



## ***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

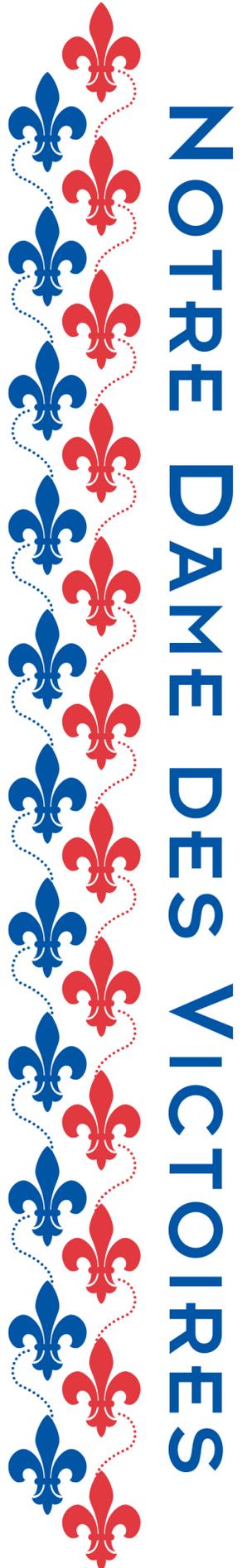
#### **Sunday Masses:**

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  
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



# Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time – September 16, 2018

## DENYING YOURSELF

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that anyone who wants to be his follower has to deny herself. She has to take up her cross daily. But how do you do this? You might think that denying yourself requires you to give up any desires of your own and just accept whatever God sends. If God wants you to live, you are happy to live. On the other hand, if God wants you to die, you are happy to die. *Anything whatever* that happens is fine with you.

But if anything whatever is always fine with you, you will never have a desire that is frustrated. Nothing that happens will ever cause you sorrow; nothing will make you weep. You will be content with anything whatever. This is to try to deny yourself by having no desires of your own, in fact, no self of your own at all. But, then, how could you count as crucifying yourself? You can't crucify a self you don't have. And so this can't be the kind of self-denial Jesus is calling us to when he tells us to take up our cross daily. If we take Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane as our model, we see a different kind of self-denial.

In that prayer, Jesus asks God to let the cup pass from him. Jesus has a desire of his own. *Anything whatever* is definitely not fine with him. He wants to live. He does not want to die. But Jesus finishes his prayer this way: "not my will but yours be done." He wants God's will to win out over his own will, if his own will and God's will are in conflict. He wants his own will to be frustrated if it has to be frustrated in order for God's will to be done.

So here is what Jesus' prayer teaches us. To deny yourself requires first having a self to deny. It requires having desires for ordinary good things, for life rather than death. But it also requires trusting the love of God and wanting God's will to win out over your own, when God's will is opposed to yours. This self-denial is compatible with frustration and sorrow; it allows for tears when you lose the good things you wanted and your desires are denied. But if you crucify your self in this way, then your sorrow and tears come with trust and love for the Lord who carried his cross for you. Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

*Pour nous, qui est Jésus ?*

Méditant la question que Jésus pose à ses disciples : « Pour vous, qui suis-je ? » demandons-nous quelle réponse nous ferions si la même question nous était posée aujourd'hui. Peut-être chercherions-nous quelque expression que nous avons apprise autrefois au Catéchisme comme : « C'est le Fils de Dieu, c'est le Messie, c'est le Christ... », mais cela semble rester dans le domaine de l'abstrait, comme les juifs qui disaient : « C'est un prophète... ».

Pour Pierre, utiliser le terme « Christ », c'est dire que Jésus est l'envoyé de Dieu, celui qui a été promis depuis des siècles pour sauver son peuple. En d'autres termes, c'est désigner Jésus comme le témoin de l'amour du Père pour ses enfants rebelles à qui il accorde son pardon.

Pour nous, le terme « Christ » doit signifier celui qui nous nourrit de son corps au cours de la célébration eucharistique, celui qui nous offre la réconciliation quand nous nous sommes éloignés de lui, celui qui nous envoie son Esprit pour nous guider dans notre vie quotidienne, afin d'être d'authentiques témoins de la Bonne Nouvelle.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade family mass last weekend! Mrs. Kane and Ms. Grace did an incredible job of leading our school choir on Sunday. A huge thank you to them and to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade families that contributed to the reception afterward.

This week, we had a wonderful back to school night and are looking forward to a great school year!

Please keep our athletic director, Mr. Dimitrios Tsokas, in your prayers. As some of you know, Mr. Tsokas has begun his fight against cancer again. This Wednesday marked his second of several weekly chemotherapy appointments. As I know we will, let us storm heaven with prayer and surround the Tsokas family in love and support in the months to come.

