



## *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

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

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# NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES CATHOLIC CHURCH

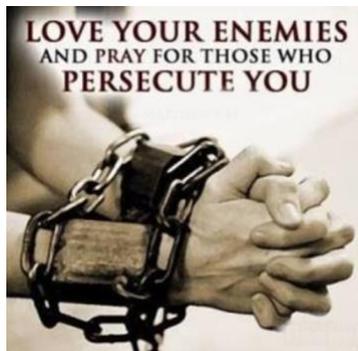
## LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus commands us to love our enemies. In other words, every one of us is commanded to love each person who counts as an enemy to us. Many people suppose that no one except a saint could fulfill this command. Other people think that this command is nothing more than permission to connive with evil, because if you love your enemy instead of clobbering him, you enable him to continue his wrongdoing. But consider what love is. As Aquinas explains it, love consists in two desires: (1) a desire for the good for the beloved person, and (2) a desire for union with that person. So, a person Paula loves her enemy Jerome only if she desires the good for Jerome and union with Jerome.

But now notice that what the good for Jerome is will depend on Jerome. Desiring Jerome's good requires Paula's foregoing punishment for him if that would be for his good—or insisting on punishment for him if that would be for his good. What is best for Jerome is whatever it takes to bring him to a morally good condition in mind and will; and that might include Paula's calling the police to arrest him. For this same reason, Paula's desire for union with Jerome need not include a desire for companionship with him. If Jerome is entirely unrepentant, then Paula's desire for union with him should not involve a willingness to be in his company. In that worst case, Paula's desire for union with Jerome can appropriately come to no more than the desire that Jerome will repent and reform, so that companionship becomes a possibility for them.

The desire of love is a desire to be at one with the beloved person, but you can be unified with a person only if you each love the good. The proverb says that there is no honor among thieves, but there is no unity among them either. To love your enemy, then, is not to enable him to continue to do morally wrong acts against you or anybody else either. If you want what is good for your enemy, you will want for him what you want for yourself: to be a person who has love for the Lord and obedience to him. And if you want union with your enemy, you won't want him to go to hell because he has hurt you. You will be glad if in love and obedience to the Lord, he finds his way to heaven too. So, that is what it is to love your enemy. Each one of us can do this, can't we?

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

### Comment aimer son prochain

Ne pas rendre le mal, tendre la joue gauche, aimer nos ennemis.... On comprend que même les chrétiens ne puissent accepter cet enseignement du Christ, et l'histoire de l'Eglise nous en donne de nombreux exemples : pardonner, c'est favoriser la méchanceté, punir. C'est donner une bonne leçon pour l'avenir.

On peut dire que si Jésus avait expulsé Judas du groupe des apôtres, celui-ci n'aurait pas trahi, ce qui reste à prouver. En se laissant arrêter, fouetter, couronner d'épines et crucifier, le Christ n'a pas désarmé ses adversaires qui plus tard persécuteront ses disciples mais il n'aurait pas accompli la mission que son Père lui avait confiée.

Ceci nous donne une idée de la différence fondamentale qui existe entre nos valeurs terrestres et ce que Jésus nous propose : « Être parfait comme le Père céleste est parfait » ..... Cet idéal exige effort et renoncement, remise en question de ce qui nous semble une réaction normale mais ne l'est pas aux yeux du Seigneur. En un mot, notre choix est de savoir si nous acceptons le Royaume tel qu'il est proposé par Jésus, quitte à le réaliser plus ou moins bien ici-bas, ou si nous le refusons, ce qui implique que, plus tard, Dieu prendra au sérieux ce refus et respectera notre liberté.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you are having a wonderful week! We are so pleased to be in the process of admitting Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st -7th grade transfer students for the 2022-2023 school year. The applicants and their families are very strong and we cannot wait to finalize our rosters. If you or anyone you know are interested in applying for the 2022-2023 school year, please contact Desiree Almendares ([admissions@ndvsf.org](mailto:admissions@ndvsf.org)) with questions or to schedule an in person tour.

God Bless,  
Sarah Currier, Principal



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY February 19<sup>th</sup>

5:15 pm Jack Pelladino †

### SUNDAY February 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Antony Le Van Thanh †

10:30 am Marie Thompson - Needs

12:15 pm People of the Parish

### MONDAY February 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00 am Gezahegne Grebrowold †

### TUESDAY February 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 am Gladys R. Frontera - Needs

### WEDNESDAY February 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 am Manuel Henry - Needs

### THURSDAY February 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Nino Andrew - Needs

### FRIDAY February 25<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Markos Sahelu †

### SATURDAY February 26<sup>th</sup>

5:15 pm Jim Grossman †

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Felicitas Baricar, Nancy Bruno, Yazmine Duarte, Odette Etcheverry, Jennifer Fadelli, Maria Noella Felipe, Brett Fischer, Benjamin Haller, Sharon M. Haney, Reggio Hearn, Patrick Maher, Elizabeth Malana, 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 Haught Johnson, Paul Jae Wook Koo, Alejandro Lopez Luna, William McKnight, 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.



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** During the height of Covid-19, we have suspended the anointing of the sick on the fourth Sunday of each month after the 12:15 p.m. Mass. We are now ready to resume with this Sacrament of Healing. Our next anointing will be on Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> at the usual time: after 12:15 p.m. Mass.

## STEWARDSHIP CALLED TO SERVE

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!



"The theme for this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is 'For the needy will never be forgotten, nor will the hope of the afflicted ever fade.' (Psalm 9:19). Our mission as a Church and as people of the Catholic faith continues, and the needs are ongoing, so I ask you to participate in this year's Annual Appeal. Your contribution is a tangible expression of your commitment to bring Christ to others."

## VISIT SCHOOL

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](http://ndvsf.org) [click visit school].



**CRAB FEED ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5** Tickets are now available for the Crab Feed, which takes place on Saturday, March 5 at NDV School. There is an early bird price of \$85 for payments received by March 1; the price is \$95 per person thereafter. Tickets must be purchased online only – please go to the following link: <https://ndvsf.corecommerce.com/crab-feed/> Please purchase tickets early so we can gauge attendance and plan for a fun-filled event. We are seeking donations and prizes for our raffle to fund a new scoreboard in the gym. Volunteers are needed to help with this event – please contact Glenn Matsuhara at [matsusf@aol.com](mailto:matsusf@aol.com) if you would like to help.



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.**

**PRIVATE RETREATS:** Vallombrosa Retreat Center; 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park Main Line: 650-325-5614. 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.

<b>SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK</b>		
<b>February 20, 2022 – February 27, 2022</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	- 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23	- 1 Cor 15:45-49 - Lk 6:27-38
<b>Monday</b>	- Jas 3:13-18	- Mk 9:14-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	- 1 Pt 5:1-4	- Mt 16:13-19
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Jas 4:13-17	- Mk 9:38-40
<b>Thursday</b>	- Jas 5:1-6	- Mk 9:41-50
<b>Friday</b>	- Jas 5:9-12	- Mk 10:1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	- Jas 5:13-20	- Mk 10:13-16
<b>Sunday</b>	- Sir 27:4-7	- 1 Cor 15:54-58 - Lk 6:39-45

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