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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

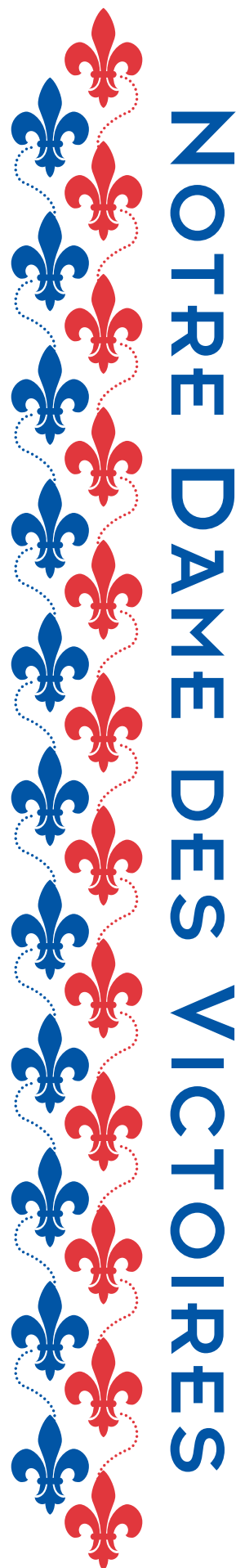
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before each weekday Mass

Every Saturday from

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – December 27, 2020

PEACE, CONSOLATION, AND GLORY

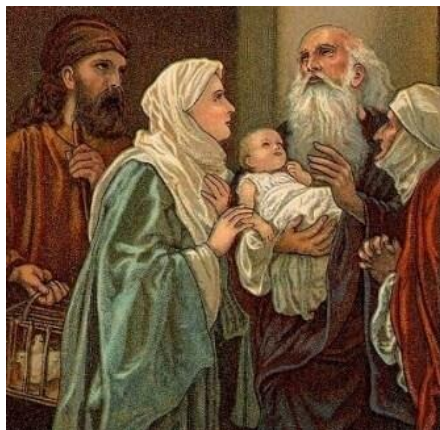
In the Gospel Reading, Simeon is waiting in the Temple, because the Holy Spirit has revealed to him that he will meet the Messiah there. When Simeon does finally see Jesus, the Gospel tells us, Simeon had been waiting for a long time.

Waiting can be so hard. Think of the young mother waiting for lab results about her cancer, or the old lady waiting for news about her son in Afghanistan. Think of the aspiring novelist waiting to hear if the press will accept his manuscript or the scientist waiting to know if his life's work will be honored with a great prize. Peace is so often lost by such a wait. While a person is waiting, he is anxious—what if the thing he is waiting for never comes? And he is sad or sorrowful, because he does not yet have the thing he wants and is waiting for. Then there is the undeniable humiliation of having to wait. A person who waits knows that what he wants depends on things outside his own control. Having to wait brings home to him his vulnerability and neediness.

And so, look at what Simeon says when his wait is finally over, and he sees Jesus. Seeing this baby, Simeon says, lets me die in peace. This baby overturns anxiety and brings peace—not a theoretical kind of peace which has no purchase on a person's emotions, but real peace, the kind that brings with it easy breathing. And why peace? Because, as the Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon, this baby is God's consolation for all his people. If God himself gives a person consolation, he will have God's peace as well. And, finally, this peace is not the kind of peace that makes a person ready with resignation to accept defeat. No, on the contrary: it makes a person rise to glory. That is why Simeon says in his prayer that this baby brings glory to God's people.

And so here is the thing for us to think about at Christmas. In our anxieties, in our sorrows, in our defeats and humiliations, can we turn and look at this baby? No matter what anxiety, sorrow, or defeat the world has given us, nothing can take this baby away from us. Our consolation, our peace, and our glory lie with him.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

La Sainte Famille de Jésus, Marie et Joseph

L'Église nous invite à méditer la vie de la Sainte Famille à une époque où beaucoup de jeunes se mettent en ménage et changent de partenaire en se disant : Pourquoi lier son destin pour toujours ?... Comment être heureux si on perd sa liberté en s'attachant à quelqu'un d'autre ?... etc...

Nous savons bien que la vie de famille n'a jamais été quelque chose de facile et que de nos jours les difficultés se sont multipliées. C'est pourquoi quand deux jeunes gens veulent s'unir devant Dieu nous les préparons longuement afin d'asseoir solidement leur nouvel avenir, de les aider à s'épanouir mutuellement dans leur communauté de vie, de savoir dialoguer et prier quand naîtront des causes de désagrément.

En s'ouvrant au pardon mutuel, en développant les valeurs chrétiennes de l'amour désintéressé et du service des autres, le couple aide aussi ses enfants à grandir dans la foi. C'est à travers succès et échecs, joies et peines partagées ensemble, que se crée une famille proche de celle que l'Église nous donne en exemple même si elle a existé il y a si longtemps dans le petit village de Nazareth.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and that you were able to celebrate it safely with those you love. You are in our thoughts and prayers this Christmas Season and we are so grateful for yours.

