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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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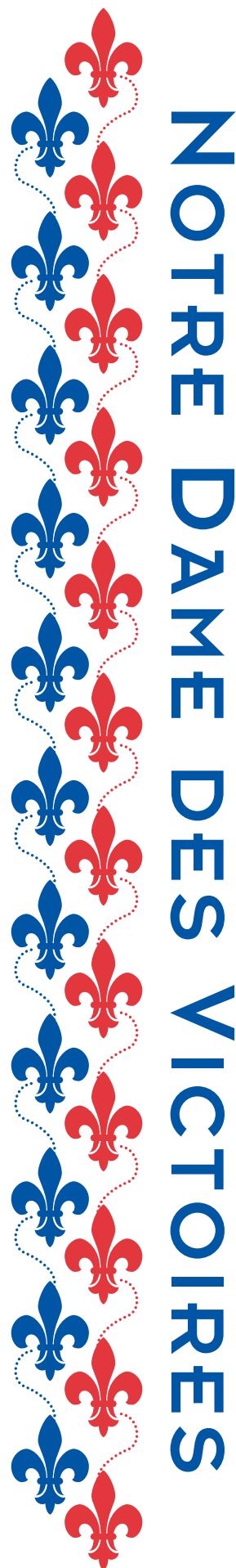
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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 21, 2024

BEING FORMED AND CHANGED BY THE WORD OF GOD

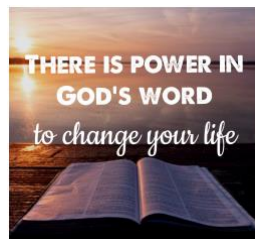
The Lord invites everyone to follow him by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, and the Lord calls a small number to also be ordained priests by receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Everyone since baptism is invited by the Lord to be formed and changed by the word of God and some are called to do so in a particular way receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

It is precisely because of the importance of the word of God to help us become who we are meant to be that Pope Francis has asked that the word of God be honored especially on this third Sunday in ordinary time every year. It would be good to think about the location of the Bible in our homes and if it has sufficient prominence. This also reminds us to begin again to read the Bible frequently if we have been neglecting to do so. A good place to begin would be with any one of the four Gospels.

I have been saddened to see that in recent months the word of God has been misused by a small number of well-intentioned but misguided people to support conspiracy theories. You cannot take one line of Sacred Scripture and make it say what you want. We cannot force a meaning onto Sacred Scripture. Instead, we have to allow the word of God to form and change us just as it had to form and change Jonah in the story, and Jesus' disciples. Our Catholic way of understanding Sacred Scripture is to figure out what the sacred writer intended, not what we want Scripture to say but what the sacred writer wanted to say. We arrive at that by looking at a line of Scripture in its context, not in isolation on its own. I say jokingly but also seriously that there are three basic rules for understanding Sacred Scripture: context, context, and context. To understand a line of Sacred Scripture, we read it in the context of its paragraph, we read it in the context of its chapter, and we read it in the context of its book. By doing that, and paying attention to what the author intended, we will avoid misusing a line of Sacred Scripture for conspiracy theories. We cannot force a meaning onto Sacred Scripture—it is Sacred Scripture that forms and changes us.

Jonah in the story had to allow himself to be formed by the word of God. The disciples spent years allowing themselves to be formed by the word of God. We also are called to allow ourselves to be formed by the word of God. We cannot take one line of Sacred Scripture to make it say what we please. Instead, we allow Sacred Scripture to speak to us.

.Fr. Tommy Lane



FRENCH CORNER

le Règne de Dieu est tout proche

Une des dimensions essentielles de la vie chrétienne est de porter du fruit, de bien utiliser les années qui nous sont données. Notre vie est un «pèlerinage et nous sommes de passage. Nous sommes ici de façon transitoire et le provisoire fait partie de notre vie. Du moment de la conception jusqu'à la mort, nous devons continuellement nous désinstaller pour aller de l'avant. Nous devons continuellement nous repositionner et nous réadapter à une réalité nouvelle.

À travers les siècles, le temps a toujours été un sujet de conversation très populaire. Ovide écrivait : «Le temps est un animal féroce qui dévore tout... la jeunesse, la santé, les richesses, la force physique, les projets les plus chers...». Sur les clochers des églises du Moyen Âge, on inscrivait la phrase suivante : «Il est plus tard que tu ne penses». «Tuer le temps! C'est ce que l'être humain essaye toujours de faire. Mais à la fin, c'est le temps qui nous tue.» (H. Spencer) «Le temps passe vite, on ne le voit pas» (expression populaire).

