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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

Our Lady of Victories Church and School community founded to serve French Immigrant Catholics; serving God's people; proud of our past; living our today





# Tenth Sunday In Ordinary Time – June 10, 2018

## FEAR AND FORGIVENESS

The fearful Gospel Reading says that there is an unforgiveable sin. What is that? To see the answer, consider the Psalm: out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? Who doesn't feel this way about his sins? And now notice how the Psalm continues: But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered—or, as another translation has it, that you may be feared. Why think that God forgives your sins so that you might revere or fear him? Wouldn't it be more true to say that you fear God because you worry about your sins? Wouldn't you fear that if you faced God, your sins would just seem worse because you would see them in the light of God's holiness?

And yet look what the Psalm says: there is forgiveness with God! God's forgiveness can gentle you into a surrender to God's love, can't it? If God himself loves you and forgives your sins, then wouldn't you love God and want to cleave to him? And so the Psalmist is right: there is forgiveness of your sins with God so that you might fear God—not with a fear of God's punishing or forsaking you, but just with a fear of your own turning away from the Lord who forgives you. But, then, if God forgives you so that you might fear him, what sin of yours is unforgiveable? You can see the answer for yourself now, can't you?

What happens if when God forgives you, you turn away from him instead of cleaving to him and fearing him? If you turn away from God even when God forgives you, then there is nothing left that God can do for you, is there? The gift of God's forgiveness is there for you. But if you won't open to receive it, then even God can't give it. And what does a refusal to accept God's forgiveness come to except a refusal to believe that the love and forgiveness of God are there, there for you too? In effect, a refusal of God's forgiveness is a rejection of God as love.

And so the unforgiveable sin is a permanent refusal to accept God's forgiveness. But that refusal really is blasphemous against the Spirit of God, isn't it? What does Scripture say? God is Love. (1 John 4: 7-8)

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

*Pour ou contre Jésus*

Cette page de l'Évangile de Marc remet sous nos yeux l'importance de l'option que tout individu doit prendre en face de Jésus qui se révèle à lui. Il faut choisir d'être « pour lui ou contre lui » il n'y a pas de moyen terme : « qui n'est pas avec moi, a-t-il dit une autre fois, est contre moi ».

Le drame de beaucoup de contemporains de Jésus, c'est d'avoir méprisé les signes qui l'accréditaient. Jésus est sévère pour les Pharisiens mais, par contre, aux âmes accueillantes qui cherchent Dieu dans la simplicité du cœur, il se révèle comme le guide et l'ami capable d'assouvir en plénitude toute vraie soif de Dieu.

Cet enseignement reste très actuel et pose aux chrétiens d'aujourd'hui une double question : Avons-nous à cœur d'encourager ceux qui recherchent le Christ et font la volonté de Dieu, à le suivre de plus près ? Tout en respectant le mystère de chaque conscience, sommes-nous capables de mettre ceux qui le refusent devant la gravité de leur option ?

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

This past Friday was my final day of school with the children of Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires as I will be retiring as of July 31. What a grand and grace-filled experience these past 37 years have been, first as the sixth-grade teacher from 1981-1987, then on to the new adventure as principal of NDV for the past 31 years! Participating in Catholic elementary education has been inspiring and rewarding. Working with children has been a true blessing to me touching the lives of so many students over the years. Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires is a unique Catholic elementary school that has continued the long tradition of teaching the French language and culture to students in all grades on a daily basis, a true hallmark of our school.

I know that I will miss the life that this dynamic learning community has to offer, and I look forward to coming back to visit from time to time.

Warmest regards,

Mary Ghisolfo  
Principal

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY – VIGIL June 9th

5:15 pm Asefa Gebrewoold †

### SUNDAY June 10th

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Funete Tegene †

10:30 am Georges Handras

12:15 pm Wondifraw Asrat

### MONDAY June 11th

7:00 am Soul in Purgatory †

12:10 pm Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M. †

### TUESDAY June 12th

7:00 am Single Mothers

12:10 pm Youth of the Parish

### WEDNESDAY June 13th

7:00 am Wondesene Haile †

12:10 pm Unemployed

### THURSDAY June 14th

7:00 am Intentions of Pope Francis

12:10 pm Deceased Members †

### FRIDAY June 15th

7:00 am For the Children of the World

12:10 pm Debritu Asrat †

### SATURDAY June 16th

7:00 am Br. Patrick Souza, S.M. †

## IN PRAYER, WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Fanny Alcosiba, Simone Ampillac, Monique Antolin, Jacques Arceneaux, Wondifraw Asrat, Michael Bartholomew, Vilma Bellone, Annalyn Carlos, Alexandria Christakos, Solange Elliott, Jack Flynn, Ernie Fox, Annemarie Gallagher, Yunina Graham, Shiferaw Habte, Georges Handras, Erich Herbtschek, Lupita Herrera, Karine Jardin, Charlene Haught Johnson, Diane Kelley, Lynn Leininger, Jacqueline Lira, Grant Melton, Alma and Armando Morales, Dyan Ocampo, Christiane Pelletier, Catherine Stoner Persais, Rev. Matthew Peters, Joan Rasby, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, Dimitrios Tsokas, Alison Williams, Michael Wonderly, Steven Rice.

