



Daily Masses Monday - Friday

7:00 am

Sunday Masses:

Vigil 5:15 pm (Sat.)

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

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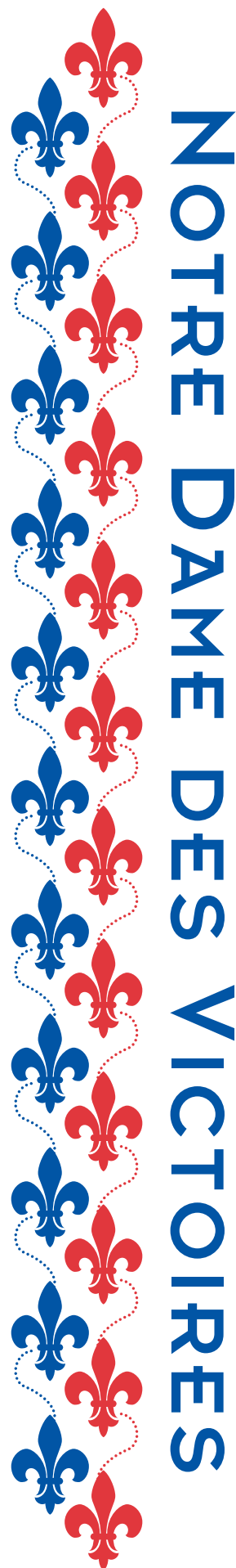
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SERVING THE LORD WELL

In the Gospel Reading, when Jesus comes to Peter's house, he finds that Peter's mother-in-law is sick, and he heals her. And then look what happens. The whole town hears of her healing, and they rush all their sick to Peter's house. The house is surrounded, and so is Jesus. Now, suddenly, Jesus seems to have become a one-man hospital. He is so besieged that he can't even pray in the house. He has to head out secretly into the countryside in the dark of the early morning.

When his absence is detected, his disciples go looking for him. "Hey," they say when they find him, "Everybody is looking for you"! They seem to think that his urgent-care clinic should be open at all hours. Now, of course, it is good work to heal the sick. And, of course, those who love the sick are right to want them healed. And yet how absurd it is to suppose that prayer should take second place to work, no matter what the work is! And how sadly and understandably absurd it is to suppose that the mission of Jesus is to be a Doctor Without Borders. So maybe it isn't hard to figure out what Jesus was praying about in the early morning in the countryside.

Each healing Jesus does is a good thing. But good things can actually get in the way of serving God well. To serve God well, a person has to do not just any good things that others want him to do. He has to do those good things that God has called him to do. It may take prayer to figure out which good things to turn down. Jesus' disciples feel that Jesus needs to hurry back to Peter's village to keep practicing medicine. What Jesus tells them, after his prayer, is that he is leaving Peter's village to continue his ministry—not of medicine but of preaching—in other towns. Preaching is the purpose for which he came. What is needed to serve God well, then, is not endless good things that other people want from you. What is needed for the Lord's service is prayer first. And after that comes fidelity to just those few good things that fulfill that particular purpose to which the Lord has called you.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

La renommée de Jésus

Évangéliser, c'est faire renaître l'espérance chez ceux et celles qui souffrent, qui sont étiquetés et condamnés par les autres. C'est ce que Jésus a fait dans sa vie et son action ne se limite pas à l'espace religieux ! Jésus circule dans le vrai monde, avec ses souffrances, ses solitudes, ses injustices, ses violences. C'est le terrain qu'il choisit pour proclamer la Bonne Nouvelle de l'amour de Dieu et l'espérance d'un monde meilleur. Pour Jésus, il n'y a pas d'évangélisation sans promotion humaine.

Par ses paroles et par ses gestes, Jésus rappelle que Dieu est celui qui «essuiera toute larme de nos yeux. De mort il n'y en aura plus. De pleur, de cri et de peine, il n'y en aura plus, car l'ancien monde s'en est allé. Celui qui siège sur le trône déclare «Voici, que je fais l'univers nouveau».

Nous n'avons pas le pouvoir de guérir, mais nous pouvons tous avoir de la compassion, être présents auprès de ceux et celles qui souffrent, écouter ceux et celles qui vivent dans la solitude, accueillir, tendre la main. Nous sommes invités aujourd'hui, à l'instar du Seigneur, à faire renaître l'espoir, à rallumer la lampe qui vacille, à redonner le goût de vivre et la force de continuer le chemin. Il faut savoir mettre la main sur l'épaule de celui et de celle qui souffre, de les regarder dans les yeux et leur redonner confiance, de les encourager, de les motiver. Il suffit parfois d'un simple regard, d'un simple geste d'amitié.

