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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

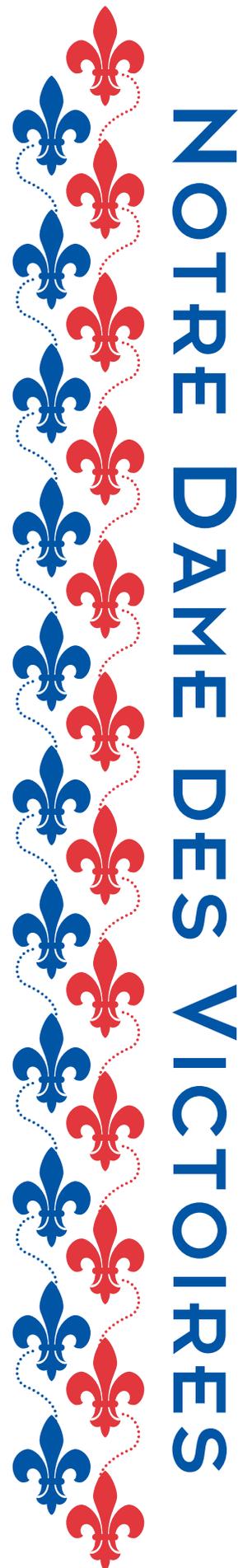
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before each weekday Mass

Every Saturday from

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

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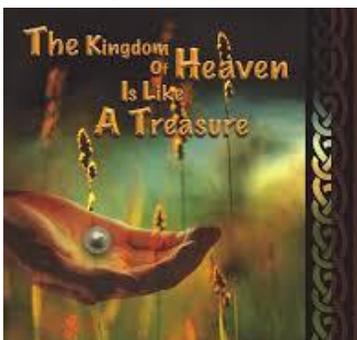
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 26, 2020

GOD'S GIFTS

Solomon was distinguished from all other kings in the Old Testament by God's gifts to him. First, God appeared to him and told him to ask for a gift. Not many kings in Israel were honored by God in this way! Solomon responded to God so beautifully! He asked for something all right, but it was not something worldly. He did not ask God for riches or long life. Instead, he asked God for wisdom to govern God's people well. And so, he received God's first gift, which was the opportunity to ask God for something, in such a way that his asking made him worthy of what God gave him when God answered his prayer.

Because he pleased God by what he asked of God, God gave him the wisdom he asked for. And with that wisdom God gave him even more, namely, the gifts he had not asked for, things worthy of kings. In the text that continues the First Reading, God promised him the very worldly things he had not asked for—namely, riches and long life—in addition to the wisdom he wanted. So, Solomon was very great among the kings of the ancient Israel. And yet what Christ gives to each one of his own people is greater than the gifts God gave Solomon. To each person who opens to Christ, Christ gives the indwelling Holy Spirit.

And with the Holy Spirit, he gives the seven gifts of the Spirit, too. The wisdom Solomon asked for is only the first of these. There are six more: understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. There is an inestimable spiritual richness in these gifts, more than Solomon knew to ask for. Furthermore, anyone who has these has not just *long* life, like Solomon, but *everlasting* life with the Lord. And even among the sorrows of this life, the consolations of the indwelling Spirit are present too, in the love, joy, and peace that are among the fruits of the Spirit. And so Christ offers now to each one who will accept it from him something greater than the greatness of Solomon, not just wisdom but all the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, and with them unending life in the kingdom of heaven. As Christ says in the Gospel reading, this is treasure indeed. Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Quel est notre trésor ?

Nous sommes bien placés à San Francisco pour parler des chercheurs d'or venus vers 1849 en Californie, des dangers de toute sorte qu'ils ont affrontés pour ramasser quelques pépites, quand ils étaient chanceux....