### PRAYER FOR HEALING

*Lord of Heaven, I rest underneath your mighty wings of love. I dwell within your gentle heart. I know there is healing in your touch. Through the sufferings of Christ I can ask for restoration and trust in your goodness. You are my Lord, my Saviour, My healer and my friend. I dwell within your gentle embrace. Amen.*

Please let us know if there is someone for whom you want us to pray. It is best if you write it down and leave the name at the office. If the person regains their health let us know so that we will remove the name from the list.

**MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Please take note of the following Mass Schedule Change for the week of June 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass celebrated on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> and no 7:00 a.m. Mass on Monday thru Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup>. The reason for this Mass change is because Marists serving the parish will be on retreat at the Marianist Bergamo Center in Dayton, Ohio. Please pray for Marists from our USA Province who will be attending the retreat.

**NEW WEBSITE:** Notre Dame des Victoires Church is, excited to announce that our new and refreshed website is live: [www.ndvsf.org](http://www.ndvsf.org) Featuring a brand new look, more information on our parish life and a fully responsive layout for all platforms – we hope you'll find it easier to navigate and find what you're searching for quickly and efficiently. Our goal with this new website is to provide our parishioners and visitors with a simple way to be informed regarding the multi aspects of who we are as a Catholic Faith Community in Downtown San Francisco. Take and look at it and pleasant browsing.

**RCIA:** Are you someone or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday April 20, 2019.. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Fr. Juan at 415.397.0113 or at [ndveglise@ndvsf.org](mailto:ndveglise@ndvsf.org)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Married Couples: Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is August 24-26, 2018 at the Vallombrosa Retreat Center. For more information 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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018:** Thank You – To all those who have already participated in the 2018 Appeal. Your gifts have helped our archdiocesan Church to continue teaching, preaching and serving those most in need of food, counsel, and security. The Church needs everyone's help. Please be as generous as you can to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

**TO DATE:** Campaign Goal: \$37,574 – Number of Gifts Received: 50 – Total Payments Received: \$11,795 – Goal Balance: \$25,779



**BAL DE PARIS 2018:** Save the date for this year's Bal de Paris which will take place on November 3, 2018. The theme for the Bal is *Le Rêve*. For volunteer opportunities, please visit: [baldeparishndv@gmail.com](mailto:baldeparishndv@gmail.com)

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFERENCE: Volunteers Wanted for The Conference.** September 7 is the 5th Annual Restorative Justice Reentry Conference & Resource Fair. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will give the invocation. The 2017 event was a major accomplishment, very well attended, with communities empowered and new relationships formed. Again this year volunteers are needed to help organize, mobilize, and energize. Volunteer opportunities are numerous: • Volunteer to do outreach before the event (June, July, August, September). • Volunteer the day before the event (1:00 pm - 4:00 pm), September 6 • Volunteer during the event (7:00 am - 4:00 pm) • Volunteer to clean up after the event (3:00 pm - 5:00 pm). To register as a volunteer, visit the Archdiocesan webpage at: [escobarj@sfarch.org](http://escobarj@sfarch.org) [sfarch.org/rjministry-reentry-conference](http://sfarch.org/rjministry-reentry-conference)



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Ministers OF Holy Communion share the Body and Blood of Christ with the parish at Mass. Catholics who have received the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to join this ministry. Ministers serve one or two times each month. Please contact Mertenesh Asrat at 415.397.0113 or email her at [ndveglise@ndvsf.org](mailto:ndveglise@ndvsf.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 2018 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

June 10, 2018 – June 17, 2018

|                  |                          |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | - Gn 3:9-15              | - 2 Cor 4:13—5:1 | - Mk 3:20-35 |
| <b>Monday</b>    | - Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 |                  | - Mt 5:1-12  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | - 1 Kgs 17:7-16          |                  | - Mt 5:13-16 |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | - 1 Kgs 18:20-39         |                  | - Mt 5:17-19 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | - 1 Kgs 18:41-46         |                  | - Mt 5:20-26 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | - 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16     |                  | - Mt 5:27-32 |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | - 1 Kgs 19:19-21         |                  | - Mt 5:33-37 |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | - Ez 17:22-24            | - 2 Cor 5:6-10   | - Mk 4:26-34 |

## SUNDAY COLLECTION: June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Church Basket: \$2,754.96  
On-Line Giving: \$387.00  
**TOTAL: \$3,141.96**

*What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.*



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