



**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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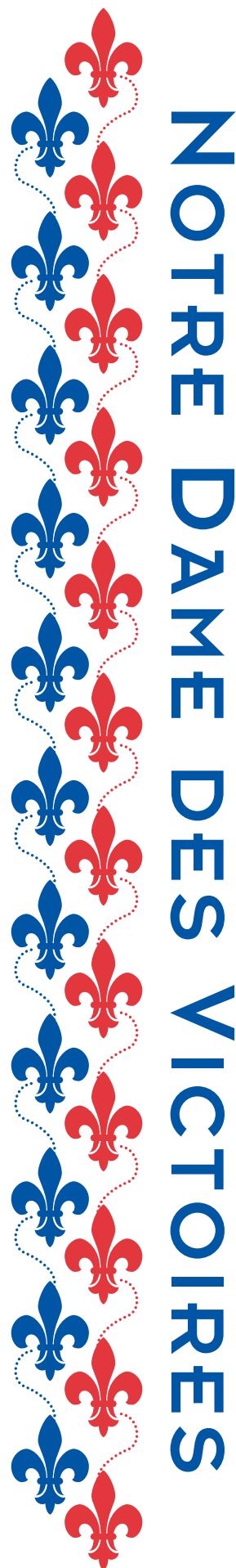
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## THE ONE AND THE MANY

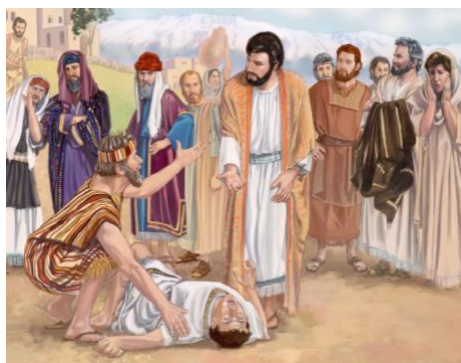
In the Gospel Reading, Jesus heals a man who was possessed. But notice that when the demon-possessed man first talks to Jesus, he uses the first-person plural pronoun to refer to himself. He says, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? Why does he say "us"? Why doesn't he say "me"? The answer, I think, is that although there is only one human body giving voice to these words, there is more than one mind behind the words. That is why that one man's voice says "us" to refer to himself.

When Jesus heals the man, he does so by ridding him of all minds but one, the man's own. In healing him, Jesus makes him single-minded. And so the Gospel Reading calls to our attention what an affliction it is to be double-minded. Even just dealing with the double-mindedness of long bad habits can be miserable and devilishly difficult. Someone says to you when you are trying to diet and not doing particularly well, "Do you want another helping of pasta?" And what is the answer? Do you want more pasta? You do, you know you do, don't you? And yet somehow you really don't either. And so, as we know from our own painful experience, being double-minded is a kind of slavery to our worst selves.

Real freedom is being able to do what you want to do. But if you have two minds about something, which mind is the real you? How can there be one real you when you are in two minds about something? That's why you aren't free when you are double-minded. No matter what you do, you aren't doing what you want to do because there isn't just one you.

Like the demon-possessed man in the Gospel Reading, you will be free only when you are single-minded. But the demon-possessed man in the Gospel Reading was single-minded only after Jesus had healed him. And so here is the lesson for us. In another Gospel text (John 8:32), Jesus tells his disciples that they will know the truth, and the truth will make them free. For those who will come to Jesus to be freed from their demons, he himself is that healing Truth that will make them free.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

### *La renommée de Jésus*

Jésus rejoint les gens de l'intérieur. Il ne juge pas, ne condamne pas, mais redonne espérance et joie de vivre. Les auditeurs sont littéralement séduits par sa façon de faire et de s'exprimer : «Il parle avec autorité». En latin, le mot autorité veut dire : «faire grandir», «faire croître», «aider à se développer». Lorsque l'on parle d'autorité parentale, on souligne la capacité des parents à faire grandir leurs enfants libres et pleins d'espoir pour l'avenir. C'est le genre d'autorité que Jésus exerce, une autorité qui permet de grandir, une autorité de service. Il est venu pour rendre les gens plus autonomes, plus libres, plus en mesure de porter du fruit.

Jésus a laissé une impression profonde sur les gens autour de lui, non seulement parce qu'il proclamait un message nouveau mais aussi parce qu'il vivait ce qu'il prêchait et invitait les autres à faire de même.

La communauté chrétienne a toujours admiré le Christ non seulement pour son enseignement mais aussi pour sa compassion envers ceux qui souffrent, qui sont dans le besoin et qui sont rejetés par les autres.

Pendant cette «journée type» décrite par Marc, Jésus va à la synagogue pour écouter la parole de Dieu et pour prier avec la communauté. Ensuite, il guérit un malade en chassant un esprit mauvais. Les esprits mauvais sont tout ce qui nous empêche d'être bien dans sa peau : le manque de confiance en soi, les peurs incontrôlées, l'addiction à la drogue, à l'alcoolisme, aux jeux de hasard, au travail excessif, la poursuite effrénée de l'argent, de la carrière, du pouvoir, etc.

À travers les mots et les actions de Jésus, l'évangéliste nous révèle qui est cet homme extraordinaire. Petit à petit, nous apprenons à le connaître comme un frère, comme une personne de grande compassion, comme le Fils du Père.

Père Yvon-Michel Allard, S.V.D.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

École Notre Dame des Victoires is part of a national network that includes 3 Marist schools. This week, two members of Marist School in Atlanta came to visit. It was incredible to be able to learn from them and to strengthen our bonds as Marist schools. Did you know that the altar in the church came from the Marists in Atlanta? Amazing!

God Bless,

Sarah Currier, principal



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **SATURDAY, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

5:15 pm Dorothy Rodriguez †

### **SUNDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Joseph Le Van Moc †

10:30 am People of the Parish

12:15 pm Genedina S. Conanan †

### **MONDAY, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Martin O'Riordan †

### **TUESDAY, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Jim Goss †

### **WEDNESDAY, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 am Robert Anderson †

### **THURSDAY, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 am Maire Goss †

### **FRIDAY, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 am Asfaw Meshesha †

### **SATURDAY, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

5:15 pm Crisófora Nava †

## 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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we reflect on our Gospel, we recognize that God possesses all authority and that we want to give Him all authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer Who will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.

### 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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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, à l'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 28 to February 4, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	- Dt 18:15-20	- 1 Cor 7:32-35	- Mk 1:21-28
<b>Monday</b>	- 2 Sm 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13		- Mk 5:1-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	- 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3		- Mk 5:21-43
<b>Wednesday</b>	- 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17		- Mk 6:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	- 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12		- Mk 6:7-13
<b>Friday</b>	- Mal 3:1-4	- Heb 2:14-18	- Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
<b>Saturday</b>	- 1 Kgs 3:4-13		- Mk 6:30-34
<b>Sunday</b>	- Jb 7:1-4, 6-7	- 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23	- Mk 1:29-39





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