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Daily Masses **Monday - Friday**

7:00 am
12:10 pm

Saturday

7:00 am

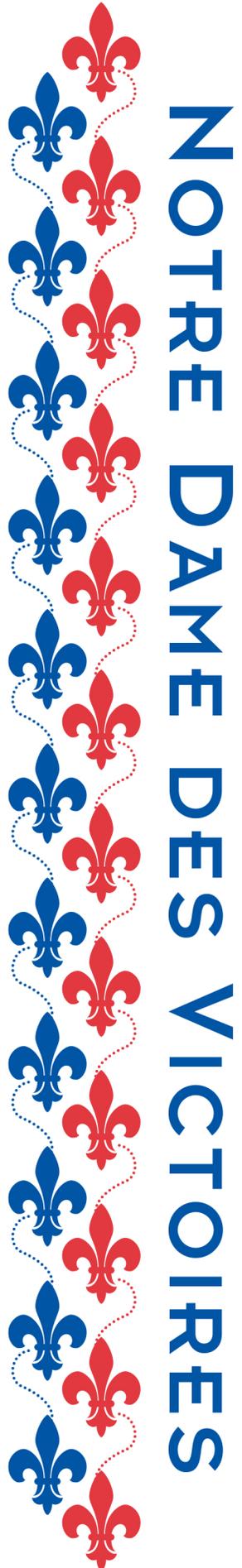
Sunday Masses:

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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MARRIAGE

In the Gospel Reading Christ has a stern thing to say about all marriages: if a husband divorces his wife and marries again, he commits adultery, and so does his wife if she remarries. Given that stern saying, why would anyone want to marry? Why would God want anyone to marry? The First Reading describes the way God arranged the first marriage. When Adam is without Eve, God says that it isn't good for Adam to be alone—and that's the reason for God's creating Eve and arranging Adam's marriage to her. But who made the man in such a way that it isn't good for him to be alone?

God did, didn't he? God didn't make the angels this way. Angels don't get married. They don't have children either. No angel is in himself the union of two other angels, who merged something of themselves to form him. As far as that goes, angels have no gender either. An angel isn't male or female. No angel can say to another angel, "You complete me." It is perfectly fine for an angel to be alone. Human beings have what angels lack: the glorious richness of embodied, gendered human life. But there is a fragility about this rich embodied life too. Those who do get married are open to each other and dependent on each other, and so they become terribly vulnerable to each other, too.

And here it is worth noticing that both the Readings focus on men. In the First Reading, God's arrangements for Adam have the result Adam sketches: a man will leave his parents and cling to his wife. In the Gospel Reading, Christ is responding to the Pharisees' question whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. Most of the time, in the post-fall world, the risks of marriage are unequally distributed between the genders. They tend to fall more on women than on men. When God made human beings embodied and gendered, he gave them the great gift, lacking for the angels, that they could be joined together for life in marriage, with children. For us, who live in the post-fall world that Adam bequeathed us, this gift comes beset with risks for heart-breaking suffering. The challenge for us is to preserve the promise and beauty of God's gift. The perils of marriage for women—and also for men—is hedged in by Christ's stern prohibition against divorce.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Ce que Dieu a uni....

Comme le rappelle Jésus aux pharisiens, Dieu a créé l'homme et la femme pour qu'ils s'unissent et ne fassent qu'un pour toujours. Dans le contexte actuel, bâtir une relation permanente semble une mission héroïque. Certes, les nouveaux mariés souhaitent plus que tout au monde que leur amour soit assez fort pour surmonter tous les obstacles et que rien ne pourra l'éteindre.

Mais, en certains cas, il arrive que la relation s'est petit à petit refroidie, comme un beau feu de foyer qu'on a négligé d'entretenir et qui finit par ne plus produire aucune flamme, ce qui ne veut pas dire qu'il soit complètement éteint. Souvent, sous l'amas de cendres, on retrouve quelques tisons incandescents, et le feu est prêt à reprendre pourvu qu'on fasse le nécessaire.

