Weekday Masses

7:00 am Monday - Friday

Saturday Mass

5:15 pm (Vigil)

Sunday Masses

9:00 am
10:30 am (French)
12:15 pm

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Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 30, 2023

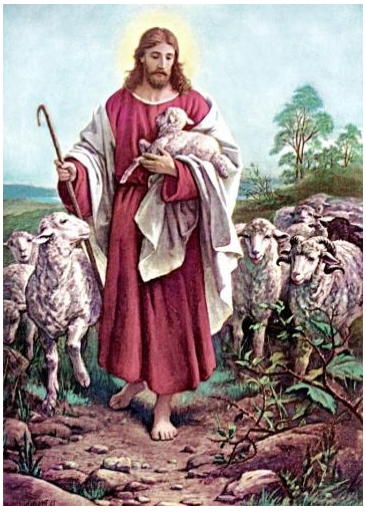
THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The most comforting of the Psalms begins "The Lord is my shepherd." It ends with this line: "Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." Goodness and mercy are present in the person of the Good Shepherd. Thus, they have to follow the lost sheep, because the shepherd is heading out after them, to look for them. In the Gospel, on the other hand, the order of leading and following is reversed. Jesus says that his sheep know his voice, and so they follow him.

Now, a sheep doesn't recognize the voice of the shepherd unless it already knows the shepherd. The difference, then, between being a lost sheep who is followed by the Shepherd and being a faithful sheep who follows the Shepherd is a matter of knowing the Shepherd. To know a person is not like knowing the rules of the game. To know the rules is to know that this move is prohibited or that another move is the only one which can be made. Knowing a person can't be parsed as knowing that anything-at-all. It's a matter of personal relationships. Personal relationships require openness to love, with all its risks.

That openness is the reason why Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd, but he is also the Gate into the fold, open to the sheep that are his own. To be a sheep that is Christ's own, a person has to be open to the love of the Lord. He has to go within Jesus, through Jesus, who is the Gate and the Way, as well as being the leader along the way. Here is the good news, then. Whether a person is faithful or astray, he will be surrounded by the love of the Good Shepherd. St Patrick's prayer says it well: Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ with me.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Je ne crains aucun mal car tu es avec moi

«Le Seigneur est mon berger, je ne me manque de rien; Si je traverse les ravins de la mort, je ne crains aucun mal, car tu es avec moi, ton bâton me guide et me rassure.»

Malgré toutes nos revendications d'indépendance et d'autonomie, nous avons besoin d'être guidés vers le bonheur, vers une vie pleine et entière. Nous avons besoin d'un gouvernail. La vie est trop compliquée pour que nous puissions la traverser seul, en toute sécurité. Nous avons besoin d'être guidés et d'être protégés. Le Christ nous offre cette protection contre les éléments qui pourraient nous faire du tort et nous détruire. Jésus se présente à nous aujourd'hui comme le guide, le passage, la porte qui donne accès à un monde meilleur. Derrière cette porte, il n'y a pas un Dieu qui fait peur, un Dieu qui demande des performances extraordinaires, mais un Dieu qui aime, qui accueille le fils prodigue, la fille pécheresse, le bon larron, Pierre repenti, Paul le persécuteur.

La préoccupation du Seigneur n'est pas de nous enfermer dans le corral afin de nous protéger, mais bien de nous faire découvrir la beauté de l'air libre, des grands horizons, des espaces illimités : «Il entrera et sortira et trouvera du pâturage».

Nous avons tous, un jour ou l'autre, à faire face à des problèmes qui semblent sans issue. Nous nous sentons pris au piège, emprisonnés, ne sachant comment nous en sortir. C'est alors que le Christ intervient et nous dit qu'il est la porte, qu'il est l'issue. Image de liberté ! Image de fraicheur et de vie! Suivre Jésus n'est pas, comme certains le pensent, vivre une vie à moitié, c'est au contraire vivre pleinement : «Je suis venu pour que vous ayez la vie et l'ayez en abondance.»

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

We are enjoying a wonderful week at school, and plans for our 100th anniversary are in full swing! We invite all parishioners to be a part of our celebrations which will begin in January 2024. If you have ideas, questions, or would like to remain in the loop, please email 100years@ndvsf.org

God Bless,
Sarah

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, April 29th
5:15 pm Marilyn Regan †
SUNDAY, April 30th
9:00 am Samson Asrat Family
10:30 am People of the Parish
12:15 pm Ena O'Goan †
MONDAY, May 1st
7:00 am Serawit Asfaw Wodajo †
TUESDAY, May 2nd
7:00 am Belete & Mertenesh - Needs
WEDNESDAY, May 3rd
7:00 am Denise Baylocq †
THURSDAY, May 4th
7:00 am Marilyn Regan †
FRIDAY, May 5th
7:00 am Wondifraw Asrat †
SATURDAY, May 6th
5:15 pm Regina Cole - Needs

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Cecille Bien, Odette Etcheverry, Brett Fischer, Benjamin Haller, Jeremiah Hallisey, Diana Munoz, Martha A. Gutierrez Romero, Rosario Cecilia Samson, Fasil Tegene, and Peter Wang.

