Weekday Masses

7:00 am Monday - Friday

Saturday Mass

5:15 pm (Vigil)

Sunday Masses

9:00 am
10:30 am (French)
12:15 pm

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – April 10, 2022

THE SMALL THINGS AND THE GREAT KING

In the Gospel, Jesus is acclaimed as King of Israel by a crowd of people as he rides to Jerusalem on a donkey. It is a great triumphal parade, a high point of local fame and popular success for Jesus. But I want to ask about the donkey. It's not Jesus' donkey. How did he get it? The Gospel says Jesus sent his disciples to a neighboring village to untie it and take it away. But why would anyone let the disciples of Jesus simply make off with somebody else's donkey? As far as that goes, how did Jesus even know a donkey was there in that village?

Here's one possible answer. The Gospel says that Jesus was near Bethany when he sent his disciples to get the donkey. So maybe that donkey was in Bethany. Bethany is the home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Like the donkey, which is a humble beast, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are small and ordinary people. Nobody would acclaim them in great parades. But they are nonetheless the particular friends of Jesus. Maybe the donkey belongs to them or to their friends. Maybe Jesus knows exactly where that donkey is because he has seen it when he was visiting Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Maybe the villagers are so ready to let the disciples of Jesus take the donkey because they know and trust Jesus.

On this way of reading the story, with the people shouting and acclaiming him King, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the small beast which comes from the village of his particular friends, two ordinary women and their equally ordinary brother. And here's the sequel. The crowd that acclaims Jesus so greatly is next seen shouting for his crucifixion. That's how much fame and popular success are worth. And here's what particular friendship with the Lord is worth. When Jesus ascends to God the Father, do you know what place he chooses as the site for his ascension? It's Bethany (Luke 24:50), where his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus live. And so, in his royal procession, on that little donkey, our Lord shows us what is truly worth caring about, the small things, the particular things so dear to us and to our great King.

Eleonore Stump

FRENCH CORNER

Le Passion de Jésus

Après avoir célébré l'entrée triomphale de Jésus à Jérusalem, en ce dimanche des Rameaux nous lisons la Passion qui nous relate les souffrances et la mort du même Jésus. Cette destinée est dans la logique de la vie du Christ.

Son amour des pauvres et des petits, son accueil des pécheurs, sa liberté vis-à-vis de la loi, son intimité avec Dieu qu'il appelait son Père, tout cela dérangeait ceux qui exerçaient le pouvoir et fit éclater les puissances du mal qui sont cachées dans le cœur humain.

Cet Evangile est une « Bonne Nouvelle » car la passion nous apprend que le chemin de la Croix est devenu le chemin de la vie et du salut pour l'humanité.

Ce texte nous concerne aujourd'hui car nous pouvons nous identifier à l'un des personnages de ce drame : Pierre qui renie son Maître, les disciples qui se cachent, mais surtout Joseph d'Arimathie qui l'aide à porter sa croix, Jean qui était présent avec les femmes au Calvaire.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you are having a blessed Lenten Season and that you have been able to set aside time to pray, fast, and give as a family. Last weekend, we celebrated International Night at the school. International Night is a beloved event that takes place every other year. Our auditorium is transformed into a fun and festive international marketplace of delicious homemade specialties. Parents produce food stations representing their diversity and heritage and often provide entertainment as well. It was incredible to see so many parents, students and NDV alumni, extended family, parish community in attendance at this unique event. Thank you so very much for your continued support and prayers.

