



## ***A Ministry of the Marist Priests and Brothers***

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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

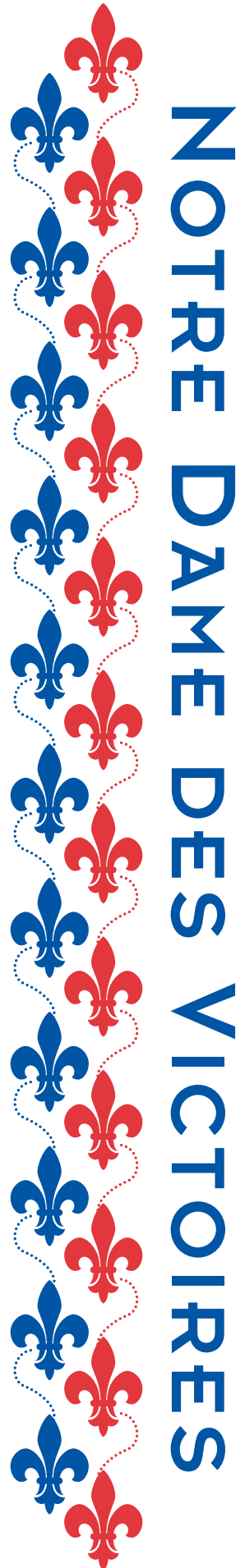
### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Before each weekday Mass

Every Saturday from

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

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# Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time – February 23, 2020

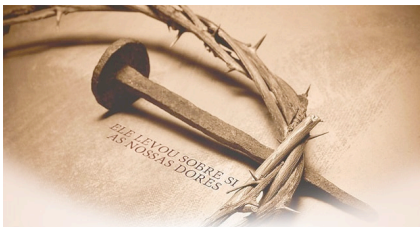
## TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK

In the Gospel Reading, Christ commands us to turn the other cheek. How are we to make sense of this command? If a schoolyard bully beats up your child, are you supposed to instruct her to turn the other cheek and let him do it again? Or should you alert the principal of the school and get the bully stopped? Christ's command to turn the other cheek seems to insist on that first alternative. And so it looks as if Christ is commanding us to help people do bad things with impunity. But to think this is way is to be focused only on yourself and what you take to be your virtue. It is to forget entirely about the wellbeing of the bully or of any person engaged in evil.

Think about the matter this way. In the Gospel Reading for last Sunday, Christ says that anyone who hates his brother is shut out of heaven. If mere hatred is enough to get a person excluded from heaven, how about hatred in action, like physical attack? A schoolyard bully has hate in his heart and hate in action, too. If you enable him to keep attacking, you are helping him to hell. But in the Gospel Reading for this week Christ is asking us to love those who hurt us. How is love shown to a person by helping him towards hell? So in exhorting us to turn the other cheek Christ is not commanding us to be an enabler of people doing bad things. He is exhorting us to love even our enemies as ourselves. If we love our enemies in this way, we will want to help them be what we ourselves want to be: people trying to love and obey Christ.

So, think of Christ's command to turn the other cheek this way. Ordinarily, a person given to evil will become worse and worse if he thinks he can hurt others with impunity. That is why to threaten him with reprisal is to tug him back from his own moral destruction. But sometimes a person is so sunk in evil that no threat of punishment would deter him. And then your best bet is to let him hit you again. If he does, he may finally understand the evil in himself and hate it. So, turning the other cheek might make a schoolyard bully worse; but this attitude of turning the other cheek, expressed in large-scale non-violent resistance, did help get the British out of India. Christ's command, then, is to do whatever it takes to love our enemies.

Eleonore Stump



But I say to you, Love your enemies,  
bless them that curse you,  
do good to them that hate you,  
and pray for them which spitefully use you,  
and persecute you;  
Matthew 5:44

## FRENCH CORNER

### Comment aimer son prochain

Ne pas rendre le mal, tendre la joue gauche, aimer ses ennemis.... On comprend que même des chrétiens ont du mal à accepter cet enseignement du Christ et l'histoire de l'Église nous en donne de nombreux exemples car certains diront que « pardonner, c'est favoriser la méchanceté » tandis que : « punir, c'est donner une bonne leçon pour l'avenir ».

On peut dire que si Jésus avait expulsé Judas Iscariote du groupe des apôtres, celui-ci ne l'aurait pas trahi..., ce qui reste à prouver. D'ailleurs, en se laissant arrêter, condamner et crucifier, le Christ n'a pas désarmé ses adversaires qui, plus tard, persécuteront les chrétiens.

Jésus a voulu accomplir la mission que le Père lui a confiée et, en le faisant, il nous montre la différence fondamentale qui existe entre nos valeurs terrestres et ce que Dieu attend de ses fidèles quand il nous demande d'être « parfait comme le Père céleste est parfait ».

Cet idéal exige effort, renoncement, remise en question de ce qui nous semble une réaction normale mais ne l'est pas aux yeux du Seigneur. En un mot, notre choix est de savoir si nous acceptons le Royaume tel qu'il nous est proposé par Jésus, quitte à le réaliser plus ou moins bien ici-bas, ou si nous le refusons, ce qui implique que, plus tard, Dieu prendra au sérieux ce refus parce qu'il respecte notre liberté.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you had a wonderful President's Day last weekend and that you had ample opportunities for rest, relaxation, and prayer!

NDV is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WCEA) and the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and is reviewed every 6 years. This year is our accreditation year.

This week we had a pre-visit from the team that will review us in March, and it was very successful thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, students, families! Fr. Juan has been an incredible support through this process as well. We are most grateful to you, parishioners, for your prayers and support during this time. We are looking forward to our official accreditation visit from March 25th to March 27th and appreciate the prayers and support from our incredible school and church community.

