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Daily Masses **Monday - Friday**

7:00 am
12:10 pm

Saturday 7:00 am

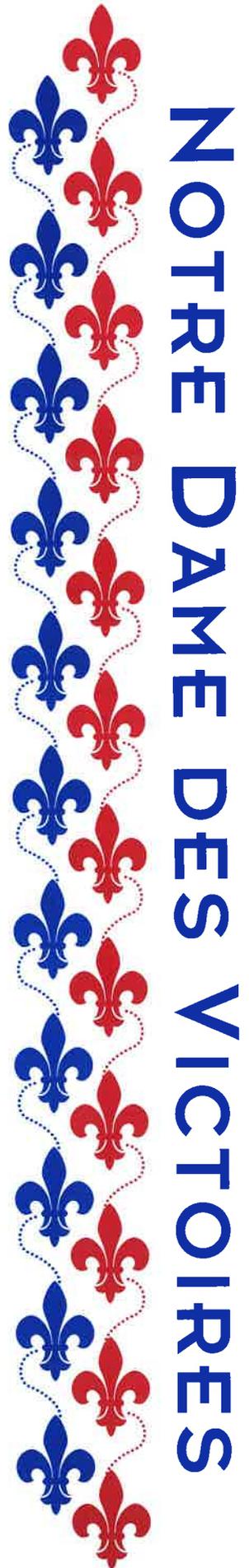
Sunday Masses:

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-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time – September 9, 2018

BEING ABLE TO HEAR

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus does a miracle: a man who was deaf and impaired in speech becomes able to hear and to speak plainly. But the way in which Jesus performs the miracle seems undignified or even silly. Jesus puts his fingers in the man's ears and his spit on the man's tongue. *Before* the man's ears are opened to hear, Jesus looks up to heaven, he groans, and he says "Be opened!" What happened to the elegant kind of miracle where Jesus just says a word and a person is healed? Why this show, which looks embarrassing for Jesus?

The answer lies in the question. What Jesus does is literally a silent show. It has to be. Jesus is trying to communicate with someone who can't hear. In other cases, before Jesus does a miracle, Jesus talks to the person for whom the miracle will be done. In this case, he does charades. His charade begins by letting the deaf man know that Jesus is putting a part of himself into the deaf man—his fingers into the deaf man's ears, his spit into the deaf man's mouth. By this means, Jesus invites the deaf man to accept Jesus into himself—literally. And then Jesus looks up to heaven to show the deaf man the source of Jesus' power. It doesn't come from some magic in Jesus' fingers or spittle. It comes from God, whose power is in Jesus, who is in the deaf man, by means of this charade.

Even the groaning and the speech of Jesus to the deaf man make sense if we think of them in this way. First, the deaf man sees Jesus open his mouth to make the inarticulate sound of groaning. This deaf man doesn't speak, but even those made mute by deafness can groan. In groaning, Jesus joins the deaf man, who can see Jesus groaning even if he can't hear him.

And then the deaf man sees Jesus speaking an articulate word *to him*, to the man who cannot hear. In doing this, Jesus is inviting the deaf man to trust in Jesus, to choose to accept the miracle—to choose to *hear* the word that Jesus speaks to him. And so Jesus humbles himself to share the limitations of this one deaf man. By undignified dumb show, the love of the Lord heals the deaf man's soul as well as his ears. Let us be humble enough to hear the love of the Lord in this story. Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Sortir du silence

Dans l'évangile de ce dimanche, Jésus sort des sentiers battus. Il est en territoire païen et, même là, sa réputation le précède. Voilà qu'on lui présente un homme atteint de surdité et qui, à cause de ce handicap, ne peut parler correctement. On lui demande de « poser la main sur lui ». Jésus amène l'homme à l'écart, touche ses oreilles et sa langue, puis il souffle sur lui, ce qui rappelle le souffle divin dont nous parle la Bible lors la création de l'homme.

Je pense que, d'un côté, nous ressemblons à cet homme: à cause de nos occupations de toute sorte, nous avons du mal à entendre la Parole de Dieu, nous risquons de ne pas découvrir la présence du Seigneur au cœur de notre monde, nous avons de la difficulté à dire la foi qui nous habite.

Et si nous acceptions de laisser Jésus nous amener à l'écart?... Si nous donnions à Dieu la possibilité de nous ouvrir les oreilles pour que nous entendions mieux sa Parole?... Si nous laissions l'Esprit Saint nous recréer par son souffle de vie?... Alors, quels évangélistes nous serions !...

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners,

This week, we celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary as students settled into their second full week of the 2018-2019 school year.

We also welcomed Eglise Notre Dame des Victoires parishioner Madame Marie Picard to our Ecole as our new K-3 French teacher! She is overjoyed to become a member of our school community. Mme Picard holds a Master's Degree in Art Business from the Université Jean Moulin (Lyon III), France; a post-graduate certificate in business from Shanghai Normal University, Shanghai, China; a LL.M from the University Of Arizona School Of Law; and she is currently studying Early Childhood Development at the UCLA. She is very much looking forward to sharing her gifts and talents with our church and school community for years to come; be sure to congratulate her when you see her.

Have a Wonderful Week and God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY – VIGIL September 8th

5:15 pm Shiferaw Habte†

SUNDAY September 9th

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Margarida Savant † and
Winnie Sunoto

10:30 am Georges Handras

12:15 pm Christian & Karla Gourdin

MONDAY September 10th

7:00 am Deceased Members †

12:10 pm Lydia Jewell †

TUESDAY September 11th

7:00 am For Single Fathers

12:10 pm For the Children of the World

WEDNESDAY September 12th

7:00 am Unemployed

12:10 pm Vocations to Religious Life

THURSDAY September 13th

7:00 am Wondesene Haile †

12:10 pm Intentions of Pope Francis

FRIDAY September 14th

7:00 am Negest GebreWold †

12:10 pm For Widows & Widowers

SATURDAY September 15th

7:00 am Debritu Asrat †

IN PRAYER, WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Fanny Alcosiba, Simone Ampillac, Monique Antolin, Jacques Arceneaux, Wondifraw Asrat, Michael Bartholomew, Annalyn Carlos, Alexandria Christakos, Solange Elliott, 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, 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 4th. 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

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. The planning committee has been working hard all summer to make this event a night to remember. This major fundraiser supports the school and church in significant areas of operation. Much thanks and appreciation goes to chairpersons Jill Bourque and Katty 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.



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.**



SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

September 9, 2018 – September 16, 2018

Sunday	- Is 35:4-7a	- Jas 2:1-5	- Mk 7:31-37
Monday	- 1 Cor 5:1-8		- Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	- 1 Cor 6:1-11		- Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	- 1 Cor 7:25-31		- Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	- 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13		- Lk 6:27-38
Friday	- Nm 21:4b-9	- Phil 2:6-11	- Jn 3:13-17
Saturday	- 1 Cor 10:14-22		- Jn 19:25-27
Sunday	- Is 50:5-9a	Jas 2:14-18	- Mk 8:27-35

SUNDAY COLLECTION: September 1st & September 2nd

Church Basket: \$1,297.27
On-Line Giving: \$262.00
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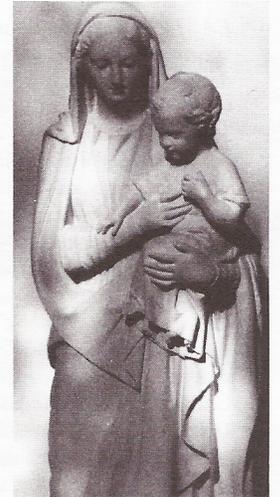


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In the community
which bears her name



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