Dans la Bible, le temps est un élément bon et positif. C'est un don qui nous est offert, c'est un cadeau de Dieu. Il nous permet de porter du fruit, de «nous convertir», de participer à la création d'un monde plus humain. Selon Jésus et selon saint Paul le temps est une porte ouverte sur un avenir meilleur. Il ne s'agit pas de pleurer sur le temps qui passe, mais d'accueillir avec gratitude les «temps nouveaux» qui s'ouvrent à nous. «Les temps sont accomplis» ! C'est là une invitation à considérer la vie sous une optique d'éternité. Nous sommes au seuil du monde nouveau, évoqué par Isaïe : «Voici que je vais créer des cieux nouveaux et une terre nouvelle» (Is 65, 17).

Face au mal qui est omniprésent, nous espérons toujours que les gens «se convertissent» et qu'ils changent leur attitude. Le Christ nous suggère plutôt de commencer le changement par nous-mêmes : «Pour que le monde change, il faut que les individus changent... Convertissez-vous».

Père Yvon-Michel Allard, S.V.D.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

We are proud to say that our 100th Anniversary celebrations are underway! Last weekend, we re-took a historic photograph at City Hall. Fr. Andrew Spyrow, Mayor London Breed, the Consul General of France Frederic Jung, students, staff, and parents were in attendance. City Hall even lit up in our school colors. Check out our Instagram page @ndvschoolsf for more information.

God Bless,

Sarah Currier, principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, January 20th

5:15 pm Dorothy Rodriguez †

SUNDAY, January 21st

9:00 am Andre Marc Le Bail †

10:30 am Gezahegne GebreWold †

12:15 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, January 22nd

7:00 am Mrs. Gladys R. Frontera

TUESDAY, January 23rd

7:00 am Manuel Henry

WEDNESDAY, January 24th

7:00 am Nino Andrew

THURSDAY, January 25th

7:00 am Emperor Haile Selassie †

FRIDAY, January 26th

7:00 am Teferi Tafesse †

SATURDAY, January 27th

5:15 pm Dorothy Rodriguez †

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Simon, Andrew, James and John demonstrate this decision for us in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now.

These men became members of Jesus' 12 apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey. As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564

Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: February 20, 2024

YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the "Debtor"), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via email at RCASFinquiries@omniagent.com or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll-free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

****If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing****



SAVE THE DATE: NDV CRAB FEED ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 27. The NDV Crab Feed will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024 in Marist Hall (566 Bush Street). More details to follow in future bulletins. Volunteers are needed to help with the event! Please contact Glenn Matsuhara at matsusf@aol.com if you are available to volunteer for this fun event!

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 11:00am. Light lunch and desserts provided by Malta FOOD Friends will follow the Mass. Questions: cherylgiurlani@gmail.com



INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED FOR NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone has appointed Rev. Andrew Spyrow as the Interim Administrator of Notre Dame des Victoires Church and School. Fr. Spyrow will begin his term on January 1, 2024. Let us welcome Fr. Spyrow with our prayers and support as he undertakes his NDV pastoral ministry. Bienvenue, Père Spyrow, a Église et École Notre Dame des Victoires!

Dear Notre Dame des Victoires Parishioners and School families,

My name is Father Andrew Spyrow and I was born and raised in Concord, California. My parents were married for 72 and a half years and raised five sons. I am number 4 of 5 and am a twin. My father's side is Greek Orthodox and my mother's side is Mormon. Yes, and they produced a Catholic Priest. I went to Catholic schools all my life. I was ordained in 2014 and am in my 10th year as a priest.

Prior to entering the seminary, I was a funeral director for many years. I started in the business when I was 13 years old. I also taught with the De La Salle Christian Brothers in Fresno and Saint Helena, CA. In addition to my ministry here I am also the Vicar for Clergy for the Archdiocese. I was Pastor of Saint Raphael Church in San Rafael and police chaplain prior to assuming my duties as Vicar for Clergy.

I am very happy to be here as your Shepherd and I hope to get to know all of you. Thank you for your warm welcome.

God bless you, Fr. Spyrow



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

January 21 to January 28, 2024

Sunday	- Jon 3:1-5, 10	- 1 Cor 7:29-31	- Mk 1:14-20
Monday	- 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10		- Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	- 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19		- Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	- 2 Sm 7:4-17		- Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	- Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22		- Mk 16:15-18
Friday	- 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5		- Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	- 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17		- Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	- Dt 18:15-20	- 1 Cor 7:32-35	- Mk 1:21-28

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