Have a Wonderful Week and God Bless,  
Sarah Currier, Principal

 Western Catholic  
Educational Association

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY – VIGIL February 22<sup>nd</sup>

5:15 pm For the People of the Parish

### SUNDAY February 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:30 am Single Catholics

9:00 am Francis Gaughran †

10:30 am John Garcia, Casaurang, Lamouret, et Daguerra Familles †

12:15 pm Unemployed

### MONDAY February 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Victims of Gun Violence †

12:10 pm Jean -Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

### TUESDAY February 25<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Victims of Racism

12:10 pm Diane Boggie †

### WEDNESDAY February 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Hazel Ramos Reece †

12:10 pm Charles Haught †

6:30 pm Vocations to Religious Life

### THURSDAY February 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Deceased Marists †

12:10 pm Elaine Szal †

### FRIDAY February 28<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Victims of Human Trafficking

12:10 pm Amir Alkhraisat †

### SATURDAY February 29<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Robert Desmond †

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Benjamin Haller, Georges Handras, Lupita Herrera, Lynn Leininger, Cármen López, Maria Manley, Membere Mariam, Grant Melton, , Mary Jo Onopa, Roberta Renzi, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, Dimitrios Tsokas, and Rosie Zedamoi.

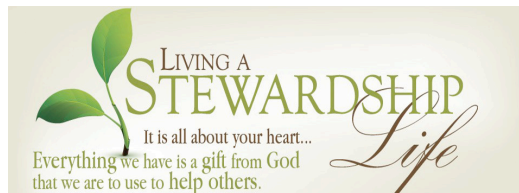


## WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Alphonse Acheritogaray, Fr. George Baricar, Anna L. Bernadico, Claire Casabonne, Denise Carrade, Jeannette Cornu, Magdalena Cravotto, Yvonne Delclaux, Jeannette Ganem, Barbara J. Higgins, Charlene Haight Johnson, Nasif Khoury, Ekho Lim, Frances McFarland, Mary Orley, Christiane Pelletier, Bernard Picard, Rolande E. Pottier, Yolanda Prioto, Juliette Puts, Stephen Rice, Mary Jo Stechschulte.

## 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.



**THE 2020 LENTEN SEASON BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>.** During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to practice self-control through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. **The following is the Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am [School Mass], 12:10 pm, & 6:30 pm.**



Each Friday during Lent, you are invited to come to the church and pray the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. The prayer service begins at 11:40 a.m. (prior to the 12:10 p.m. Mass).

**MARDI GRAS 2020:** With the consent of the Parish Council, this year's Mardi Gras Dinner will be cancelled. Due to the construction and renovation work in our parish hall the event would not be feasible to take place. This is a cancellation only for 2020. We will resume this festive event in 2021 and we will have a renovated hall to celebrate Mardi Gras. Thanks for your understanding.



**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).

**NDV SCHOOL: INTERNATIONAL NIGHT ON MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>:** Please join us for the fabulous NDVPA International Night to be held on Saturday, March 28th from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Please consider being an "ambassador" and hosting a table to share a sample of your culture's international culinary delicacies or performing a talent that reflects an ethnic tradition or culture. We also need many volunteers for this event - Please contact Cristian Rathgeb at [ratherwa@gmail.com](mailto:ratherwa@gmail.com) or 415-710-9065 with any questions or if you would like more information.

**OUR STEWADSHIP MISSION**

**Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian Disciple who recognizes, receives and cultivates God's gifts and generously shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor**

**STEWARDSHIP PARISHIONER FORMATION:** Our next cycle of Stewardship Workshops will take place on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Both sessions are 9am – 1pm. Lunch will be served. In these two sessions we explore the meaning and purpose of our Stewardship Mission as presented above. We would love to have come and learn within a group of parishioners. Please contact Fr. Juan at: [gonzalez@ndvsf.org](mailto:gonzalez@ndvsf.org)

**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION UPDATE:** Parishioners are asked to fill out a Registration Update Form. We are in the process of renewing our Parish Membership Roster. If you are interesting in joining the parish or if you are presently a member, we ask that all fill out a form so that we are able to make necessary changes. Forms are located at the entrance of the church. Thanks for your cooperation.

**ON-LINE GIVING:** Our parish now 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 or with your offering envelopes. 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](http://ndvsf.org) and select the Online Giving link. Click on Create New Account and follow directions to set up your account. Thank you

**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.**

<b>SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK</b>			
<b>February 23, 2020– March 1, 2020</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	- Lv 19:1-2, 17-18	- 1 Cor 3:16-23	- Mt 5:38-48
<b>Monday</b>	- Jas 3:13-18		- Mk 9:14-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Jas 4:1-10		- Mk 9:30-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Jl 2:12-18	- 2 Cor 5:20—6:2	- Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	- Dt 30:15-20		- Lk 9:22-25
<b>Friday</b>	- Is 58:1-9a		- Mt 9:14-15
<b>Saturday</b>	- Is 58:9b-14		- Lk 5:27-32
<b>Sunday</b>	- Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7	- Rom 5:12-19	- Mt 4:1-11

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: February 15 and 16, 2020**

Church Basket:	\$1,917.00
On-Line Giving:	\$180.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,097.00</b>

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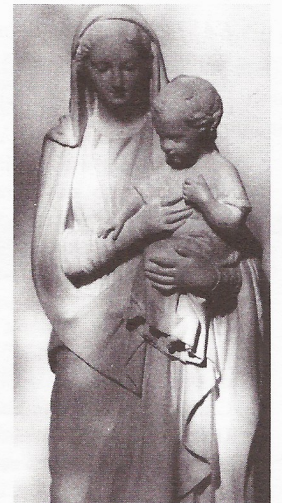


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