Sans négliger la souffrance des couples qui vivent des ruptures déchirantes, sachons reconnaître qu'un amour apparemment éteint couve peut-être simplement sous les cendres épaisses de la routine quotidienne. Si les deux personnes en question y mettent du leur, il est possible de lui redonner toute la force de ses débuts.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful San Francisco fall! At NDV we are busy preparing for the celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, the blessing of the animals, and the month of Mary. As part of our celebration of Mary and the rosary in the month of October, we will be offering an all-school rosary for the parishioners of NDV, and we would be most grateful if you would pray for us as well.

God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal



SATURDAY October 2nd

5:15 pm Kenfe-Michael Bethe-Selassie †

SUNDAY October 3rd

9:00 am Nguyet Le Thanksgiving

10:30 am People of the Parish

12:15 pm Sammy Fanelli †

MONDAY October 4th

7:00 am Pierre Massion †

TUESDAY October 5th

7:00 am Akelil Haile †

WEDNESDAY October 6th

7:00 am Bridget D. Moore - Needs

THURSDAY October 7th

7:00 am Thomas Gustavson - Needs

FRIDAY October 8th

7:00 am Gener Vasquez †

SATURDAY October 9th

5:15 pm Bernard Baxter Rice †

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Felicitas Baricar, Nancy Bruno, Rizza Chua, Odette Etcheverry, Jennifer Fadelli, Maria Noella Felipe, Brett Fischer, Benjamin Haller, Sharon M. Haney, Reggio Hearn, Patrick Maher, Maria Manley, Diana Munoz, Ron & Erik Ongstad, Robert Potter, Juan Gil Sanchez, Josefina Tapia Solis, Peter Wang, and Wondi del Sorro Asrate Gutiérrez.



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

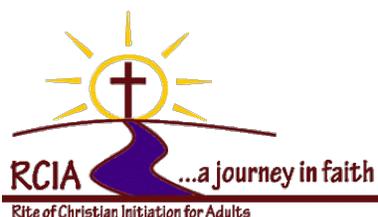
Florencio Agot, Jacqueline Archieri, Kenfe-Michael Bethe-Selassie, Madeleine Constant, Jacqueline Foret, Mark Fischer, Ralph González, Charlene Haight Johnson, Paul Jae Wook Koo, Alejandro Lopez Luna, Fernando Orantes, Claudia Ponce Marquez, Pierre Massion, Valerie Meehan, Brook Mesfin, Askale Munga, Marie Secail, and Nicole Zambelli.

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.



2021 BAL DE PARIS YOU ARE INVITED...TO THE 2021 BAL DE PARIS, *Nuit de Lumières!* Invitations will be emailed soon (no paper invitations will be mailed). Please check your "Inbox" to make sure you receive it. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ndvbal.com. [Please see the attached letter from the Bal Chairs.](#) **Attire is formal and white ensembles are highly encouraged.** If you would like to volunteer, donate, or have any questions please contact this years Bal chairs Tina Phan (tinaphan09@gmail.com) or Heather Cassidy (heather@wishesocialevents.com). We hope to see you on November 6!



RCIA: Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you an adult that's never been baptized? Have you been baptized but never received First Communion or Confirmation? **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation— Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a through catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful. For more information, please contact: Dr. Carrie Schroeder at schroeder@ndvsf.org

STEWARDSHIP CALLED TO SERVE

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the framework of the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: ... *for whom and through whom all things exist* through God, today's Scripture readings from the Book of Genesis and St. Mark's Gospel promote the common theme of sacred marriage. In this Truth, the Sacrament of Matrimony accomplishes its full Christian meaning and potential by strengthening husbands and wives to love and serve the Lord and one another.

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 2022 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.**

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:15 p.m. MASS: We have resumed the Saturday Vigil Mass. You are invited to attend on weekends this Mass. If you would like a Mass Intention for the Saturday Vigil Mass, please contact our parish secretary, Mertenesh at 415 397-0113

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

October 3, 2021 – October 10, 2021

Sunday	- Gn 2:18-24	- Heb 2:9-11	MK 10:2-16
Monday	- Jon 1:1—2:2, 11		- Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	- Jon 3:1-10		- Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	- Jon 4:1-11		- Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	- Mal 3:13-20b		- Lk 11:5-13
Friday	- Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2		- Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	- Jl 4:12-21		- Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	- Wis 7:7-11	- Heb 4:12-13	Mk 10:17-30



ON-LINE GIVING: During the COVID-19, our Sunday Collection have been impacted and are much lower. We suggest that you consider making your donations online. 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.

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