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### **Daily Masses**

#### **Monday - Friday**

7:00 am  
12:10 pm

#### **Saturday**

7:00 am

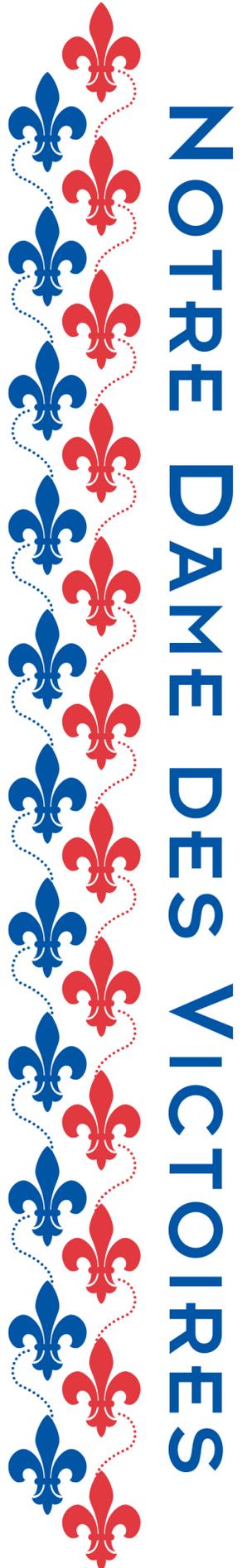
#### **Sunday Masses:**

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  
4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

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# The Baptism of the Lord – January 13, 2019

## HERE AND NOW

When the Lord was baptized, a voice came from heaven saying “This is my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” There could hardly be a more important message than this identification of Jesus, could there? But why did this important message come through a voice from heaven? A voice from heaven can be heard only by those who are *there then*. What about everybody else? Surely it is important for all human beings to know that Jesus is God’s beloved Son.

And the same sort of puzzle arises from the First Reading. It says that the Messiah will open the eyes of the blind, and the Gospels testify that Christ really did so. But he opened the eyes of only a few blind people, those blind people who were *there then*. What about all the other blind people, in other places, in other times? Why didn’t Jesus just heal all blindness everywhere with one impersonal command: let all the blind people of the world be healed?

And so here is one thing we can learn from these Readings. In the voice from heaven, in the miracles of Christ, *God shows that he is committed to the good of particularity*. God does not send the news about the Messiah as an impersonal message directed impartially to all humankind. He identifies Jesus as his Son by a voice from heaven heard by particular people at a particular time. Similarly, Christ does not issue an impersonal decree about nameless blind people taken as a group. Christ heals some particular blind people who happened to be at a particular place at the particular time when Christ was also there.

So you might feel that you are just an unnoticed member of your company or an invisible one of the many ordinary people in your town. But where the Lord is concerned, you stand out as the particular person you are. God does not deal with people as faceless members of a collective. He calls, and he heals one particular person at a time, as each individual comes to him. But then you yourself—not your Church or your group, but *you*—need to come to the Lord, to face him, to know him, to love him, and to let him heal you. Come as yourself, as you are, *here and now*.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

### *Le baptême du Seigneur*

Ils étaient quelques-uns qui écoutaient le message de Jean-Baptiste les appelant à la conversion. Jésus était parmi eux et le voilà qui descend dans le Jourdain comme le font les autres. Quand il sort de l’eau, voici qu’on entend une voix venue du ciel...

C’est Dieu le Père qui déclare que le fils du charpentier de Nazareth est son Fils bien-aimé. Certes, Jésus n’avait pas besoin d’accomplir ce rite de pénitence mais c’était le moment idéal pour Dieu de manifester son désir de se faire proche de notre humanité qui a tant besoin de renouveau, car ce Fils vient nous guérir du péché et nous purifier.

A notre baptême, que nous soyons jeunes ou adultes, le ciel s’est ouvert dans notre cœur : Dieu a mis en nous tout son amour, nous permettant de prendre part à sa divinité.

D’où les questions que nous devons nous poser : avons-nous conscience de notre responsabilité ? Sommes-nous des témoins de la miséricorde de Dieu, de sa paix et de sa joie ? Est-ce que nous cherchons à faire le bien comme le Christ ? Voilà des questions que chacun et chacune d’entre nous doivent se poser de temps à autre...

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you had a wonderful New Year and that you were able to enjoy relaxation and prayer with friends and family!

This Monday, our staff attended a retreat at the Presidio Log cabin that was lead by two fellow Marist teachers from Atlanta. It was a wonderful opportunity for our staff to further embrace the Marist charism and we are so grateful to have spent more time together in prayer. On Tuesday, our students returned from Christmas break and it was wonderful to see them and to hear about the many memories they created with their families during the holidays.

This week, we also welcomed five new students into our community. We are so happy to welcome Cash, Niall, Rhys, Maddox, and Xochitl into our family! If you are interested in applying to our school, please contact Desiree at [admissions@ndvsf.org](mailto:admissions@ndvsf.org).