God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY April 9th
5:15 pm Gary & Judy Ginder †

PALM SUNDAY April 10th
9:00 am Pierre Michelena, Helene Collomb, Gracieuse Berhan, Anna Anchartechahar, & Louis Martin Marticorena †
10:30 am People of the Parish
12:15 pm Vic Uy †

MONDAY April 11th
7:00 am Josefina Salvador †

TUESDAY April 12th
7:00 am Mr & Mrs Joseph McLaughlin †

WEDNESDAY April 13th
7:00 am Lucille Mosbacher †

HOLY THURSDAY April 14th
6:30 pm Rex Fernandez †

GOOD FRIDAY April 15th
12:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY April 16th
8:00 pm Fernandez Family Thanksgiving

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Wondifraw Asrat, Nancy Bruno, Yazmine Duarte, Odette Etcheverry, Jennifer Fadelli, Maria Noella Felipe, Brett Fischer, Benjamin Haller, Sharon M. Haney, Reggio Hearn, Wondi D. S. Asrate Gutiérrez, Patrick Maher, Elizabeth Malana, Maria Manley, Diana Munoz, Ron & Erik Ongstad, Robert Potter, Martha A. Gutierrez Romero, Rosario Cecilia Samson, Juan Gil Sanchez, Fasil Tegene, Josefina Tapia Solis, and Peter Wang.

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Florencio Agot, Jacqueline Archieri, Kenfe-Michael Bethe-Selassie, Felicitas Baricar, Madeleine Constant, Jacqueline Foret, Mark Fischer, Ralph González, Charlene Haught Johnson, Paul Jae Wook Koo, Alejandro Lopez Luna, William McKnight, Fernando Orantes, Claudia Ponce Marquez, Pierre Massion, Valerie Meehan, 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.

Holy Thursday: April 14th
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:30 pm Followed with Adoration till 8 pm.
Good Friday: April 15th
The Passion of the Lord: 12:00 Noon
Followed with Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday: April 16th
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: 8:00 pm.
Easter Sunday Masses: April 17th
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am French, 12:15 pm.

GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE PARISH HALL:
On Friday Evening April 29, 2022, we will celebrate the Dedication and Blessing of our newly renovated Parish Hall. We have given a new name to the hall which is: **Salle Mariste/Marist Hall**. To reserve a seat, please visit our website: ndvsf.org and click on the Tab **click here to RSVP…** You can also call the Parish Office at 415. 397.0113, to reserve a seat(s).

Rolling admissions season IS HERE! We are accepting applications for students in ALL GRADES for the 2022-23 school year! If you are interested for the 2022-2023 school year, please register for a tour at 415.421.0069 or go to the school website at ndvsf.org [click visit school].

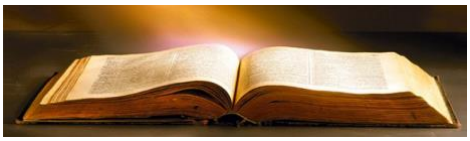
If you would like to request a Mass for a specific intention, please call the Parish Office at 415.397.0113 and speak to our secretary Mertenesh. The Mass Book for 2023 is available to reserve a Mass Intention. Per the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the offering for a Mass request is $10.00. If paying by check, please make the check payable to the order of: **MARIST FATHERS**.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family was among the first early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.

In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account, we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefitted personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ. Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him as Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples.

Volunteers are needed to sort out 900 cards and prepare Easter treats and messages. This project will take place on April 13, 2022, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Chancery: 1 Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco 94109.The Easter treats and cards are given to people in custody at the San Francisco County jails. Volunteers are welcome to come for part of the day, as their schedule permits. Please RSVP to Julio Escobar at escobarj@sfarch.org or call (415) 244-5594



SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

April 10, 2022 – April 17, 2022

Sunday	- Is 50:4-7	- Phil 2:6-11	- Lk 22:14—23:56	
Monday	-Is 42:1-7		- Jn 12:1-11	
Tuesday	- Is 49:1-6		- Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	
Wednesday	- Is 50:4-9a		- Mt 26:14-25	
Thursday	- Ex 12:1-8, 11-14	- 1 Cor 11:23-26	-Jn 13:1-15	
Friday	- Is 52:13—53:12	- Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	- Jn 18:1—19:42	
Saturday	- Gn 1:1—2:2	- Gn 22:1-18	- Ex 14:15—15:1	- Is 54:5-14
	- Is 55:1-11	- Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4	- Ez 36:16-17a, 18-29	
Sunday	- Acts 10:34a, 37-43	- Col 3:1-4	- Jn 20:1-9	

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