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### **Daily Masses**

#### **Monday - Friday**

7:00 am  
12:10 pm

#### **Saturday**

7:00 am

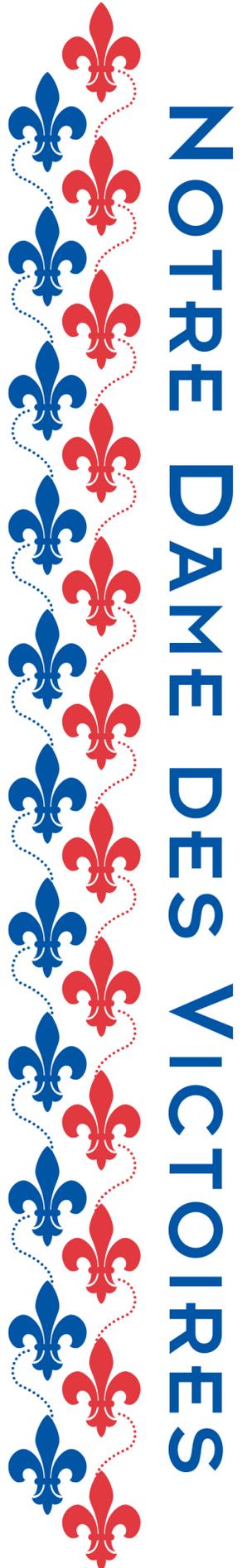
#### **Sunday Masses:**

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

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# First Sunday of Lent – March 10, 2019

## BREAD AND STONES

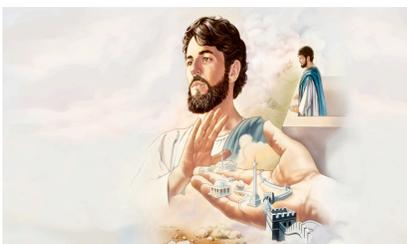
In the Gospel Reading, Jesus has not eaten for forty days in the desert and he feels the whole forty days' worth of hunger. That's a lot of hunger! Satan comes to him in the desert and urges him to turn stones into bread so that Jesus has something to eat. Now there's nothing good about hunger, and there's nothing bad about bread. On the contrary, Jesus himself commands us to pray for bread daily. Jesus' rejection of Satan's urging gives us a pattern for our lives.

And there is no question about the fact that Jesus has the power to provide bread for himself. He can turn water into wine, and he can stop being hungry by turning stones into bread. As far as that goes, Jesus himself tells us that if a son asks his father for bread, no good father will give him a stone (Lk 11:11). So Jesus could get bread from stones just by asking his Father, who is God and good, to give him bread. Why doesn't Jesus do so? And what are we to make of the line with which Jesus refuses Satan's suggestion: "people do not live by bread alone?" If I suggest that you might like some ham, what sense does it make for you to tell me that people do not live by ham alone?

Notice, though, that that line does make sense if what you are telling me is that you are full. In another Gospel, Jesus says, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matt 4:4) Jesus himself is the Word of God, and he came into the desert filled with the Spirit of God (Lk 4:1). Even though he is hungry after so long a fast, then, there is another sense in which he really is full.

Jesus' rejection of Satan's urging gives us a pattern for our lives. In our suffering, when those things we think we need in order to live are denied us, we do not have to be desperate. When we are hungry for what we do not have because our Father God has not given it, we still have the Word of God, which comes into us and can fill us. Jesus, who is the cornerstone of the Church, is our bread at the same time. And so we can be like him: full—even when, in the stony parts of our lives, we are hungry, too.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

### *Rester fidèles à notre mission*

C'est pour mettre Jésus à l'épreuve, nous dit l'évangile, que l'Esprit l'envoya dans le désert où il fut tenté par le démon pendant quarante jours. Ceci signifie que le fils de Marie est vraiment un homme dont la valeur doit être vérifiée avant qu'il ne commence la mission que le Père lui a confiée.

Allait-il se servir de son pouvoir miraculeux pour son avantage personnel? Allait-il apaiser sa faim ou proclamer le Royaume de Dieu au monde auquel il appartient? Allait-il être roi selon la sagesse des hommes ou selon celle de Dieu? Mis à l'épreuve, Jésus choisit de se nourrir de la Parole de Dieu et de faire sa volonté. Et c'est ce qu'il fera pendant toute sa vie, pas seulement pendant ces quarante jours, mais jusque dans l'ultime épreuve de la Passion. C'est pourquoi Dieu le délivre de la mort, le ressuscite et lui fait partager sa propre gloire.

Disciples de Jésus, nous devons suivre son exemple quand nous traversons diverses épreuves et que nous devons faire des choix décisifs.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you are having a wonderful weekend!

At Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires students are Active Christians, Effective Communicators, Responsible Citizens, Lifelong Learners, and Healthy Individuals. We call these five traits our School-Wide Learning Expectations (SLE's) and we foster and grow these character traits in our students as we work to support parents as the primary educators of their children. This week, we focused on student growth as Active Christians by participating in the Mass as a school.