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Serawit Asfaw, Wondifraw Asrat, Felicitas Baricar, Mark Fischer, Hedwige Fernandez, Ralph González, Maria Elena Grimaldo, Andres Herrera, Charlene Haught Johnson, Paul Jae Wook Koo, Fernando Orantes, William McKnight, Valerie Meehan, Pedro Muro, Eleanor Toolajian, William Steel and Nicole Zambelli.

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND DECEASED:

Please note starting next week we will automatically remove anyone who has been on this list for over a year unless we are notified not to remove them. Thank you for your understanding.

STEWARDSHIP
CALLED
TO SERVE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life. This endearing image of Jesus as our shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is described in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd." He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is a compelling reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent, and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us. Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us "I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly." This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE WOMEN OF THE NDV COMMUNITY – LE CLUB DES FEMMES: *Le Club des Femmes* website is launching for enrollment soon! So what is Le Club des Femmes? It is a positive and empowering resource for women to connect, learn, and grow together in a supportive environment of the Notre Dame des Victoires church and school community. "What is my commitment?" Aside from annual dues to cover costs of social events and philanthropic endeavors, there is NO commitment. Annual dues range from $40-75 depending on age. Come be a part of something sensational and join Le Club!

RCIA: As baptized Catholics, we have a responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbors, friends, family members, and colleagues. Consider inviting someone you know to learn more about the Catholic Church through participation in the process of Christian Initiation of Adults. This process prepares adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil on March 30, 2024. An abbreviated version of the process is available for baptized Catholics who want to complete their Christian Initiation through the sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist. For more information, please contact Carrie Schroeder at schroeder@ndvsf.org. All inquiries are welcome!

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We, the Marist priests and brothers, are members of the Society of Mary, an international religious congregation in the Catholic Church. We are men called to 'be' Mary - thinking, judging, feeling, and acting as Mary in all we do. Marist priests and brothers have been called by a "gracious choice" into the family of Mary.

EIGHTH-GRADE MUSICAL - ANYTHING GOES

The NDV Class of 2023 is excited to present "*Anything Goes*" as their musical production this year! There will be four performances for the Community at NDV's Mary Ghisolfo's Auditorium on May 18, 19, 20, and 21. Thursday's performance is for the 8th-grade families, faculty, staff, and clergy. Friday's performance is for NDV Alumni. Additionally, our **Sunday, May 21 matinee performance will be dedicated to Fr. Phil and Fr. Dennis**. Tickets will go on sale soon. Please consider supporting the 8th Graders' production Of Anything Goes through our Angel Donation/Corporate Sponsorship Program online. Please click **here** for details. Merci beaucoup for your support!

ON-LINE GIVING: How about considering making your donations online. This will help with the needs of our parish's daily financial responsibilities. Our parish offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online. This service is safe and secure. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at **ndvsf.org** and selecting the Online Giving link. Click on Create New Account and follow directions to set up your account. Thank you for your generosity.

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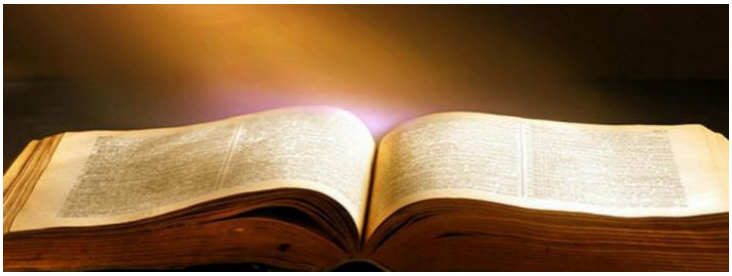

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

April 30, 2023 – May 7, 2023

Sunday	- Acts 2:14a, 36-41	- 1 Pt 2:20b-25	- Jn 10:1-10
Monday	- Acts 11:1-18		- Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday	- Acts 11:19-26		- Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	- 1 Cor 15:1-8		- Jn 14:6-14
Thursday	- Acts 13:13-25		- Jn 13:16-20
Friday	- Acts 13:26-33		- Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	- Acts 13:44-52		- Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	- Acts 6:1-7	- 1 Pt 2:4-9	- Jn 14:1-12

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