God Bless,
The NDV School Community

*A Christmas Prayer for you
May your Christmas days be merry
And your New Year days be bright.
May peace and goodwill bring you joy
And his blessings much delight.*



Mass Intentions for the Week

**ALL SUNDAY & FEAST DAY
MASSES WILL BE PRIVATE LIVE
STREAMED**

SUNDAY December 27th

9:00 am Kitty Kelly - Birthday
10:30 am Kenfe-Michael Bethe-Selassie †

MONDAY December 28th

7:00 am Rev. Frank McElhatton †

TUESDAY December 29th

7:00 am Madeleine Constant †

WEDNESDAY December 30th

7:00 am Alemayew Seboka †

THURSDAY December 31st

7:00 pm Charlene Haight Johnson †

FRIDAY January 1st

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

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



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Alphonse Acheritogaray, Jacqueline Archieri, Pete Arendt, Fr. George Baricar, Anna L. Bernadico, Kenfe-Michael Bethe-Selassie, Claire Casabonne, Denise Carrade, Madeleine Constant, Jeannette Cornu, Magdalena Cravotto, Yvonne Delclaux, Mark Fischer, Jeannette Ganem, Georges Handras, Barbara J. Higgins, Charlene Haight Johnson, Nasif Khoury, Ekho Lim, Lynn Leininger, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, Odette LePendu, 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.



Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying:

Glory to God in the highest!

R/. And peace to his people on earth!

Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year.

After a short silence, parents may place their hands on their children in blessing as the leader says:

Remember us, O God;

from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.

Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

NEW YEARS DAY MASSES: Our New Years Day Masses will be lived streamed. You have been sent a Flock Note to connect to the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. French Mass. You can also visit our parish's website at: ndvsf.org to connect to the Masses. For your convenience, the Masses will be available all day. Because of the COVID-19 lockdown, there will be no indoor public Masses.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The topic of family links today's Scripture passages. The reading from Sirach instructs us: *Whoever honors his father atones for sins*, and those who respect their mother store up riches. Those who care for elderly parents are not forgotten, and their kindness is firmly planted as an offering against sin. In St. Luke's Gospel, the evangelist retells of Jesus' presentation to the Lord in the Jerusalem Temple. This is done in accordance with Mosaic Law. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph then return to Nazareth, where our Lord grows in strength and wisdom. In St. Paul's Letter to the Colossian community, he emphasizes *bearing with one another and forgiving one another... as the Lord has forgiven you*. Christ's peace must reign in our families' hearts. As Pope St. John Paul II pointed out, the family is the "Domestic Church." Vocations are born and nurtured in families that embrace the Catholic faith by making Jesus the center of their lives. May we, as Christian stewards, continue to strive, build, and pray for solid Christian families in an increasingly antifamily attitude found today in secular society. To strengthen your family, make time daily to pray and eat at least one meal together. Most important, attend Sunday Mass weekly as a family and partake of Holy Communion.

CALIFORNIA BISHOPS ISSUE POSITIVE STATEMENT ON VACCINES

On December 3, the Catholic bishops of California issued a statement saying that the imminent Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are morally acceptable. The bishops committed the California Catholic Conference to working with Catholic health care ministries and Catholic Charities to promote and encourage COVID-19 vaccinations in collaboration with state and local governments and other entities. Archbishop Cordileone said, "I join my brother bishops in welcoming the news that safe, effective vaccines against the COVID-19 virus will soon be available. Together, we bishops affirm that the imminent Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are morally acceptable, and we encourage everyone to receive the vaccine when it becomes available."

VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER, MENLO PARK: Find an island of peace in a world of crazy. Vallombrosa Retreat Center invites you to come and enjoy a moment of repose from today's COVID world. Private single rooms are available, with business-class Wi-Fi and a writing desk, an en suite restroom, access to gardens, and, if you wish, Spiritual Direction. Or maybe you just need a break from the house, children, and spouse to write a few e-mails and reflect. The atmosphere is prayerful and mindful; the setting is ten acres of lovely gardens; nestled in the quiet neighborhood of Nativity Church and Corpus Christi Monastery. A "day retreat" is a peaceful time away from home, with your private room to yourself from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, for a single day or for more days, up to a full five-day week. Also available is an "overnight retreat" for a minimum of three nights. There may be other ways that Vallombrosa can accommodate your needs, so you are invited to reach out and inquire. Please contact: *Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park - David Leech at 650-325-5614 or davidl@vallombrosa.org*

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.



SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

December 27, 2020 – January 3, 2021

Sunday	- Sir 3:2-6, 12-14	- Col 3:12-21	- Lk 2:22-40
Monday	- 1 Jn 1:5—2:2		- Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday	- 1 Jn 2:3-11		- Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday	- 1 Jn 2:12-17		- Lk 2:36-40
Thursday	- 1 Jn 2:18-21		- Jn 1:1-18
Friday	- Nm 6:22-27	- Gal 4:4-7	- Lk 2:16-21
Saturday	- Jn 2:22-28		- Jn 1:19-28
Sunday	- Is 60:1-6	- Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	- Mt 2:1-12

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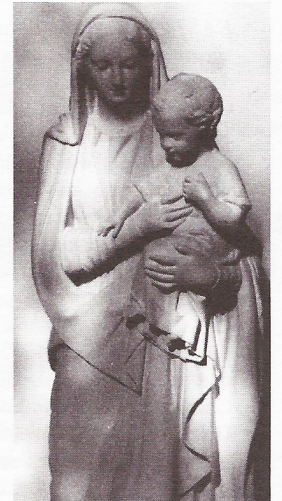


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which bears her name



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