Voici un homme, nous dit Jésus, qui a tout vendu pour acheter un champ dans lequel il a détecté un trésor enfoui ; et un autre qui lui aussi vend tout ce qu'il possède pour acheter une perle de grand prix. Ils sont capables de faire des sacrifices énormes car ils ont deviné la valeur de ce qu'ils veulent acquérir.

Et c'est l'invitation que nous fait le Christ, de chercher le trésor du Royaume de Dieu, de prendre le risque de laisser de côté ce qui assurait notre sécurité. Quand on a découvert les valeurs de ce Royaume, on ne saurait hésiter à choisir la vie que Jésus nous propose.

Au cours de cette célébration, demandons au Seigneur de nous aider à comprendre qu'il nous appelle à le suivre pour une découverte plus exaltante que celle de l'or californien, celle de savoir que nous sommes les enfants de Dieu.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners,

We had a wonderful school year that started in the building and ended online! Our distance learning program ran from March 11, 2020-June 5, 2020 and was a huge success.

We plan to open our doors to students on August 20, 2020 following city, state, and local guidelines for health and safety. If you or anyone you know is interested in enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year please email Desiree at admissions@ndvsf.org/

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



ALL MASSES WILL BE PRIVATE MASSES

SUNDAY July 26th

9:00 am Negatu GebreWold †
10:30 am For the People of the Parish
12:15 pm Sarah Nugent †

MONDAY July 27th

7:00 am Asrat Yenessa †

TUESDAY July 28th

7:00 am Zenebech Tekele †

WEDNESDAY July 29th

7:00 am Tewabtch Belete

THURSDAY July 30th

7:00 am Abate Kunech †

FRIDAY July 31st

7:00 am Charlene Haught Johnson †

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Monique Antolin, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Odette Etcheverry, Benjamin Haller, Lupita Herrera, Carmen López, Maria Manley, Membere Mariam, 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. Bernadidou, 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 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.

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 congregational religious gatherings. We are 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!



THANK YOU: We appreciate the service that Grace Renaud has given to our parish. Grace has made the decision to retire from all of her Liturgical Music Ministry in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. We sincerely express our gratitude for the amazing work Grace accomplished as Music Director. Grace's talent and admirable qualities gave life to the Word of God through music at our liturgies. May God bless her as she moves forward!

Also we thank Fr. Rodrigue Ntungu, S.J. for his weekend ministry here at NDV. His willingness to help with weekend Masses, especially the 10:30 a.m. French Mass, was much appreciated by the community. Fr. Rodrigue finished his studies at the University of San Francisco a few weeks ago. He returned to his Jesuit home province in The Republic of the Congo, Africa. God bless you, Fr. Rodrigue and keep us in your prayers!



In today's Gospel reading from the evangelist St. Matthew, Jesus' parables describe the Kingdom of Heaven. In the first parable, Jesus tells of a man who finds a buried treasure; in the second, a merchant searches and finds a valuable pearl. In both stories, the men sell everything to buy these treasures. Through these parables, we learn to aspire to love God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as well as our neighbor. This love graces us in holiness, in our attempt to strive for the treasure of heaven. King Solomon, in the First Book of Kings, asks God for an understanding heart instead of wealth. Faith-filled stewards know the path to eternal salvation is not easy. But through evangelization efforts expressed through stewardship, we deepen our discipleship in Christ and increase our chances of gaining eternal life. For examples of those who made Jesus personal in their lives, read the inspiring stories of our saints and pray to God through them for wisdom and guidance.



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.

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.



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			
July 26, 2020 – August 2, 2020			
Sunday	- 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12	- Rom 8:28-30	- Mt 13:44-52
Monday	- Jer 13:1-11		- Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	- Jer 14:17-22		- Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	- Jer 15:10, 16-21	- Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42	
Thursday	- Jer 18:1-6		- Mt 13:47-53
Friday	- Jer 26:1-9		- Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	- Jer 26:11-16, 24		- Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	- Is 55:1-3	- Rom 8:35, 37-39	- Mt 14:13-21

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