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Daily Masses

Monday - Friday

7:00 am
12:10 pm

Saturday

7:00 am

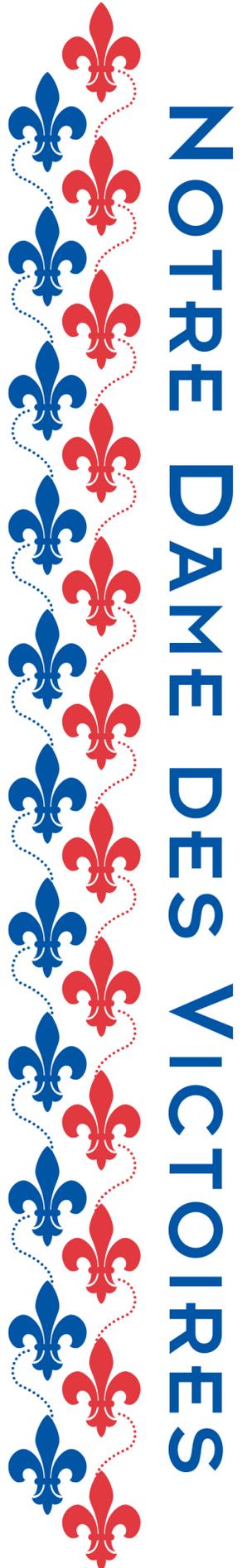
Sunday Masses:

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

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



NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

In the Gospel Reading, a scribe asks Jesus, “Which is the first of all the commandments?” Maybe the point of asking this question is like the point of asking, “what are the most important requirements for this course?” A student who wants that information is trying to figure out what is crucial for passing the course. In his view, if he does the most important thing, maybe he doesn’t have to do everything else. In response to the scribe’s question, Jesus tells him not only the commandment that is the first of all but also the one that is second. Taken together the two commandments cover the ground. “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.... [And] you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*”

So, if the scribe does just the most important things, he will have done pretty close to everything, won’t he? If he was hoping for a way to get through without doing everything required for the kingdom of heaven, these two commandments will show him that he hasn’t got a chance. If he doesn’t do everything, he will have done virtually nothing, because he will have failed at the most important stuff. There is something that the scribe likes about the answer of Jesus: it privileges morality above ritual. And so, the scribe thinks that he has found *something* that isn’t crucial for getting into heaven. *Yes*, the scribe says to Jesus affirmingly, *obeying these two commandments is better than sacrifice*. Jesus doesn’t disagree. But what he says to the scribe is, “you are not far from the kingdom of God.”

Not far?! How can the scribe be distant in *any* way if he understands these commandments and accepts them as most important for the kingdom of heaven? But here is the thing to see. What person among us loves God with all his heart? Who loves his neighbor as himself? If obeying these commandments is the most important thing for getting into heaven, what hope is there for anybody? The answer is—Jesus. He is the Savior, who came to rescue people from their failures to obey the most important commandments. All true hope of the kingdom of heaven lies in him. And so, the scribe, who is next to Jesus, is not far from the kingdom of heaven in more than one sense.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Le premier commandement

Les commandements de Moïse ont permis aux Hébreux de se protéger contre l’influence des pays païens qui les entouraient et de se constituer en une nation totalement centrée sur le Dieu unique qui les avait sauvés de l’esclavage d’Egypte et leur avait rendu la Terre Promise.

Répondant à la question du scribe, Jésus va mentionner l’amour de Dieu tout en y ajoutant l’amour du prochain, les reliant si fort qu’il en fait un seul commandement qu’il place au-dessus de tous les autres. Aller au Temple pour offrir des sacrifices, respecter le Sabbat, pratiquer les rites de purification, tout cela perd de sa valeur si on néglige le Peuple de Dieu et ses besoins. On ne peut choisir un des aspects de la Foi sans l’autre : l’amour du Dieu invisible, sans l’amour du prochain, devient une illusion car il ne se manifeste pas concrètement. De même, l’amour du prochain est incomplet s’il ne conduit pas vers Dieu.

Nous lisons la Bible, nous partageons l’Eucharistie, mais nous devons aussi suivre l’exemple de Jésus qui aime les pauvres, les humbles, les petits, et fait de son mieux pour les soulager.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you are having a wonderful week and that each of you fared well during the recent storms. I know that the inclement weather posed inconveniences and schedule interruptions, but we are so happy that it rained and have been praying that rain continues to pour on us abundantly, that it quenches the dry land of our farmers, and that it puts an end to fire season.

Wishing you and yours a blessed week,
Sarah Currier, Principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY October 30th

5:15 pm Harold Keohane †

SUNDAY October 31st

9:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Brigdet D. Moore - Needs

12:15 pm Esther Hassett †

MONDAY November 1st

7:00 am Sichu Tamerat †

TUESDAY November 2nd

7:00 am Kenfe-Michael Bethe-Selassie †

WEDNESDAY November 3rd

7:00 am Maria Noella Felipe - Needs

THURSDAY November 4th

7:00 am Pierre Massion †

FRIDAY November 5th

7:00 am Yenessu Asrat Family

SATURDAY November 6th

5:15 pm Ann Getty †

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, Claudia Nybo, 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: Purchase your tickets now for this year's Bal de Paris - *Nuit de Lumières* - to be held on Saturday, November 6, at the Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires in San Francisco. Please go to www.ndvbal.com for more information. This major fundraiser supports the school and church in significant areas of operation. Attire will be formal and white ensembles are strongly encouraged. Much thanks and appreciation goes to chairpersons Tina Phan and Heather Cassady for all of their work leading up the event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bal de Paris 2018 chairpersons at tinaphan09@gmail.com or heather@wishesocialevents.com

GUBBIO PROJECT: "When people come together with purpose, the impossible becomes possible." With support from the people and parishioners of Notre Dame des Victoires, the Gubbio Project has reopened at St. Johns in the Mission for our Sacred Sleep program. We hired our hospitality team, purchased comfortable beds, and our guests are once again being welcomed into the church sanctuary for safe, restful and sacred sleep. Support for these vital services, (we are open Monday through Friday from 7am-2pm), make a real difference in the lives of the people we serve. We believe that sleep is fundamental to health, and safety is essential for restful sleep. Thank you again for welcoming us to speak to your parish community at Notre Dame des Victoires on the weekend of November 13th & 14th. A Second Collection will be taken to support the Gubbio Project.

**STEWARDSHIP
CALLED
TO SERVE**

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's theme of loving God fully and completely with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength resonates throughout the First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy and in the Gospel of St. Mark. In the Gospel, when Jesus is questioned, He cites Deuteronomy directly about loving God completely as the First Commandment, with the Second directive to love your neighbor as yourself. Through our discipleship, we, as Christian stewards, hold both of these Commandments as a foundation for evangelization through witness of our stewardship way of life. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the sacred writer describes how Christ as high priest shows us the way to God, and continues today to do so through the ordained priesthood. We can show our love of neighbor by giving time at a local soup kitchen or supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.



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 31, 2021 – November 7, 2021

Sunday	- Dt 6:2-6	- Heb 7:23-28	- Mk 12:28b-34
Monday	- Rv 7:2-4, 9-14	- Jn 3:1-3	- Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday	- Wis 3:1-9	- Rom 5:5-11	- Jn 6:37-40
Wednesday	- Rom 13:8-10		- Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	- Rom 14:7-12		- Lk 15:1-10
Friday	- Rom 15:14-21		- Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	- Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27		- Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	- 1 Kgs 17:10-16	- Heb 9:24-28	Mk 12:38-44



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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