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Daily Masses

Monday - Friday

7:00 am
12:10 pm

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7:00 am

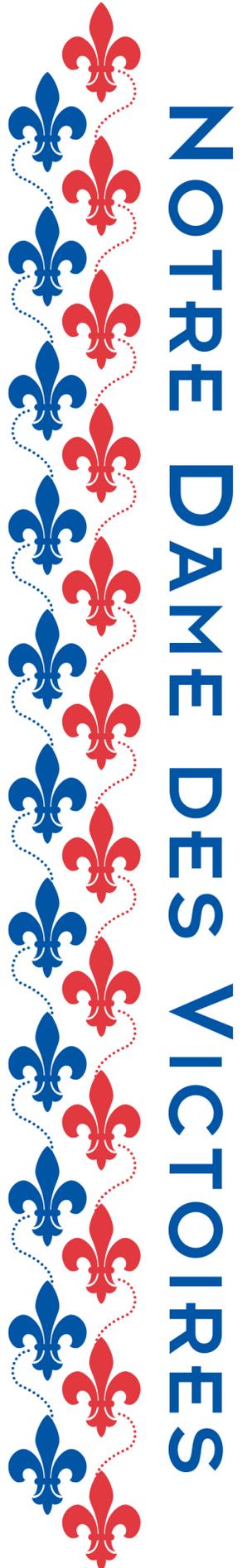
Sunday Masses:

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

Our Lady of Victories Church and School community founded to serve French Immigrant Catholics: serving God's people; proud of our past; living our today



Third Sunday Of Easter – April 18, 2021

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

Once, in perplexity, people asked Jesus, “What are we supposed to do?” (John 6:28). The Second Reading raises this question for us too. The Second Reading says that if you don’t keep God’s commandments but say that you know the Lord, you are a liar. Being a liar is bad enough. But the Second Reading also says that if you do not keep the Lord’s commandments, you do not know the Lord. That is the worst, isn’t it? Especially because the test for whether or not you know the Lord is not whether you have fervent prayer or sweet religious experience. No, the test is just whether you keep the Lord’s commandments. That is why you lie if you do not keep the Lord’s commandments but still try to tell yourself and others that you know the Lord.

In another passage, this same Epistle (1 John 1:6-8) claims that if you say you have no sin, you are a liar, too. And now we have a real puzzle, don’t we? To avoid the sin of lying, you have to confess that you do sinful things. But then you are confessing that you are not keeping the Lord’s commandments, aren’t you? And in that case, you are a liar, and you do not know the Lord. Well, then, what *are* we supposed to do? The answer is in what Jesus told the people when they asked him that very question. Jesus said, “Believe on the one whom God has sent.” Notice that this is a command.

And here is what it means. We can tell the truth: that we are sinful. But it does not follow that we do not keep God’s commandments. If we believe that Jesus is the Savior, sent by God to save us from our sins, then, sinful as we are, we are in fact keeping the commandment the Lord gave the people when they asked him what they were supposed to do. And if we keep his command, then it is also true that we know him. We know him as the Christ, sent by God to save us from our sins. It can be true then that we are sinful and that we keep the commandment of the Lord, both, if we believe that he will save us from our sinfulness. So, this is what we are supposed to do: know *him*.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Être les témoins du Ressuscité

Une nouvelle fois Jésus apparaît à ses apôtres qui doutent encore qu’il est vivant mais, cette fois-ci, alors qu’ils ont repris leur métier sur le lac, comme si les trois ans passés avec le Seigneur n’avaient pas existé. Il faut donc qu’une nouvelle fois il leur rappelle que l’Ecriture avait annoncé tout ce qui devait arriver.

C’est dire que le chrétien d’aujourd’hui doit encore lire la Bible, savoir y découvrir le message de Dieu à travers les textes qu’il lit. D’abord ce sont les prophètes de l’Ancien Testament qui nous parlent du dessein de Dieu promettant la venue du Messie. Puis ce sont les Evangiles qui nous dévoilent qui est cet envoyé : le charpentier de Nazareth d’abord, puis le prêcheur de Galilée, finalement le Sauveur, le Fils de Dieu.

Il n’est jamais facile de prouver que nous avons compris le message et que nous sommes vraiment des « témoins du Ressuscité ». Ne soyons pas étonnés que notre cheminement prenne du temps, comme ce fut le cas pour les apôtres. Mais le jour de la Pentecôte leur tiédeur a fait place au courage, leur peur a disparu, et ils sont partis à la conquête du monde. Ce qu’ils ont commencé, c’est à nous de le continuer

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

NDV is OPEN for full day instruction. NDV is accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year.

Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires is a Catholic Elementary & Middle School, Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through eighth grade. Our co-ed school features strong academics and enrichment classes including art, technology, and music, and daily French instruction located in the heart of downtown San Francisco. Please contact the Director of Admissions by email admissions@ndvsf.org to schedule a tour.

