



A Ministry of the Marist Priests and Brothers

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Daily Masses **Monday - Friday**

7:00 am
12:10 pm

Saturday

7:00 am

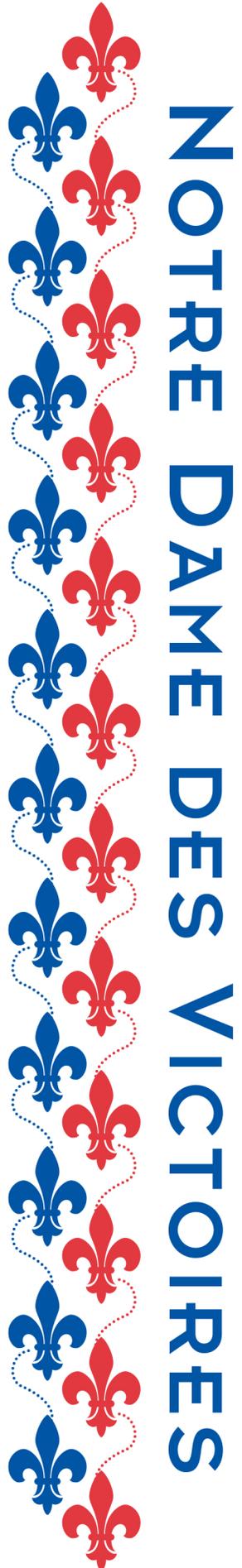
Sunday Masses:

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



TRIBALISM

It is part of Christian doctrine that only Christians can be saved. No one comes to the Father except by Christ (John 14:6). This is a view that can encourage tribalism. In the Gospel Reading, the apostles see someone who is not among the group of Christ's disciples but who is casting out demons in the name of Christ anyway. When the apostles perceive the man doing a miracle in Christ's name, they tell him to stop it. As the apostles see it, unless a person is a member of their group, their tribe, he is an outsider; and, as an outsider, he is not among the saved. In the view of the apostles, that is why there is something wrong about that outsider's using God's power to do miracles.

In response, Christ defends the outsider and rebukes the tribalism of his apostles. "Whoever is not against us is for us," Christ tells the disciples. The outsider has not joined the disciples, and he doesn't know the doctrines or customs that the disciples are learning from Christ. But, in Christ's view, he is still one of Christ's own. So, it is true that no one comes to the Father except by Christ. But this requirement makes Christ the one necessary and sufficient condition for salvation. It doesn't say anything about any of the other ways by which members of a group usually identify themselves. As Christ sees that outsider, the man meets the one requisite condition for salvation: he is for Christ. And so, in Christ's view, that outsider counts as one of those who come to the Father by Christ, even if he is not an official member of Christ's disciples.

But then, you might say, who doesn't count as one of Christ's own? Who actually is against Christ? In effect, Christ answers these questions by giving an example of a group destined for perdition. It is the group of those who draw children away from the Lord or who make the vulnerable and helpless worse than they otherwise would be. Those in that group would be better off being dropped into the sea with millstones around their necks, Christ says. So here is what we need to remember. Even Judas was a member of the official tribe of Christ's disciples; but in the end Judas was not one of Christ's own. Real membership in the group of those who are Christ's own depends on being for Christ, and for those he loves.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Agir au nom de Jésus

Voilà qu'un individu qui n'appartient pas au groupe des disciples se permet de chasser les esprits mauvais en invoquant le Christ. Jean, l'Apôtre bien aimé, est outré et voudrait le chasser, mais Jésus ne se formalise pas outre mesure.

« Ne l'empêche pas, dit Jésus, car celui qui fait un miracle en mon nom ne peut pas, aussitôt après, parler mal de moi ; celui qui n'est pas contre nous, est pour nous. » Voilà qui est clair : l'esprit de Dieu dépasse toutes les frontières, Dieu n'exclut personne sauf ceux et celles qui s'excluent en faisant le mal et en rejetant le bien.

Ce qui était vrai il y plus de 2, 000 ans l'est encore aujourd'hui et le Concile Vatican II l'a affirmé dans sa déclaration sur les relations de l'Église avec les religions non chrétiennes approuvée le 28 octobre 1965 par 2221 voix contre 88 : si l'Église a la certitude de détenir la vérité, nous ne pouvons pas ignorer, encore moins condamner les autres courants religieux, surtout quand ils font preuve d'une réelle charité. A nous de vivre de notre mieux ce que nous croyons et laissons l'Esprit de Dieu prendre soin du reste.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you are having a wonderful weekend! At NDV, we believe we are brothers and sisters in Christ. Because of this, it is important for us to serve others. This week, we served others by raising money for fire victims and refugees through petit déjeuner sales and a \$1 dress day. We hope you will join us in prayer as we support those in our community and beyond.

God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY September 25th

5:15 pm John Kerbleski †

SUNDAY September 26th

9:00 am John Cochran †

10:30 am People of the Parish

12:15 pm Efred De Jose †

MONDAY September 27th

7:00 am Guebanesh Haile †

TUESDAY September 28th

7:00 am Manuel Henry - Needs

WEDNESDAY September 29th

7:00 am Karl Inderbitzin - Needs

THURSDAY September 30th

7:00 am Odette Etcheverry - Needs

FRIDAY October 1st

7:00 am Zewde Teklu †

SATURDAY October 2nd

5:15 pm Kenfe-Michael Bethe-Selassie †

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Monique Antolin, Felicitas Baricar, Nancy Bruno, Rizza Chua, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Odette Etcheverry, Jennifer Fadelli, Maria Noella Felipe, Brett Fischer, Benjamin Haller, Sharon M. Haney, Reggio Hearn, 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, Wondi del Sorro Asrate Gutiérrez, and Rosie Zedamoi



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Florencio Agot, Jacqueline Archieri, Pete Arendt, Fr. George Baricar, Kenfe-Michael Bethe-Selassie, Madeleine Constant, Jacqueline Foret, Mark Fischer, Ralph González, Georges Handras, Barbara J. Higgins, Charlene Haught Johnson, Paul Jae Wook Koo, Odette LePendou, Alejandro Lopez Luna, Fernando Orantes, Claudia Ponce Marquez, Pierre Massion, William McKnight, Valerie Meehan, Brook Mesfin, Askale Munga, Christiane Pelletier, Rolande E. Pottier, Marie Secail, Dimitrios Tsokas 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



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Second Reading, St. James reprimands the rich for unjustly withholding earnings from their workers, selfishly storing up treasures, and living in excessive luxury on earth. Wealth itself is not bad. But as faithful stewards who profess Christ, we must always be mindful that all gifts come from the Lord; we are to nourish and use them in a spirit of gratitude to build His Kingdom. In his Gospel, the evangelist St. Mark describes how providing someone a drink of water is witness to discipleship in Christ. In that spirit of stewardship, we are inspired to return a generous portion of our God-given resources back to the Lord through service to our parish and those in need. We can give back our monetary gifts to the Lord through our generosity to the weekly parish offertory and The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, and other worthy causes.

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

September 26, 2021 – October 3, 2021

Sunday	- Nm 11:25-29	- Jas 5:1-6	Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
Monday	- Zec 8:1-8		- Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	- Zec 8:20-23		- Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday	- Dn 7:9-10, 13-14		- Jn 1:47-51
Thursday	- Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12		- Lk 10:1-12
Friday	- Bar 1:15-22		- Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	- Bar 4:5-12, 27-29		- Mt 18:1-5, 10
Sunday	- Gn 2:18-24	- Heb 2:9-11	Mk 10:2-16



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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