



A Ministry of the Marist Priests and Brothers

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Daily Masses

Monday - Friday

7:00 am
12:10 pm

Saturday

7:00 am

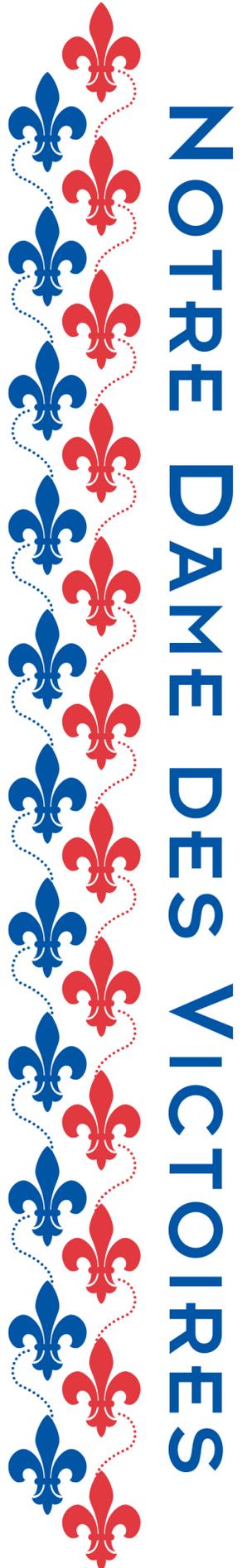
Sunday Masses:

Vigil 5:15 pm (Sat.)
7:30 am (quiet)
9:00 am
10:30 am (French)
12:15 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before each weekday Mass
Every Saturday from
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First Sunday of Advent – December 2, 2018

GETTING READY AND BEING BLAMELESS

The First Reading and the Gospel both talk about a time when the Lord comes—for justice, as the First Reading says; and for judgment, as the Gospel implies. In the Gospel, Jesus warns people not to be overcome with the pleasures and anxieties of the world but to be ready for his coming. Those who are not ready will practically die of fright when they see him. Well, then, what do we need to do to get ready? The Second Reading in effect answers that question. At Christ's coming again, we are to be blameless in holiness. And what is that?

If you are blameless under law, then no one can blame you for any violation of the law of the land. You weren't speeding, for example, or cheating on your income tax, or violating any other law of the city or country in which you are. If you are morally blameless, then no one can blame you for any violation of the moral law. You weren't lying, for example, or cheating on your spouse, or violating any other command of the universal moral law that applies to all people no matter where they are. But what is it to be blameless in holiness? The answer is in the Second Reading: in order to be ready for Christ at his coming, Christians need to increase in love and abound in it.

So here's the thing to see. You can keep all the laws of your land and still be a real jerk. And the same truth holds for the moral law. You can be a priggishly righteous jerk too. Something more than having a great record for keeping the laws is necessary to be ready for the Lord. That more is love. If you want what is bad for your neighbor, if you curse him in public or even in your heart, if you wish he would just go away, if you tell him in your thoughts or to his face to go to hell—you do NOT love him. And you are blameworthy with regard to holiness if you don't. It doesn't matter how moral or legal your conduct is otherwise. To be blameless in holiness, then, takes being loving. And being loving is what makes us ready for the return of the Lord.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Il est venu, I reviendra

Aujourd'hui, nous commençons une nouvelle année liturgique, L'Avent, mot qui signifie l'avènement final du Christ quand « Il viendra dans une nuée, avec puissance et gloire » nous dit l'évangile de ce jour.

Certes, il parle aussi de fin du monde et de catastrophe comme c'était déjà le cas il y a deux semaines, utilisant des images habituelles de la Bible et que les juifs connaissaient bien, mais l'essentiel est de savoir que le Seigneur vient, même si nous n'en savons ni le jour ni l'heure. Il vient parce qu'il est déjà venu, et qu'il a aimé notre terre et notre humanité, partageant nos peines, nos luttes, nos deuils, mais aussi nos joies et nos fêtes.

Il reviendra parce qu'il nous aime et pour tenir sa promesse : « Je suis avec vous tous les jours jusqu'à la fin du monde. » Pour s'en rendre compte, il faut le regard de la foi, l'attention à l'invisible, l'oreille qui écoute dans le silence... Et il faut surtout l'ouverture du cœur et la ténacité dans la prière. Heureuses et heureuses ceux et celles qui le voient venir.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you had a wonderful week!

This week, we prepared our students for Advent with a blessing of the wreaths on Wednesday morning. All of the students gathered in the MKG Auditorium for a prayer service that was led by Fr. Juan and our student council. Each class brought Advent wreath for a blessing and later placed their wreaths on the prayer table in their classrooms. We are looking forward to a prayerful Advent and a Merry Christmas Season!