God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

EASTER SUNDAY April 18th

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Marie-José Delvaux †

12:15 pm Balcha Haile Yesus - Needs

MONDAY April 19th

7:00 am Ron Nunan †

TUESDAY April 20th

7:00 am Bill Loveless †

WEDNESDAY April 21st

7:00 am Gezahegne GebreWold †

THURSDAY April 22nd

7:00 am Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

FRIDAY April 23rd

7:00 am Askale Munga †

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Monique Antolin, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Odette Etcheverry, Benjamin Haller, Lupita Herrera, Cármen López, Patrick Maher, Maria Manley, Grant Melton, Diana Munoz, Mary Jo Onopa, Ron & Erik Ongstad, Robert Potter, Roberta Renzi, Juan Gil Sanchez, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, Josefina Tapia Solis, Peter Wang, and Rosie Zedamoi.



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Alphonse Acheritogaray, Jacqueline Archieri, Pete Arendt, Fr. George Baricar, Anna L. Bernadicon, 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 Haught Johnson, Nasif Khoury, Paul Jae Wook Koo, Ekho Lim, Lynn Leining, Odette LePendu, Alejandro Lopez Luna, Claudia Ponce Marquez, Pierre Massion, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, Brook Mesfin, Askale Munga, 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.

SCHOOL PLAY

We are pleased to announce that the 8th grade class at Notre Dame des Victoires will be virtually performing the Mystery of Custodia, a musical theater. The 8th graders are working through Covid-19 restrictions in an effort to create a joyful and entertaining mystery for the audience. The Premiere will take place Friday, May 14th at 7pm. The Saturday, May 15th showtime will also be at 7pm. The Sunday, May 16th matinee will be presented at 2pm. For ticket purchases, please visit: <https://ndvsf.square.site/>. We are also seeking "Angel Donations" to offset the production costs involved, which are related to the technical equipment, music, editing, programming and platform requirements. For more information check here on our website.

STEWARDSHIP CALLED TO SERVE

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The themes linked in today's Scripture readings encourage us to avoid sin by following the Lord's directives, to repent, and to seek forgiveness. St. Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles, reminds the people, and us, of the evil of Christ's passion and death, and that through repentance and conversion, *our sins be wiped away*. St. John, in his First Letter, tells us that Jesus is an offering for our sins. In St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus appears to His disciples after His Resurrection while two of them recount their encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They finally recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. The Church has long taught that partaking of the Eucharist strengthens us on our journey as Christ's disciples. Likewise, participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the forgiveness of sins opens us to Christ's grace, bringing us closer to Him, giving us peace in our lives. This week, go to confession and receive Holy Communion to draw into union with Christ.



EARTH DAY 2021: Earth Day, April 22, 2021, marks the 51st anniversary of the first Earth Day, and the theme this year is Restore Our Earth, a theme that is in perfect harmony with our Catholic faith. As a critical leader in our Catholic Community, you provide the inspiration and hope to your parishioners. COVID-19 has left the entire world reeling, and our ability to restore our faith in God and our planet goes hand in hand. It is a core value of all faith traditions but particularly the Catholic faith that we are all stewards of our environment and that both caring for the health of our communities and the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable is part of our faith. In the words of Pope Francis, "Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another" (Laudato Si' 42). So too must the health of our planet. Earth Day 2021 comes at a crucial time, and your important words to the faithful in your parishes will help us build our spiritual well-being to reconnect with each other and the planet God gave us.

ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE reminds parishioners when attending Mass in person to continue following recommended practices such as wearing masks, frequent handwashing, social distancing, and becoming vaccinated.

PRIVATE RETREATS: Vallombrosa Center currently offers Private Retreats for those who want private rooms for alone time, with Spiritual Direction available. Guests can enjoy the walking trails, shrines and gardens. There are both Day retreats and Overnight (no food or coffee service available in either case) – please visit <https://conta.cc/3gldOtl> to learn more.



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**.

2021 AAA Kicks Off: The 2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, the "AAA," is underway. This year's theme, "*For the needy will never be forgotten; nor will the hope of the afflicted ever perish,*" speaks to the particularly critical needs of so many at this time. The AAA provides the unique opportunity for all parishes and parishioners in our Archdiocese to unite in a common mission and provide this vital assistance. The past 11½ months have been unprecedented. We've all been impacted by the shelter-in-place mandate, by the virus itself, and/or by the economic shutdown. At the same time, the past year has also reaffirmed our tremendous sense of family in the Archdiocese. There have been countless examples of love, sacrifice, and outreach - parishioners checking on neighbors, bringing groceries, gathering in virtual communities of support, and in many other ways. Your support of the Annual Appeal is particularly appreciated and valuable at this exceptionally challenging time. By responding to God's call to Stewardship and grace and participating in the AAA, you support parish ministries and schools, clergy, youth and young adults, social ministries, the greater Church, and our pastors and parishes in their financial and human resources efforts, among others. You impact many lives through your gift to the Annual Appeal. To donate to the Appeal, please visit our On-Line Parish Platform at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com>



SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

April 18, 2021 – April 25, 2021

Sunday	- Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	- 1 Jn 2:1-5a	- Lk 24:35-48
Monday	- Acts 6:8-15		- Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	- Acts 7:51—8:1a		- Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	- Acts 8:1b-8		- Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	- Acts 8:26-40		- Jn 6:44-51
Friday	- Acts 9:1-20		- Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	- Acts 9:31-42		- Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	- Acts 4:8-12	- 1 Jn 3:1-2	- Jn 10:11-18

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