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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

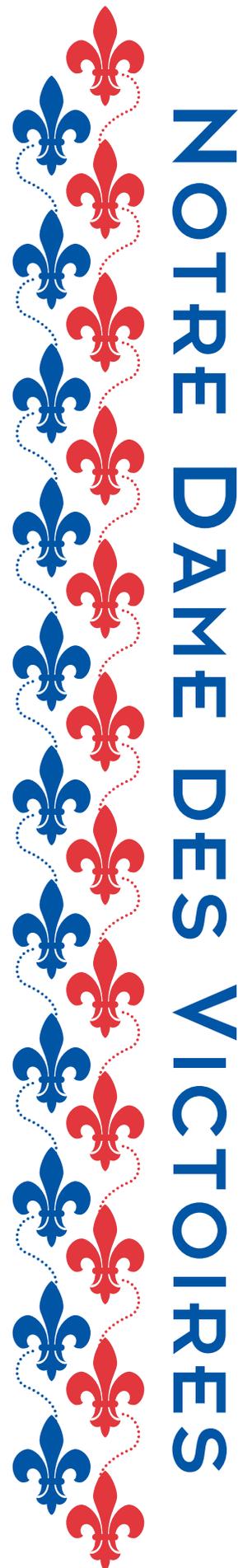
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before each weekday Mass

Every Saturday from

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 2, 2020

THE BREAD OF LIFE

In the First Reading, God promises that he will feed his people well. Given this promise, the story in the Gospel Reading makes perfect sense: Jesus feeds the people who come to him with bread, the kind of ordinary bread that a person needs for his body to live. But pause here a minute: how many of God's people go without food every day in this world? Where is the promised feeding of God? In fact, look at the list of things in the Second Reading that Paul says cannot separate us from the love of God. Famine is on Paul's list, and so is every other kind of suffering. Why do we have to be told that hunger will not separate God's people from God? What happened to God's promise that *he* will feed his people?

As far as that goes, in the First Reading, God says to his people, "Come to me that you might have life." But even death is on Paul's list of things that cannot separate us from the love of God. Why should Paul have to tell us that death will not separate us from God if God has promised to give us life instead of death? If God's promises to feed us and to give us life mean that some of us will suffer famine and all of us will die, what good are these promises? What do they mean? What are we to hope for in God's promises? Here we should remember what Christ says about food and life: "I am the bread of life. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (John 6:35, 51).

There are different kinds of hunger and different kinds of life, aren't there? The bread Christ offers stills the deepest hunger of all, and the life that Christ gives conquers all death. So the sufferings of this world—hunger, death—remain. But the Second Reading is right to say that they cannot separate us from the love of Christ. The promises of God, that he will feed us and we will live, are fulfilled in the bread of life that is the Lord.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Avec cinq pains et deux poissons

C'est au nom du Seigneur que le prophète Isaïe, dans notre première lecture ce matin, offre au peuple de Dieu boisson et nourriture sans payer. Il se rappelle comment Dieu a nourri les Hébreux dans leur longue marche à travers le désert et il annonce une période merveilleuse où plus personne n'aura faim ni soif.

L'Église y a vu une image de l'Eucharistie, et le miracle de la multiplication des pains et des poissons que relate notre évangile en est une autre préfiguration. A part les apôtres, personne ne se rend compte du miracle. Il en a été de même à Cana quand le Christ a changé l'eau en vin sans attirer l'attention des convives.

Dans notre société, rien n'est gratuit, et on sait que les offres alléchantes de la publicité sont un moyen d'attirer les naïfs. Il faudra bien un jour « payer » d'une manière ou d'une autre. La logique de Dieu ne ressemble pas à celle de notre monde car elle est toute centrée sur l'amour, le don de soi et la générosité. N'oublions pas de méditer cette leçon : l'amour gratuit que Dieu nous porte est une invitation à le partager avec les autres, sans attendre quelque chose en retour.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you had a lovely summer and that, despite the restrictions, you were able to get out of the city for a bit and safely enjoy the company of family and friends.

Our superintendent, Pam Lyons, announced that the Archdiocese of San Francisco, as a system of schools, will begin the 2020-2021 school year online. At NDV, this means that we will be distance learning from August 20, 2020-September 4, 2020. This decision was made on an Archdiocesan level based on the directives of the health department and Governor Gavin Newsom. The Archdiocesan plan to re-open schools will be in compliance with the mandate "that schools and school districts may reopen for in-person instruction at any time if they are located in a local health jurisdiction (LHJ) that has not been on the county monitoring list within the prior 14 days." (*COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year*) Superintendent Lyons is expected to make another statement regarding the re-opening of Archdiocesan schools in the first week of September.

Though we miss seeing our students in person very much, our distance learning program has developed a strong reputation and we are confident that we will continue the same academic rigor that our students are expecting. If you or any students you know are interested in joining our online program please email admissions@ndvsf.org for more information.

