



## *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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## MINDLESS MEDDLESOME OFFICIOUS BUSYBODIES FOR THE LORD

The First Reading reports that some Judean people came to the Christians at Antioch to tell them they could not be saved unless they were circumcised. The Judeans were worried that the traditional practices were being altered by the church at Antioch, and they were exercising themselves on behalf of the tradition. But who are these people? Who empowered them to speak for the Lord? How do they know what the Lord requires for salvation? And what business is it of theirs what the Christians in Antioch are doing? They themselves live and worship in Judea.

To be officious is to push your services on people who neither want nor need them. To be a busybody is to pry into the affairs of other people and try to meddle in them. These people are officious busybodies for the Lord, aren't they? And they do seem to be mindless in their meddling, don't they? Here is their idea of God. God is the kind of Deity who will not let anybody into heaven who does not have a certain amount of flesh cut off his penis. Spell their thought out this way, and it looks blasphemous, doesn't it? What kind of goodness or love would there be in such a God? What kind of God cares that much about foreskins? And, of course, I am being careful not to say anything about the issue of women, who don't have foreskins to lose.

In fact, these officious busybody defenders of the Mosaic tradition are not being true to the Mosaic tradition either. That tradition mandated circumcision for males as a ritual of initiation into the Jewish people. It said nothing about criteria of salvation. The apostles rebuke those Judeans by telling them what the decision of the Holy Spirit is: circumcision is *not* required for salvation. And this response is perfect. The decision about what is required for salvation is the Lord's. And the mindless meddlers were opposed to the mind of the Lord. So, people who push their way forward to rebuke the Christian practices of others need to be careful how they speak for God and what kind of God they are witnessing to by what they say. Who wants to be a mindless meddlesome officious busybody for the Lord?

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

*Si quelqu'un m'aime, il tiendra ma Parole.*

Il gardera ma Parole signifie vraiment mettre mes paroles en pratique, tirer la sagesse de mes leçons d'amour, essayer de vivre selon ma volonté et d'être gouverné par mon amour. Il est très courant qu'une âme poursuive le chemin de la sainteté, faisant la plupart des choses que j'ai demandées. Mais il y a toujours une tendance à l'échec.

Le plus gros problème est l'ego. L'orgueil tente toujours les âmes à abandonner le chemin de la justice. Le malin est conscient des âmes qui fournissent des efforts pour me plaire, et il jettera beaucoup de ronflements sur leur chemin pour inciter l'égoïsme et l'orgueil à conquérir leur cœur. Par conséquent, la seule arme contre l'adversaire est l'humilité de cœur, qui implique le dévouement et une voie complète de la modestie.

J'ai dit que la route était étroite et très difficile, je sais que c'est dur pour vous, mais je vous demande de travailler dur, afin que vous puissiez vous réjouir en la compagnie de mon Père et en ma compagnie aussi, puisque nous serons très satisfaits de l'obéissance et habitera un cœur humble et contrit.

Si vous m'aimez, vous garderez mes commandements ; et je prierai le Père et il vous donnera un autre Paraclet, pour qu'il soit avec vous à jamais, l'Esprit de Vérité que le monde ne peut pas recevoir, parce qu'il ne le voit pas et ne le connaît pas. Vous, vous le connaissez, parce qu'il demeure auprès de vous ; et il sera en vous.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you are having a wonderful weekend and that you are enjoying the sunny weather that God has blessed us with this week. Last weekend, Fr. Juan celebrated his 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. I would like to extend a huge congratulations and many prayers of gratitude to Fr. Juan from the entire NDV school community. He is incredibly supportive of the school and we are so grateful to him.

God Bless,  
Sarah Currier, Principal



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY May 21<sup>st</sup>

5:15 pm Mary Ellen Petroni †

### SUNDAY May 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Wondifraw Asrat - Health

12:15 pm Fanny Vierra †

### MONDAY May 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 am Mertenesh Asrat - Needs

### TUESDAY May 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Christina Dikitanan †

### WEDNESDAY May 25<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Romeo Magwili †

### THURSDAY May 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Marists Hospitalized

### FRIDAY May 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Victims of Gun Violence †

### SATURDAY May 28<sup>th</sup>

5:15 pm Daniel Algin †

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Wondifraw Asrat, Nancy Bruno, Yasmine 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 Haight 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.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

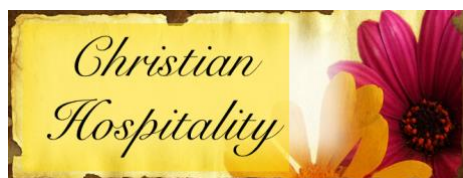


Come adore the Lord for one half hour or more in Eucharistic Adoration. The Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed upon the altar at NDV each First Friday from 10:00 am to 12 Noon. Adoration is a silent time for you to have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving or reparation, or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before our Lord. You can sit quietly and say nothing, just keeping Him company like you would with a dear friend. The next First Friday is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is a Signup Form on our parish website: Please go to [ndvsf.org](http://ndvsf.org) and on the top ribbon, click Adoration and choose a time slot. Benediction will follow the Adoration. May you receive many blessings during Adoration.

## STEWARDSHIP CALLED TO SERVE

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome — to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued. Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself. How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings. If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.



## BAY AREA HEALTH OFFICERS URGE PUBLIC TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AS COVID LEVELS RISE

Twelve Bay Area health officers are stressing the importance of taking safety precautions, including continued masking indoors, as the region experiences a new swell of COVID cases and hospitalizations. The Bay Area now has California's highest COVID infection rates. The current wave is fueled by highly contagious Omicron subvariants. Actual case rates are higher than those reported because of widespread use of home tests. These health officers reiterate their continued, strong support for people to mask up indoors, keep tests handy, and ensure they are up to date on vaccinations by getting boosters when eligible. With COVID-19 cases going up in San Francisco, people are at an elevated risk of contracting COVID-19 right now and we are urging people to take personal protections against the virus. "Wearing a mask in indoor, public settings is a smart move, as is staying up to date on vaccinations and, importantly, having a plan to reach a doctor if you get infected. People who are at high risk of severe illness, or who are in close contact with someone at high risk should be especially vigilant as we get through this current swell in cases. The grim milestone of 1 million deaths from COVID in the United States underscores the need for continued vigilance against the virus. Masking is strongly recommended by the California Department of Public Health for most public indoor settings, and health officials say wearing higher-quality masks indoors is a wise choice that will help people protect their health. Vaccines remain the best protection against severe disease and death from COVID.



**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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### SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

May 22, 2022 – May 29, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	- Acts 15:1-2, 22-29	- Rv 21:10-14, 22-23	- Jn 14:23-29
<b>Monday</b>	- Acts 16:11-15		- Jn 15:26—16:4a
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Acts 16:22-34		- Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Acts 17:15, 22—18:1		- Jn 16:12-15
<b>Thursday</b>	- Acts 18:1-8		- Jn 16:16-20
<b>Friday</b>	- Acts 18:9-18		- Jn 16:20-23
<b>Saturday</b>	- Acts 18:23-28		- Jn 16:23b-28
<b>Sunday</b>	- Acts 1:1-11	- Eph 1:17-23	- Lk 24:46-53



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