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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

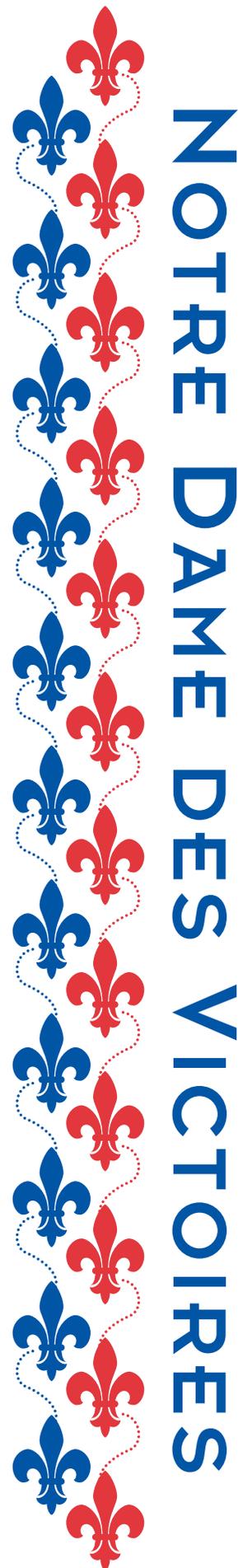
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before each weekday Mass

Every Saturday from

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 27, 2020

ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The parable in the Gospel Reading, Jesus says, is about entering the kingdom of heaven. In the parable, a father says to one of his sons, “go to work in my vineyard, Son!”; and that son says, “NO!” Then the father says to his other son, “go to work in my vineyard, Son!” And that son says, “YES!” Which of these sons is the good son? Which one enters the kingdom of heaven? You might sensibly enough think that it is the son who says “yes” to his father.

After all, what could be worse than saying “NO!” to God the father? Who would think that rebellious *NO*-Sayers could be pleasing to God? Who would suppose that they could enter the kingdom of heaven? And so, it seems clear that the *YES*-Sayers are the ones who will enter the kingdom of heaven and those wretched *NO*-Sayers will wind up in the other place. But this is not what Jesus says. He says that the *NO*-saying son is the one who did the will of his father. He is the one who entered the kingdom of heaven, and not the *YES*-saying son.

Why would Jesus say this? Well, the son who says “YES” to his father does not actually do what his father wants him to do. It is the *NO*-saying son who actually goes to work in his father’s vineyard. And so here is the thing for us to notice. What the *NO*-saying son *says* is contrary to God’s will. But what he *does* is in accordance with it. It is just the other way around with the *YES*-saying son. The words of the *YES*-saying son are obedient to God’s will, but his life is lived in opposition to it.

The words of the *YES*-saying son are empty. His life, not his words, tell the real truth about his relationship to his father. The truth is that the *YES*-saying son rejects God’s will, however much acceptance there is in his words. And so, the Psalm gives us the right prayer to go with this parable: “Lord, teach us your ways!” Our ways need to be God’s ways. It is good if our words say YES to God. But what is crucial is that our lives say YES to God. Unless they do, our words are worthless.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Avec Dieu, il n’y a pas de « non » catégorique

Histoire bien ordinaire que celle du fils qui dit « non » à son père et se ravise tandis que son frère qui avait dit « oui » ne tient pas sa promesse. Il se pourrait bien que nous ayons vécu ces deux situations durant notre adolescence, vis-à-vis de nos parents.

Mais Jésus s’adresse à des Juifs pieux qui avaient tendance à croire que les pécheurs et les publicains ne pouvaient pas changer de vie et mériter le salut. Ils oubliaient que Dieu pouvait lire dans leur cœur et ne les jugeait pas sur leurs actes extérieurs mais sur leur amour capable de tout transformer dans leur existence, comme ce fut le cas pour Matthieu.

Pour le Seigneur, on n’est jamais allé trop loin et il est toujours possible d’ajuster sa vie aux exigences de l’Évangile. Voilà la Bonne Nouvelle : quand on se laisse aimer par Dieu et qu’on accueille sa parole, tout peut changer car il est patient et ne se laisse pas décourager par nos premiers refus. Il suffit d’ouvrir son cœur à sa Parole.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you are having a wonderful week and that you have been able to enjoy some of the beautiful weather and fresh air that has come our way! This week, we had our six year WCEA/WASC accreditation visit and it went incredibly well. The visiting committee praised the hard work of our community, dedication of our parents, and strength of our staff. I am so proud of our school and am so pleased that the visiting team is too. We expect to receive the report of findings as well as our six year accreditation in the coming weeks.

