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HOW ABOUT BREAD?

In the First Reading, God promises Moses and the Israelites a land flowing with milk and honey. We are so used to the description of the land in God’s promise to Moses that it doesn’t mean anything to us anymore. We just hear “land flowing with milk and honey.” But if we stop to think about it, the land promised is funny. Milk and honey are no doubt very good things, but the first thing to see about them is that neither one of them is a product of agriculture. You don’t grow milk or honey.

Milk comes from animals who eat grass, which doesn’t grow as fast as they eat it. So, if you are getting milk, you are on the move constantly, getting fresh pasture for the animals. And that means that the honey doesn’t come from bee farms. You can’t both move with the cattle and stay put with the beehives. The honey of the promised land must then come from wild beehives. When you find one, get honey. When you don’t, you don’t. So, the good things of this promised land are not things you get for yourself by farming. You are dependent on the animals for the milk, which they produce for their offspring when the offspring can’t feed themselves. And the honey comes to you by chance when you happen to find it. The milk and honey of the promised land, then, are things that bring home to people their dependence and vulnerability.

And here’s the other thing to notice you can’t live on milk and honey. Honey is more nearly dessert than dinner. And milk may be the perfect food, in some nutritionist sense; but only babies can live just on milk. Adults need more than milk. What kind of promised land is this then? You get the good things of it by dependence and chance; and even when you are lucky, you are still missing the main part of what you need to live. What is missing in this promised land is bread. And so, here’s the point. The promised land is worth yearning for. But what we most need to live God reserves to himself to provide. Ultimately, our bread comes from him. In Christ, God himself is our bread.

Eleonore Stump

FRENCH CORNER

Nous devons nous convertir

St. Luc, dans l’évangile de ce jour, rapporte ce qui était arrivé aux Galiléens qui avaient été massacrés par Pilate au cours des sacrifices et Jésus affirme que ces malheureux n’étaient pas plus pécheurs que les autres Galiléens mais que c’était un rappel que tous les humains devaient se convertir avant qu’il ne soit trop tard.

Se convertir n’est pas seulement renoncer à commettre des fautes, c’est aussi poursuivre un idéal qui nous permet de nous rapprocher de Dieu et de travailler au salut de notre prochain. C’est pourquoi Jésus a formé ses apôtres à la prière et à la connaissance intime de son Père du ciel en leur disant de devenir « pécheurs d’hommes ».

A notre tour, voyons où nous en sommes dans notre relation avec Dieu et avec ceux et celles que nous rencontrons dans notre vie quotidienne. Cherchons-nous à dire la Bonne Nouvelle et à le rendre visible aux yeux des autres ? Sommes-nous ouverts à l’influence de l’Esprit qui nous appelle aujourd’hui à faire du neuf ?

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you have had a blessed start to this Lenten season. At school we have been reflecting on our call to fast, pray, and give. Students have engaged in wonderful conversations about what it means to fast at a young age and have come up with wonderful ideas including fasting from things like candy and technology. We hope that your Lent is prayerful and that you are able to take time to reflect on what God is calling you to fast from, pray about, and give to.

God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

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WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

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WE 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.
**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.** In the coming weeks, you will be able to make your reservation on line or in person after the weekend Masses. You can also call the Parish Office at 415.397.0113, to reserve a seat(s).

The Marists would like to invite all to a Memorial Mass for Rev. Dennis Steik, S.M. on May 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. - Notre Dame Des Victoires Church. There will be a reception in Salle Mariste/Marist Hall after the Memorial Mass. It has been a while since Fr. Dennis died but now, we have an opportunity for a celebration open to the public. If you are interested in helping with the reception, please leave a message at 415-244-2748. You will then be given directions.

Every Friday of Lent, we will have a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 11 a.m. - 12 noon and after, pray the Stations of the Cross. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation [Confession] will be available during the Stations. Consider attending these devotion as we journey through the Lenten Season.

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.**

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Today’s Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so we must use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn’t doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to carefully reflect on the way we spend our time. Do we make God our first priority, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give the next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens, or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let’s turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

**Through Darkness into New Light – Grief Spiritual Care Support Group:**

Third Fridays Each Month 10:30 am to 12:00 pm (Upcoming Future Sessions: March 18, April 15 and May 20). A free Grief Spiritual Care Support Group. These sessions provide information on the grieving process and tips on coping with the loss of a loved one. This is an opportunity to mourn in a safe, confidential setting. Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption - Monsignor Bowe Room 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco Contact: Deacon R. Christoph Sandoval | 415-425-3336 | RCS7777@comcast.net

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