Savoir accompagner sans juger, aider sans poser de questions, être là pour la personne malade, blessée, accusée, condamnée, jetée par terre... «Jésus fit lever la belle-mère de Pierre en la prenant par la main». Et sur la croix, juste avant de mourir, il dira au voleur crucifié avec lui : «Aujourd'hui même, tu seras avec moi dans le paradis».

Père Yvon-Michel Allard, S.V.D.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

This week, we celebrated Catholic Schools week! We celebrated: Mass, our teachers, Marist Charism, Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange Charism, students, parents, alumni, parishioners, and friends. Students enjoyed free-dress days and additional prayer opportunities. Check out the pictures on our Instagram page @ndvschoolsf

Have a great week!

Sarah Currier, principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, February 3rd

5:15 pm Crisófora Nava †

SUNDAY, February 4th

9:00 am Debab Asrat - Health

10:30 am Tassewu Mohamed †

12:15 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, February 5th

7:00 am Fatalities of Gun Violence †

TUESDAY, February 6th

7:00 am For Poor Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, February 7th

7:00 am For Widows & Widowers

THURSDAY, February 8th

7:00 am Adenekush Kassa †

FRIDAY, February 9th

7:00 am Unemployed

SATURDAY, February 10th

5:15 pm Sister Shewaye Yenessu †

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Amanuel Assefa, Cecille Bien, Odette Etcheverry, Antonio Espiritu, Brett Fischer, Benjamin Haller, Jeremiah Hallisey, Diana Munoz, Martha A. Gutierrez Romero, Rosario Cecilia Samson, Fasil Tegene, and Peter Wang.



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Serawit Asfaw, Wondifraw Asrat, Felicitas Baricar, Nancy Batmale, Anne-Marie Dubosq, Raynold Descilo, Hedwige Fernandez, Ralph González, Maria Elena Grimaldo, Tadesse Habte, Andres Herrera, Marie-Louise Hugues, Charlene Haught Johnson, William McKnight, Pedro Muro, Robert J. Puts, Roberta Eileen Renzi, Linda Solomon, Eleanor Toolajian, and William Steel.

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND DECEASED:

Please note starting next week we will automatically remove anyone who has been on this list for over a year unless we are notified not to remove them. Thank you for your understanding.

STEWARDSHIP CALLED TO SERVE

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, Who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our home, parish, and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, 'Make me humble, Lord.'

HUMAN TRAFFICKING EVENTS

Webinar: How Cyber Exploitation Leads to Human Trafficking

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024, AT 6 P.M.



Join us for a virtual talk with guest speaker Susan Patterson. Register below:
sfarch.org/event/cyber-exploitation

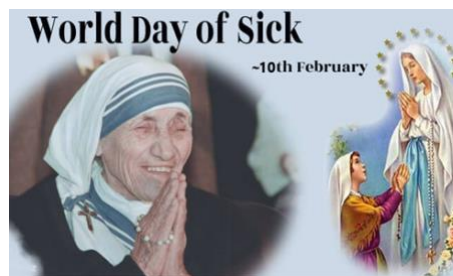
Online Rosary

FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6 p.m.



Join in praying the Rosary on the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. Register below:
sfarch.org/event/josephine-2024



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

The Order of Malta San Francisco Location is hosting the World Day of the Sick Mass and Anointing of the Sick at St. Dominic's Church, 2390 Bush St. on February 10, 2024, at 11:00 am. Light lunch and desserts provided by Malta FOOD Friends will follow the Mass. Questions: cherylgiurlani@gmail.com



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Celebrate the Season of Lent by Putting Your Faith into Action
Let's Plant Seeds of Kindness and Help Beautify
Our Program Gardens at Catholic Charities



Come join us for a little weeding, planting, and lots of camaraderie as we spruce up and make our program gardens a more beautiful and restorative green space for our clients to enjoy.

Dates:

- ❖ February 16th, 12-3 pm at St. Joseph Family Center, SF
- ❖ March 5th, 10 am-2 pm at SF Boys Home, SF
- ❖ March 19th, 11-2 pm at Adult Day Services, SF

Additional Service Projects Available:

- ❖ Make hygiene kits for our unhoused community
- ❖ Make children gardening kits for our preschoolers

For more information, contact Darlene Wilson, at volunteers@catholiccharitiessf.org



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 2024 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 **NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES**.

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

February 4 to February 11, 2024

Sunday	- Jb 7:1-4, 6-7	- 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23	- Mk 1:29-39
Monday	- 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13		- Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	- 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30		- Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	- 1 Kgs 10:1-10		- Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	- 1 Kgs 11:4-13		- Mk 7:24-30
Friday	- 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19		- Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	- 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34		- Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	- Lv 13:1-2, 44-46	- 1 Cor 10:31—11:1	- Mk 1:40-45

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