Have a Blessed Week,  
Sarah, Principal

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>SATURDAY – VIGIL January 12<sup>th</sup></b>	
5:15 pm	Walter and Margaret Lucey †
<b>SUNDAY January 13<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:30 am	Luisita Prieta †
9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:30 am	Cyril Bordeau de Fontenay
12:15 pm	Yasue Matsubara Iwama † And Satoko Iwama †
<b>MONDAY January 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:00 am	Gladys R. Frontera
12:10 pm	Joseph Patterson
<b>TUESDAY January 15<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:00 am	Children with Cancer
12:10 pm	Joseph Patterson
<b>WEDNESDAY January 16<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:00 am	Deceased Marist †
12:10 pm	Joseph Patterson
<b>THURSDAY January 17<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:00 am	Manuel Henry
12:10 pm	Rebecca Duane McIntosh †
<b>FRIDAY January 18<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:00 am	For Widows & Widowers
12:10 pm	Immigrants & Refugees
<b>SATURDAY January 19<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:00 am	NDV Teachers & Students

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Fanny Alcosiba, Simone Ampillac, Monique Antolin, Jacques Arceneaux, Wondifraw Asrat, Michael Bartholomew, Annalyn Carlos, Alexandria Christakos, Andy De Los Reyes, Jack Flynn, Ernie Fox, Annemarie Gallagher, María Cerón Gamero, 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, Cathy Nazareno, 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.

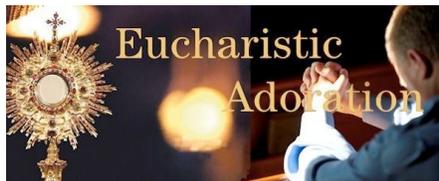


## WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

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



**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to all our parishioners and friends of Notre Dame de Victoires for your generous contributions to the Christmas Collection & Flower Fund 2018. May the Christ Child bless you with an abundance of graces during the New Year.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Our parish will resume a new arrangement for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will take place on the First Friday of each month in the church from 9:00 a.m. thru 12 noon. At noon Benediction will be celebrated and the scheduled Mass will follow. This new arrangement will begin on February 1, 2019. Please spread the word to other parishioners and co-workers. Come spend a time with the Eucharistic Lord in quiet meditation.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** The last Sunday of the month, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will take place following the 12:15 p.m. Mass. "Jesus came to heal the whole person, body & soul. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until the person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgement about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient." (USCCB) The next anointing will take place on January 27<sup>th</sup>.



**COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:** This ministry is composed of people dedicated to bringing Holy Communion to the members of our parish who are homebound due to illness or infirmity, and are unable to attend Mass. In bringing communion to them the minister of communion represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. For the sick the reception of communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of support and concern shown by the Christian community for its members who are ill. The parishioner taking Holy Communion to the Sick is invited to the altar area after the sharing of communion at Mass, and sent forth by the community directly from Mass to visit those who are sick. Our parish will begin this format on the first Sunday of March. More details and preparation will be forthcoming in the weeks to come.



Our Crab Feed 2019 was a tremendous success! It was a wonderful time for the school and parish community to gather and enjoy great company, delicious seafood, and vibrant conversations. A cheerful thanks to David Kane for coordinating the event and to all the volunteers who dedicated time and effort for putting it all together. Thanks also to everyone who came to support this annual fund raiser. God bless us all!

**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.

**MARRIED COUPLES:** Winter brings crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like winter because it's a weekend full of fresh air and a time to rejoice in the beauty of our marriage and family. 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](http://sanjosewwme.org) or contact Ken & Claranne at [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) or 408-782-1413

**LEAGUE OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:** The San Francisco Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women requests the honor of your presence at their annual fundraising luncheon on Sunday, January 27, at the Olympic Club, Lakeside. The theme is "Carnival!" and the program includes "Fashions by Simi's." 11:00 am is no-host cocktails and silent auction; at 12:30 pm luncheon is served. Cost is \$85 per person; reservations are due by January 16. For more information or to make reservations, contact Cathy Mibach at: 415-753-0234 or [dcmibach@aol.com](mailto:dcmibach@aol.com).



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.**

<b>SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK</b>		
<b>January 13, 2019 – January 20, 2019</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	- Is 40:1-5, 9-11	- Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 - Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
<b>Monday</b>	- Heb 1:1-6	- Mk 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Heb 2:5-12	- Mk 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Heb 2:14-18	- Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday</b>	- Heb 3:7-14	- Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday</b>	- Heb 4:1-5, 11	- Mk 2:1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	- Heb 4:12-16	- Mk 2:13-17
<b>Sunday</b>	- Is 62:1-5	- 1 Cor 12:4-11 - Jn 2:1-11

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Church Basket: \$1,526.72  
 On-Line Giving: \$302.00  
**TOTAL: \$1,828.72**  
 Christmas Collection Update: \$17,365.71



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