser des questions. Et leur cœur se réchauffait quand Jésus posait son regard sur eux.

En fait, cela ne s'est pas tout à fait passé ainsi car les douze ont été lents à croire, inconstants dans l'effort peureux dans l'épreuve. Quand ils se rendent compte de leur faiblesse, on comprend qu'ils s'écrient : « Augmente en nous la foi ! ». Mais Jésus leur répond avec ironie que s'ils avaient un peu de foi ils pourraient déraciner un arbre... Ce que lui-même n'a jamais fait. Pour le Christ, la quantité de foi n'entre pas en ligne de compte, car même un peu de foi suffit à changer bien des choses.

Il se peut que la nôtre soit comme une vieille habitude, elle semble aller de soi et faire partie de nos bagages. Elle peut n'être qu'un ornement comme ces croix que beaucoup de dames portent à leur cou : elles sont en or, elles brillent, mais souvent elles ne changent rien à leur vie.

Rappelons-nous qu'un tout petit peu de foi conduit droit au cœur de ce qui compte vraiment : une relation intime avec Dieu.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are having a great weekend!

On Friday at Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires, we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with the blessing of the animals! Our second grade planned the prayer service and Fr. Juan came to bless the many animals who came to join us on the school yard. We had every pet you could imagine from fish to birds, dogs to cats, and snakes to centipedes!

Monday is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, our Patroness, and we are looking forward to showering her with prayer and gratitude for the many things she has done for us.

We will keep you in prayer this week and hope you will do the same for us.

God Bless,  
Sarah Currier, Principal



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY – VIGIL October 5<sup>th</sup>

5:15 pm For the People of the Parish

### SUNDAY October 6<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Ana Le Thi Anh †

9:00 am Victims of Racism

10:30 am Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

12:15 pm Bethelhem Mekonnen

### MONDAY October 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Marie Hong Tran †

12:10 pm For the spread of the holy rosary

### TUESDAY October 8<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Victims of Sexual Abuse

12:10 pm Brijida Vasquez †

### WEDNESDAY October 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Vocations to Religious Life

12:10 pm NDV Teachers & Students

### THURSDAY October 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Youth of the Parish

12:10 pm Benefactors of NDV

### FRIDAY October 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Children with Cancer

12:10 pm Deceased Benefactors †

### SATURDAY October 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Rex Fernandez †

## 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, Ely Villacarlos, 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, Jeannette Ganem, Barbara J. Higgins, Karine Jardin, Lydia A. Jewell, Barbara Charlene Johnke, Charlene Haught Johnson, Nasif Khoury, Ekho Lim, Paulette Lusinci, 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: 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. This major fundraiser supports the school and church in significant areas of operation. Visit [ndvbal2019.com](http://ndvbal2019.com) today to purchase your tickets or sponsor the event! There is a limited supply of early bird tickets - purchase now! Watch for students selling tickets after Mass or [purchase online](#). Much thanks and appreciation goes to chairpersons Connie Foppiano and Julia Arnold 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](mailto:cirquemagnifique2019@gmail.com).

**BAL DE PARIS SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED!** We are in need of donations in all areas for the Silent Auction this year - wine & spirits, tickets for the theater, symphony, museums, or sporting events, vacation rentals, spa gift certificates, restaurant gift certificates, children's classes, camps, and items, etc. If you have any questions, please contact the Bal de Paris Silent Auction Chairs - Sunny Shapiro, Stephanie Middleton, or Gina Cibuzar at [baldeparisndvauction@gmail.com](mailto:baldeparisndvauction@gmail.com)

**LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** There will be a meeting for all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the church. Persons who are interested in becoming a Lector/Eucharistic Minister are invited to come. Please mark your calendar for this important event.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.'*

*'I am a baptized Catholic but never made my First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.'*

*.....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](mailto:gonzalez@ndvsf.org)

**WORLD MISSION DAY:** This year World Mission Day takes place on the weekend of October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. This year, Pope Francis addresses his World Mission Sunday message to us as we live out our baptismal call to be sent forth to evangelize the world. This is the mission that all Christians have received, and God gives us the grace to live it out wherever we may be. As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish, seminary, school and convent all over the world. Together with the Church of Christ on mission in the world, we are baptized and sent, providing the prayerful and financial support necessary to bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions



On World Mission Sunday, Notre Dame des Victoires Parish has invited Fr. Gabriel Wankar to be the homilist at all Masses. The following is a brief bio on Fr. Gabriel: **Fr Gabriel Wankar is a priest of the Diocese of Gboko in North-Central Nigeria, where Islamic terrorists kill Christians daily. He was born and raised back in Nigeria, and trained for the priesthood with the support of the Irish priest who was Pastor in his village. After his ordination in 2004, Fr. Gabriel served as Pastor back in Nigeria till 2011 when he came to the United States for graduate studies in Berkeley. He has graduate degrees in Systematic Theology, and since 2015 has served in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Currently, he is Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Mercy in Daly City. His mother and siblings are back in Nigeria** WELCOME FR. GABRIEL TO NDV!

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on the First Friday of each month in the church from **10:00 a.m. thru 12 noon (this is a change of schedule)**. At noon Benediction will be celebrated and the scheduled Mass will follow. The next date for adoration will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. On this Friday, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place. 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](http://ndvsf.org). Please click the icon: Sign Up For An Adoration Time and follow directions. God bless.

<b>SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK</b>			
<b>October 6, 2019 – October 13, 2019</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	- Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4	- 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14	- Lk 17:5-10
<b>Monday</b>	- Jon 1:1—2:2, 11		- Lk 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Jon 3:1-10		- Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Jon 4:1-11		- Lk 11:1-4
<b>Thursday</b>	- Mal 3:13-20b		- Lk 11:5-13
<b>Friday</b>	- Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2		- Lk 11:15-26
<b>Saturday</b>	- Jl 4:12-21		- Lk 11:27-28
<b>Sunday</b>	- 2Kgs 5:14-17	- 2 Tm 2:8-13	- Lk 17:11-19

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: September 28 & September 29, 2019**

Church Basket:	\$1,138.20
On-Line Giving:	\$220.00
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