Daily Masses Monday - Friday

7:00 am 12:10 pm

Saturday

7:00 am

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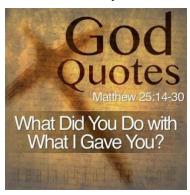
TRUE HUMILITY AND **TALENTS**

Some people think that humility is a matter of taking yourself to be small, unworthy, not up for much. But, in the Gospel parable, the servant who thinks he is too little to do much with his talent is dismissed as wicked and useless, and his talent is taken away from him. The Lord does not praise him for humility.

So, what is humility? It is the opposite of pride—but what is pride? Pride is not denying that there is some excellence, some talent, in yourself when there really is. Rather, pride is a failure to recognize that that talent is given you by the Lord. Of course, we are small and unworthy. What else would we be? Our talents are not a function of what we are and can do. Every excellence in us is a gift of the Lord's. We can acknowledge the excellence that is truly in us without danger of pride, provided we remember that such excellence comes from the Lord.

Not only that, but in the Gospel Reading our Lord announces a funny distribution principle: to him who has, more will be given. So here is the idea. A person who does not refuse a gift of the Lord's receives it and consequently has more. Then, because he has more, the Lord will offer him another gift. If he does not refuse that new gift, it will be given-and so he will have more. And then more will be given to him. And so on and on, till a person blazes in glory for the Lord. Unlike the useless servant in the parable, then, we can aim as high as we like, with true humility, provided we recognize as gift every excellence we have. Everything is gift, and everything is meant to be given back in service of love for the Lord.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Qui ne risque rien n'a rien

Étudiant le comportement des gens de son temps, Jésus en tire des leçons qui sont encore valables pour nous aujourd'hui, d'autant plus qu'il veut nous aider à comprendre ce que Dieu attend de nous. Ainsi dans cette parabole des talents.

Chacun et chacune d'entre nous avons reçu des dons que nous devons faire fructifier, et dont il faudra rendre compte un jour. Jésus ne veut pas nous faire peur mais il nous rappelle nos responsabilités. Son Père compte sur nous car, le premier, il a pris des risques en créant les humains et il continue de nous faire confiance au point de faire de nous les intendants de son royaume. Aucun talent ne peut être enfoui, nul don ne peut être gardé pour notre jalousement intérêt personnel.

La question n'est pas de savoir si celui-ci a reçu davantage que celui-là, mais de reconnaître ce que Dieu nous a donné et d'en tirer parti le mieux possible. Finalement, Jésus nous invite à risquer notre foi, à ne pas nous replier nous-mêmes et nos problèmes, à aider tous ceux qui ne sont aussi bien lotis que nous.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners.

NDV reopened for in person learning over a month ago after a long period of successful distance learning. Though our distance learning program will remain in place for families who wish to remain at home, we are so happy to have been able to welcome some students back to campus!

If you or anyone you know are interested in enrolling in the 2021-2022 school year, please email admissions@ndvsf.org for more information.

God Bless. Sarah Currier, Principal





SUNDAY November 15th

9:00 am James Kerr †

10:30 am For the People of the Parish 12:15 pm Odette Etecheverry - Needs

MONDAY November 16th

7:00 am Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts † **TUESDAY** November 17th

7:00 am

Gabriel Belete - Birthday WEDNESDAY November 18th

 $\overline{7:00}$ am Anne A. Donaldson † THURSDAY November 19th

9:00 am Noel O Campos † FRIDAY November 20th

7:00 am Frehiwot Asrat Family

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Monique Antolin, Wondiferaw Asrat, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Odette Etcheverry, Benjamin Haller, Lupita Herrera, Cármen López, Patrick Maher, Maria Manley, Grant Melton, Brook Mesfin, Askale Munga, 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 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.

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We have reopened our Masses as of October 4th. We will have 3 Masses celebrated on Sundays: 9:00 am (English), 10:30 am (French), 12:15 pm (English). We recommend that you sign up to attend any of these celebrations. You can sign up on our Parish Website (web address above). Your reserved space will be kept until 5 minutes before the start of Mass. Please arrive on time. For those who are unable to participate in public worship, you can continue to participate in a live stream of our Sunday Parish Masses. Please click on the link on our Parish Website: ndvsf.org for Sunday's Live Stream Masses. Mass will begin at 9 a.m. The Mass will also be recorded and you can access the liturgy at a later time. God Bless.

As we celebrate as a community in our Parish Church, may the Lord bless and protect each of us.

NOVEMBER PLENARY INDULGENCES FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

The Vatican has announced an extension to the plenary indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November. Because of restrictions on cemetery visits due to COVID-19, "the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1 to 8 November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed."

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture readings illustrate good stewarding of God's gifts. The Book of Proverbs portrays a good wife not only as a true blessing, but also as a good steward in using the Lord's gifts. In St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonian community, he reminds these brothers and sisters to be prepared for the Lord's coming. Paul encourages them not to fear the darkness, for they are gifted to be children of the light. In the long form of his Gospel, the evangelist St. Matthew demonstrates stewardship through the parable about the master — God — who, prior to going on a journey, hands over his possessions to his servants. The servants symbolize us as we seek to deepen our relationship in Christ. The "talents" - money, of that day - represent the gifts, or charisms, God gives us through the Holy Spirit. In this Gospel story, the servants are granted gifts according to their ability. To the master's joy, the servant bestowed with five talents invests them and makes five more. Similarly, the servant given two talents doubles them. But the lazy servant, who does not invest his talent, is punished. Paschal stewards who use our Lord's gifts to implement Christ's mission on earth will inherit God's Kingdom. In thanksgiving for His abundant blessings, we are invited to offer our gifts at the Lord's altar each week. The Church is always in need of good stewards for ministries in our parishes and schools. Every gift of service is blessed and appreciated.

2020 NDV JESSE TREE PROGRAM: This Advent, please join NDV in gifting to children and teens in our local community who need support. NDV is partnering with the not-for-profit organization, Hamilton Families. This local partner is working hard to prevent homelessness in San Francisco. Within the COVID 19 context, the church would like to support this group virtually. Please consider gifting through its Amazonsmile <u>Transitional Housing Wishlist</u>. Please see the simple instructions below to participate:

- 1. Click through the Amazonsmile Transitional Housing Wishlist.
- 'Add to cart' the Wishlist item you'd like to gift to Hamilton Families and 'Proceed to checkout'.
- 3. Select 'The Hamilton Family Center's Gift Registry Address' shipping address. The gift will ship directly to this organization!
- 4. Proceed to pay for your item, add your payment method, 'place your order' and you're complete!



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. 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**.

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					
November 15, 2020 – November 22, 2020					
Sunday	- Prv 31:10-13, 19-20,	30-31	- 1 Thes 5:1-6	6 - Mt 25:14-	-30
Monday	- Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5			- Lk 18:35	-43
Tuesday	- Rv 3:1-6, 14-22			- Lk 19:1	-10
Wednesday	- Rv 4:1-11			- Lk 19:11	-28
Thursday	- Rv 5:1-10			- Lk 19:41	-44
Friday	- Rv 10:8-11			- Lk 19:45	-48
Saturday	- Rv 11:4-12			- Lk 20:27	-40
Sunday	- Ez 34:11-12, 15-17	- 1 C	Cor 15:20-26, 28	8 - Mt 25:31	-46

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