God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal



ALL MASSES WILL BE PRIVATE MASSES

SUNDAY August 2nd

9:00 am Charlene Haught Johnson †
10:30 am For the People of the Parish
12:15 pm Oscar Prieto †

MONDAY August 3rd

7:00 am Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

TUESDAY August 4th

7:00 am Mered Belete

WEDNESDAY August 5th

7:00 am Charlene Haught Johnson †

THURSDAY August 6th

7:00 am Mark Fischer †

FRIDAY August 7th

7:00 am Mark Fischer †

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Monique Antolin, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Odette Etcheverry, Benjamin Haller, Lupita Herrera, Carmen López, Maria Manley, Grant Melton, , Mary Jo Onopa, Roberta Renzi, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, and Rosie Zedamoi.



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Alphonse Acheritogaray, Pete Arendt, Fr. George Baricar, Anna L. Bernadicou, Claire Casabonne, Denise Carrade, Jeannette Cornu, Magdalena Cravotto, Yvonne Delclaux, Mark Fischer, Jeannette Ganem, Georges Handras, Barbara J. Higgins, Charlene Haught Johnson, Nasif Khoury, Ekho Lim, Lynn Leininger, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, Odette LePendou, 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 great joy, we welcome Fr. Joseph J. McLaughlin, S.M. as a new member to our NDV Pastoral Team. Fr. Joe will be serving the parish as Parochial Vicar. Fr. Joe arrived from Buckhannon, West Virginia. He served as pastor at Holy Rosary Parish for the past 4 years. He professed his vows in the Society of Mary on September 12, 1964 and was ordained a priest On June 3, 1972. May we give thanks to God for bringing Fr. McLaughlin to our parish family and greet him with our prayers and blessing.

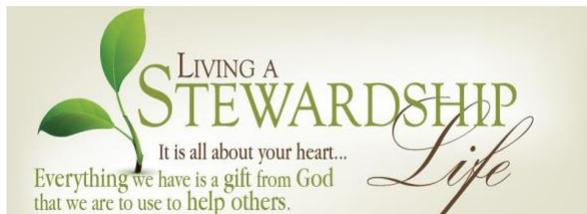
Let us keep Marilyn Fischer, our Controller for the Parish and School, in our prayers. On the early morning of July 18th her husband Mark passed away. Please also pray for her sons Brett, Wyatt & Holly her daughter. As a community of faith in the Lord's resurrection, we commend Mark to God's embrace as he enters Eternal Life. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

RE-CLOSING OF PUBLIC MASSES: The Health Department of the City and County of San Francisco has reinstated the restriction of Public Worship. As a result of serious COVID-19 outbreaks spiking, County Health Officials aim to minimize the contagion by restoring its Health Order restricting congregated religious gatherings. We am saddened by this decision but we must be in compliance with the County's directive during the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic. Archbishop Cordileone will be meeting with city officials this coming week and I will keep you posted regarding their deliberations. Let us keep each other in prayer. May your weekend be a blessed one!

LIVE STREAMING SUNDAY MASS AT NDV: Please participate in our Parish's Sunday Mass which will be live-streamed at 9 a.m. on Youtube. You can access the Mass on the Flocknote, you weekly receive, or on our website at ndvsf.org. We will continue live streaming during the pandemic, even when we return to public worship. God bless!

PRAYER TO MAKE A "SPIRITUAL COMMUNION"

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



We learn in today's Scripture passages from the Prophet Isaiah, Psalm 145, and St. Matthew's Gospel how God feeds His people both physically and spiritually. The evangelist St. Matthew tells the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000 — *not counting women and children* — from only five loaves of bread and two fish. This narrative is proclaimed in all four Gospels and foreshadows the Lord's tremendous gift of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. At every Mass, the priest, in the person of Christ, consecrates simple bread and wine into Jesus' true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. St. Paul, in his Letter to the Roman community, reminds us how inseparable God's love in Christ Jesus is from us. As disciples, faithful stewards acknowledge Christ's love through His Eucharistic gift as the "source and summit" of our spiritual strength, one that inspires us to evangelize and embrace stewardship as a way of life.

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 and select the Online Giving link. Click on Create New Account and follow directions to set up your account. Thank you for your generosity.

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.**

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK			
August 2, 2020 – August 9, 2020			
Sunday	- Is 55:1-3	- Rom 8:35, 37-39	- Mt 14:13-21
Monday	- Jer 28:1-17		- Mt 24:22-36
Tuesday	- Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22		- Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday	- Jer 31:1-7		- Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	- Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	- 2 Pt 1:16-19	- Mt 17:1-9
Friday	- Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7		- Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	- Hb 1:12—2:4		- Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	- 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a	- Rom 9:1-5	- Mt 14:22-33

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