Have a wonderful week and God Bless,  
Mrs. Sarah Currier



## SATURDAY – VIGIL September 15<sup>th</sup>

5:15 pm Rex Fernandez †

## SUNDAY September 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Ronald H Julian †

9:00 am Winny Sunoto †

10:30 am Isabelle Leroy †

12:15 pm For the People of the Parish

## MONDAY September 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Maria Stengele †, Marjorie

Hellwig †, & Hilde Maier Hell †

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory †

## TUESDAY September 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Br. Patrick Souza, S.M. †

12:10 pm Immigrants & Refugees

## WEDNESDAY September 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Fr. Joseph Chasse, S.M. †

12:10 pm NDV Teachers & students

## THURSDAY September 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Fr. Adrien Pelletier, S.M. †

12:10 pm Vocations to Priesthood

## FRIDAY September 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00 am Dena Fields †

12:10 pm Gezahegne Gebrewold †

## SATURDAY September 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 am Victims of Sexual Abuse

## IN PRAYER, WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Fanny Alcosiba, Simone Ampillac, Monique Antolin, Jacques Arceneaux, Wondifraw Asrat, Michael Bartholomew, Annalyn Carlos, Alexandria Christakos, Jack Flynn, Ernie Fox, Annemarie Gallagher, Yunina Graham, Georges Handras, Erich Herbitschek, Lupita Herrera, Karine Jardin, Charlene Haught Johnson, Diane Kelley, 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, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, Dani Stecko, Dimitrios Tsokas, Alison Williams, and Michael Wonderly.

## 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.

**WELCOME FR. AL PUCCINELLI, S.M.:** We welcome Fr. Al to our parish community of NDV. Fr. Al will be assisting the parish with the celebration of the Sacraments and we immensely appreciate his presence with us. A few words from Fr. Al: *“I am a native San Franciscan and was born just a few blocks up the street from NDV at St. Francis Hospital on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Through a chain of events I grew up in Fairfax, CA. I went to St. Rafael’s grade school and then in 1957 graduated from Marin Catholic High School and entered the Marist Fathers’ Seminary. I was ordained in 1966 at St. Rita’s Church in Fairfax. I have been a high school teacher and principal in Arizona. Other assignments were in California, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Boston and three of my assignments took me to Brazil. The total time spent in Brazil was 22 years. It is good to be home”.*



**R.C.I.A.: ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- 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 on April 20, 2019. There are separate sessions for children or youth. 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 415.397.0113 or [ndveglise@ndvsf.org](mailto:ndveglise@ndvsf.org)

**2018 BAL DE PARIS:** Please save the date of Saturday, November 3 for this year’s Bal de Paris - Le Rêve - to be held at the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco. This major fundraiser supports the school and church in significant areas of operation. Visit <http://bal-de-paris.org> today to purchase your tickets or sponsor the event! There is a limited supply of early bird tickets - purchase now! Watch for students selling tickets after Mass or purchase online <https://ndvsf.ejoinme.org/raffle>. Much thanks and appreciation goes to chairpersons Jill Bourque and Kattya and Patrick Breitenbach for all of their work heading up the event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bal de Paris 2018 chairpersons at [baldeparisndv@gmail.com](mailto:baldeparisndv@gmail.com)



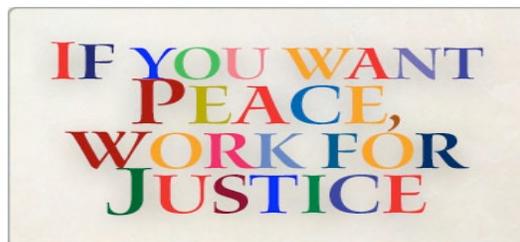
**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018:** Thank You – To all those who have already participated in the 2018 Appeal. Your gifts have helped our archdiocesan Church to continue teaching, preaching and serving those most in need of food, counsel, and security. The Church needs everyone’s help. Please be as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

**TO DATE:** Campaign Goal: \$37,574 – Number of Gifts Received: 55 –  
Total Payments Received: \$15,070 –  
Goal Balance: \$22,504

**ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND:** Our retired priests have spent their lives serving others, and it is now our turn to ensure that they are cared for as lovingly and with as much dignity as they have cared for others. Every contribution is greatly appreciated and helps ensure that our retired priests receive the quality care they deserve. On the weekend of September 22nd and 23rd, the Second Collection will be designated to this fund. Let us be generous as we are able to.

**ROSARY RALLY & MASS:** Join Catholics from around the Bay Area on Saturday, October 6, at the 8th annual Rosary Rally at St. Mary’s Cathedral. In keeping with Pope Francis’s 2018 instructions, this year’s theme is “Accompaniment of Youth 2018.” The day starts at 9:00 am with a gathering and recitation of the Most Holy Rosary. At 10:00 am, the Young People’s Rosary Rally Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone.

**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.**



<b>SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK</b>		
<b>September 16, 2018 – September 23, 2018</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	- Is 50:5-9a	- Jas 2:14-18
<b>Monday</b>	- 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33	- Mk 8:27-35
<b>Tuesday</b>	- 1 Cor 12:12-17, 27-31a	- Lk 7:1-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	- 1 Cor 12:31–13:13	- Lk 7:11-17
<b>Thursday</b>	- 1 Cor 15:1-11	- Lk 7:36-50
<b>Friday</b>	- Eph 4:1-7, 11-13	- Mt 9:9-13
<b>Saturday</b>	- 1 Cor 15:33-37, 42-49	- Lk 8:4-15
<b>Sunday</b>	- Wis 2:12, 17-20	- Jas 3:16–4:3
		- Mk 9:30-37

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Church Basket: \$1,396.90  
On-Line Giving: \$536.92  
**TOTAL: \$1,933.82**



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