



## *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

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

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## THE DAY OF MIDIAN

The First Reading says that when the light shines in the darkness, it will be as in the day of Midian. But what is the day of Midian? Who are the Midianites? Well, their progenitor, Midian, was an outcast. After Abraham's wife Sarah died, he took a concubine, Keturah, and had six sons with her. Midian was one of them. But God's chosen people were meant to descend from Abraham through Sarah's son Isaac. For Abraham, then, Midian and the other sons of the concubine didn't matter. So, Abraham cast out Midian and his five brothers when they were grown.

By the time, the descendants of Isaac, the Israelites, came out of Egypt in the Exodus, the Midianites were an idolatrous tribe, powerful enough to make real trouble for the Israelites. God told the Israelites to go to war with them and defeat them. But by the time of the Judges, years later, the Midianites were again strong enough to oppress the Israelites. When in the time of Judges, the Israelite champion Gideon finally defeated the Midianites, the victorious Israelites rejoiced. It could be that this victory over the Midianites is what the First Reading means by 'the day of Midian.' But there is another side of the Midianite story.

In the Exodus, the leader of the Israelites, Moses, was married to a woman who actually was one of the Midianites. (She was from the family of Kenites, who were part of the Midianite people.) All the children of Moses were therefore half-Midianite. And so, in the children of Moses, the Midianite/Kenite descendants of the concubine's son whom Abraham had cast out were woven back into the chosen people who were descended from Abraham's son Isaac.

And when the Canaanite army led by its great general Sisera came to attack the Israelites in the time of the Judges, Sisera was defeated, and the power of the Canaanite military was broken for a time, by a courageous and great-hearted Kenite woman, Jael. Sisera thought she was just an outcast Midianite. But she killed that wicked man, for love of God and God's people, while Sisera was sleeping in her tent. This victory, when those that were cast out become joyful, victorious chosen people of God, is part of the story of the day of Midian too. When the light shines in our darkness, it will be for us as in the day of Midian.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

«Convertissez-vous»

Jésus commence sa prédication avec le même message que celui de Jean Baptiste : «Convertissez-vous». Et quand Jésus aura été crucifié, Pierre à son tour reprendra ce même message. «Convertissez-vous!» Changez votre vision du monde. Se convertir c'est accepter le projet de Dieu et offrir notre collaboration à cette nouvelle vision.

Dieu a envoyé son Fils pour nous proposer une vision nouvelle, une espérance pleine d'avenir. Jésus sait que pour changer le monde, il faut que les gens changent leur vie. «Le Royaume de Dieu est tout proche» et chacun et chacune peut y accéder en se convertissant.

Il est vrai que notre monde est plein d'injustices, d'abus de pouvoir, de violence. Tout cela est le résultat de la faillite morale et spirituelle de notre monde hélas trop humain! Le péché des individus corrompt la société, car les problèmes viennent nécessairement des individus qui la composent. Jésus a vite compris cela, c'est pourquoi il nous invite à changer le monde autour de nous en nous changeant nous-mêmes : «Changez votre vie et croyez en la Bonne Nouvelle».

Nous devons devenir les yeux, les mains et le cœur de Dieu dans notre monde. St. Thérèse d'Avila disait : «Le Christ n'a pas de corps ici-bas si ce n'est le nôtre. C'est à travers nos yeux que le Christ regarde le monde avec compassion, c'est à travers nos pieds qu'il va visiter ceux et celles qui sont dans le besoin, c'est à travers nos mains qu'il bénit et soulage ceux et celles qui souffrent.» «Convertissez-vous, car le Royaume des cieux est tout proche». Il y a toujours une renonciation, un éloignement, un changement qui accompagne la conversion.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you are having a wonderful week and that you have had a chance to enjoy the sunshine after many weeks of rain. This weekend, at NDV, we continue Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) testing and we are delighted that there is so much demand for our program. If you or anyone you know is interested in transferring to NDV this year or next please email: [admissions@ndvsf.org](mailto:admissions@ndvsf.org)

God Bless,  
Sarah Currier, Principal



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SATURDAY, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

5:15 pm Gezahegne GebreWold †

**SUNDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 am Joseph Le Van Moc †

10:30 am Zenebech Tekle †

12:15 pm People of the Parish

**MONDAY, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 am For Poor Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am For Widows & Widowers

**WEDNESDAY, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Immigrants & Refugees

**THURSDAY, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Andre le Bail †

**FRIDAY, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am NDV Teachers & Students

**SATURDAY, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:15 pm Angela Gurnett †

## 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, Paul Jae Wook Koo, Fernando Orantes, Valerie Meehan, 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

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do — rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ. Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family. What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet — at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home — in other words, to live as His good stewards. And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait! In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "at once they left their nets and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first. This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do — it's who we are.



**NDV CRAB FEED – BUY TICKETS NOW:** The NDV Crab Feed will take place on Saturday, February 11 in Marist Hall (566 Bush Street). Tickets can be purchased online only at the Parish Website: [ndvsf.org](http://ndvsf.org) (no checks or cash please). Ticket prices are as follows: \$90 per person if paid before February 1 (early bird); \$95 per person if paid between February 1 and February 10; and \$100 at the door (if space is available). Raffle tickets are \$25 each with proceeds used to fund school needs. **This is an adults-only event**, with wine, beer, and a signature cocktail. Volunteers are needed to help with the event! Please contact Oliver Dunlap at [odunlap@bzbm.com](mailto:odunlap@bzbm.com) if you are available to volunteer for this fun event!

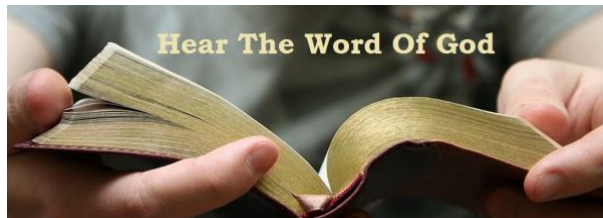
**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to request a Mass for a specific intention, please call the Parish Office at 415.397.0113 and speak to our secretary Mertenesh. Per the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the offering for a Mass request is \$10.00. If paying by check, please make the check payable to the order of **MARIST FATHERS**.



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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AT CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION:** Saturday, February 4, 2023, 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Wedding Anniversary Mass is back at the Cathedral with Archbishop Cordileone, followed by a reception. Young couples (married 5 years or less) are particularly encouraged to attend. Couples celebrating 5-year "milestone" anniversaries (5, 10, 15, 20...) will be recognized during the Mass. Register: [www.anniversarymass.info](http://www.anniversarymass.info) Suggested donation \$20/family.



### SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

January 22, 2023 – January 29, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	- Is 8:23—9:3	- 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17	- Mt 4:12-23
<b>Monday</b>	- Heb 9:15, 24-28		- Mk 3:22-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Heb 10:1-10		- Mk 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22		- Mk 16:15-18
<b>Thursday</b>	- 2 Tm 1:1-8		- Mk 4:21-25
<b>Friday</b>	- Heb 10:32-39		- Mk 4:26-34
<b>Saturday</b>	- Heb 11:1-2, 8-19		- Mk 4:35-41
<b>Sunday</b>	- Zep 2:3; 3:12-13	- 1 Cor 1:26-31	- Mt 5:1-12a



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