Have a wonderful week and God Bless,  
Sarah



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **SATURDAY – VIGIL March 9<sup>TH</sup>**

5:15 pm Honorable Garr M. King †

### **SUNDAY March 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Stephen Rice †

10:30 am Georges Handras

12:15 pm James Nagle †

### **MONDAY March 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Joe O'Callaghan

12:10 pm Nasif Khoury

### **TUESDAY March 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Gladys R. Frontera

12:10 pm Nasif Khoury

### **WEDNESDAY March 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Joe O'Callaghan

12:10 pm Nasif Khoury

### **THURSDAY March 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Asrat Family

12:10 pm Julia & Martin Howard

### **FRIDAY March 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Manuel Henry

12:10 pm Nasif Khoury

### **SATURDAY March 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Vocations to Priesthood

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Fanny Alcosiba, Simone Ampillac, Monique Antolin, Jacques Arceneaux, Wondifraw Asrat,

Michael Bartholomew, Annalyn Carlos, Alexandria Christakos, Jack Flynn, Charlene Johnson, Ernie Fox, Annemarie Gallagher,

María Cerón Gamero, Yunina Graham, Georges Handras, Erich Herbitschek, Lupita Herrera, Charlene Haught Johnson, Diane Kelley, Nasif Khoury, Rose Le Bail, Matthew Lech, Lynn Leininger, Tom Leskie, Mike Leskie, Candi McMahan Lewis, Maria Lim, Jacqueline Lira,

Grant Melton, Alma and Armando Morales, Cathy Nazareno, Dyan Ocampo, Christiane Pelletier, Catherine Stoner Persais, Rev. Matthew Peters, Joan Rasby, Cathie Reece, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, Tal Soriano, Dani Stecko, Dimitrios Tsokas, Alison Williams,

Michael Wonderly, and Rosie Zedamoi



## WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Fr. George Baricar, Anna L. Bernadicou, Paul Arthur Domergue, André Fournier, Karine Jardin, Lydia A. Jewell, Barbara Charlene Johnke, Ekho Lim, Paulette Lusinci, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, Yolanda Prioto, Stephen Rice, Arlene M. Sullivan, Marcel Uharriet,

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## REMEMBER OUR SICK AND DECEASED:

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



## STATIONS of the CROSS

Each Friday during Lent, you are invited to come to the church and pray the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. The prayer service begins at 11:40 a.m. (prior to the 12:10 p.m. Mass).



**LENT:** During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-control through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446). In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics. The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

**LITTLE BLACK BOOK:** The 2019 Little Black Book for the Lenten Season are daily reflections which will be based on the Sunday Gospels for this Lent (Year C). Reflections begin March 3<sup>rd</sup> and end Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The books are now available at the entrance of the church. Let the Little Black Book be your Lenten Companion and may you receive spiritual graces through prayer and meditation.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Our parish will resume a new arrangement for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will take place on the First Friday of each month in the church from 9:00 a.m. thru 12 noon. At noon Benediction will be celebrated and the scheduled Mass will follow. The next date for adoration will be April 5, 2019. Please spread the word to other parishioners and co-workers. Come spend a time with the Eucharistic Lord in quiet meditation.

**MARDI GRAS 2019:** Many thanks to the parishioners who organized and implemented this year's Mardi Gras: Chairperson. Raul López Guerra, Food Prep, Dave Kane, Tim & Lori Sheridon, Wendy Clem and all other volunteers. Thanks also to all who participated with their attendance. May we continue to grow in our love for Notre Dame des Victoires.

*Thank you!*

**ROSARY:** We will pray the Holy Rosary every Saturday before the 5:15 pm Mass and every Sunday before the 12:15 pm Mass to honor Our Lady. The Rosary is an important devotion that honors Mary while focusing on the events in the life of Jesus Christ. Please join us in prayer. We will commence the Rosary, 25 minutes before each of the above Masses.



**COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:** This ministry is composed of people dedicated to bringing Holy Communion to the members of our parish who are homebound due to illness or infirmity, and are unable to attend Mass. In bringing communion to them the minister of communion represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. For the sick the reception of communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of support and concern shown by the Christian community for its members who are ill. The parishioner taking Holy Communion to the Sick is invited to the altar area after the sharing of communion at Mass, and sent forth by the community directly from Mass to visit those who are sick. Our parish will begin this format on the Third Sunday of March. More details and preparation will be forthcoming in the weeks to come.

**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 2019 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

March 10<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	- Dt 26:4-10	- Rom 10:8-13	- Lk 4:1-13
<b>Monday</b>	- Lv 19:1-2, 11-18		- Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Is 55:10-11		- Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Jon 3:1-10		- Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	- Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25		- Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	- Ez 18:21-28		- Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	- Dt 26:16-19		- Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday</b>	- Gn 15:5-12, 17-18	- Phil 3:17—4:1	- Lk 9:28b-36

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**DUE TO THE EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN FOR March 10<sup>th</sup>, THE ABOVE COLLECTIONS WILL BE REPORTED IN THE March 17<sup>th</sup> ISSUE.**



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