If you or anyone you know is interested in applying for the 2021-2022 school year, please email Desiree Almendares: admissions@ndvsf.org

God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

ALL MASSES WILL BE PRIVATE MASSES

SUNDAY September 27th

9:00 am John Cochran †

MONDAY September 28th

7:00 am Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

TUESDAY September 29th

7:00 am For the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY September 30th

7:00 am Bethlehem Mekonnen

THURSDAY October 1st

7:00 am Joe Camara †

FRIDAY October 2nd

7:00 am Odette Etcheverry

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Monique Antolin, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Odette Etcheverry, Benjamin Haller, Lupita Herrera, Carmen López, Maria Manley, Grant Melton, Brook Mesfin, 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 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.



Voting is an essential right and privilege for American citizens, yet vulnerable individuals like many of Catholic Charities clients - seniors, adults with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, immigrants, and those for whom English is a second language - often experience challenges registering to vote and casting their ballot. To protect the right to vote and public health in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of California is automatically mailing a ballot to every registered, active voter ahead of the November 3, 2020 General Election. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day.

All registered voters: expect to receive in the mail an official ballot with postage-paid return envelope sometime in early October. *Local county elections officials encourage voting by mail to protect everyone's health, avoid crowds and long lines at polling places.*

The earlier a ballot is mailed back the better as it increases the likelihood that your ballot will be included in the Election Night posted result counts. Vote-by-mail ballots are processed as they are received in the mail.

After you have marked your ballot and sealed it in the return envelope, remember to **SIGN AND DATE** the back of the envelope as indicated.



Today's Scripture readings from the Prophet Ezekiel and the evangelist St. Matthew teach us about repentance from sin. Communicating through Ezekiel, God reminds us that everyone is accountable for their sins. Those who atone for their sins will save their lives. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of two sons invited to work in their father's vineyard. The first agrees to work but then fails to show up. The second son declines but later repents and does his father's will. As repentant stewards, we recognize our fallen nature and know that sin blocks our relationship with Christ. In St. Paul's Letter to the Philippian community, he urges humility and love in dealing with one another. Jesus' healing mercy and forgiving grace is available for the contrite, repentant sinner through the Sacrament of Penance. Find forgiveness and peace through this beautiful sacrament and make a habit of going to confession regularly.

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.**

ARCHBISHOP'S EXHORTATION: In his most recent update to priests on the status of church re-openings, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone asked them to help their parishioners engage in focused prayer and penance as we endure all of the difficult conditions that Coronavirus has caused. "...it is my conviction that, with all that is going on in our society at this time, we need to redouble our efforts on the spiritual level. In particular, in addition to adoration, we have to reclaim an authentic and serious spirit of fasting. Fasting has traditionally been understood to mean no more than one meal in the course of a day. I am asking you to join me in observing Friday as a day of fast (unless your health condition cannot allow for it): please abstain from at least one meal on Fridays, and more than one if possible. Let us storm heaven with prayer and fasting for a restoration of public worship unhindered, for a swift end to this pandemic, for health care workers and researchers, and for government officials who must make very complicated decisions for the overall well-being of our communities."

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			
September 27, 2020 – October 4, 2020			
Sunday	- Ez 18:25-28	- Phil 2:1-11	- Mt 21:28-32
Monday	- Jb 1:6-22		- Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	- Dn 7:9-10, 13-14		- Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday	- Jb 9:1-12, 14-16		- Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	- Jb 19:21-27		- Lk 10:1-12
Friday	- Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5		- Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday	- Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17		- Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	- Is 5:1-7	- Phil 4:6-9	- Mt 21:33-43

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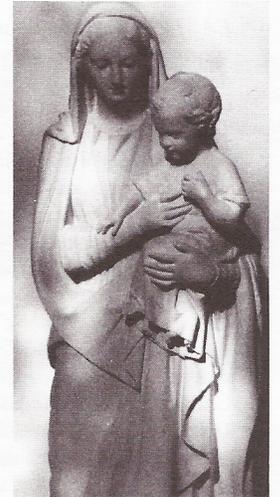


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which bears her name



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