God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY – VIGIL December 1st

5:15 pm Larry Burke †

SUNDAY December 2nd

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am John Serrage †

10:30 am Jean Gilbert †

12:15 pm Robert Tang †

MONDAY December 3rd

7:00 am Alemayehu Mengestu †

12:10 pm For Single Fathers

TUESDAY December 4th

7:00 am For the Children of the World

12:10 pm For the Hungry

WEDNESDAY December 5th

7:00 am Aster Tegene †

12:10 pm Atkalti Betre †

THURSDAY December 6th

7:00 am For the Incarcerated

12:10 pm For Widows & Widowers

FRIDAY December 7th

7:00 am Intentions of Pope Francis

12:10 pm Danny Kerr

SATURDAY December 8th

7:00 am Emil Alano †

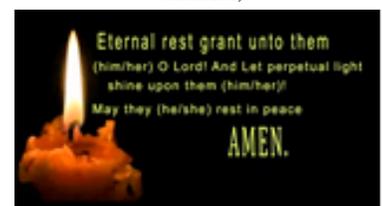
WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Fanny Alcosiba, Simone Ampillac, Monique Antolin, Jacques Arceneaux, Wondifraw Asrat, Fr. George Baricar, Michael Bartholomew, Annalyn Carlos, Alexandria Christakos, Alice Consing, Andy De Los Reyes, Jack Flynn, Ernie Fox, Annemarie Gallagher, Yunina Graham, Georges Handras, Erich Herbitschek, Lupita Herrera, Charlene Haught Johnson, Diane Kelley, Rose Le Bail, Matthew Lech, Lynn Leininger, Tom Leskie, Mike Leskie, Candi McMahan Lewis, Ekho Lim, Maria Lim, Jacqueline Lira, Grant Melton, Alma and Armando Morales, Dyan Ocampo, Christiane Pelletier, Catherine Stoner Persais, Rev. Matthew Peters, Joan Rasby, Cathie Reece, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, Dani Stecko, Dimitrios Tsokas, Alison Williams, and Michael Wonderly.



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Paul Arthur Domergue, André Fournier, Karine Jardin, Lydia A. Jewell, Barbara Charlene Johnke, Paulette Lusinchi, William McKnight, Arlene M. Sullivan, Marcel Uharriet,





Despite the sketchy history behind Advent, the importance of this season remains to focus on the coming of our Lord. (Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning coming.) The Catechism stresses the two-fold meaning of this coming: When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviors first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming (No. 524).



Saturday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mary, The Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the United States of America. We will celebrate 2 Masses for the Feast Day: Friday, December 7th the Vigil Mass at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 8th the Feast Day Mass at 7 a.m.



A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week’s second collection.

HOSPITALITY NEEDS YOUR HELP: The delicious treats in the Parish Hall, after Masses, are generously organized by volunteers - like YOU! If you would like to find out more about our Ministry of Hospitality, contact us at ndveglise@ndvsf.org. You can also visit our website at ndvsf.org and fill out the form provided on the Parish News Section of the Home Page. Please sign up and see how fruitful your donation of time can be!

LITURGICAL MEMORIALS: In the course of refurbishment and updating, the Parish on occasion finds it necessary to acquire liturgical items that will be used in our worship for many years to come. For example, we recently installed the new Ambry, the repository for our holy oils, which is located near the entrance to the sacristy. These types of items can make an excellent memorial for a loved one or a caring parishioner who wishes to leave a lasting tribute to the Parish. Please inquire with Fr. Juan if this opportunity is of interest.



GIVING TREE: This Christmas season share your blessings with Bay Area children in need. The annual NDV Giving Tree will be in the church and decorated with Christmas wishes of local children from the Hamilton Family Center and other agencies. The tree will be placed in the church on Saturday, November 24th. Purchase a gift(s) for the child you selected. The recommended amount to spend is approximately \$30.00. Items listed on the ornaments are suggestions from the child. Please no fake weapons, violent games or items with adult content. Return your unwrapped gift(s), with the identification tag attached, to the Church before 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, 2018

MARRIED COUPLES: Just as we celebrate Thanksgiving by gathering together with family, why not celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It’s a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. Make your reservation now! The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Feb 15-17, 2019 in San Jose, CA and May 17-19, 2019 in San Jose, CA. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.



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 2019 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.**

| SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK | | | |
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| December 2, 2018 – December 9, 2018 | | | |
| Sunday | - Jer 33:14-16 | - 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 | - Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 |
| Monday | - Is 2:1-5 | | - Mt 8:5-11 |
| Tuesday | - Is 11:1-10 | | - Lk 10:21-24 |
| Wednesday | - Is 25:6-10a | | - Mt 15:29-37 |
| Thursday | - Is 26:1-6 | | - Mt 7:21, 24-27 |
| Friday | - Is 29:17-24 | | - Mt 9:27-31 |
| Saturday | - Gn 3:9-15, 20 | - Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 | - Lk 1:26-38 |
| Sunday | - Bar 5:1-9 | - Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 | - Lk 3:1-6 |

SUNDAY COLLECTION: November 24th and November 25th

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