



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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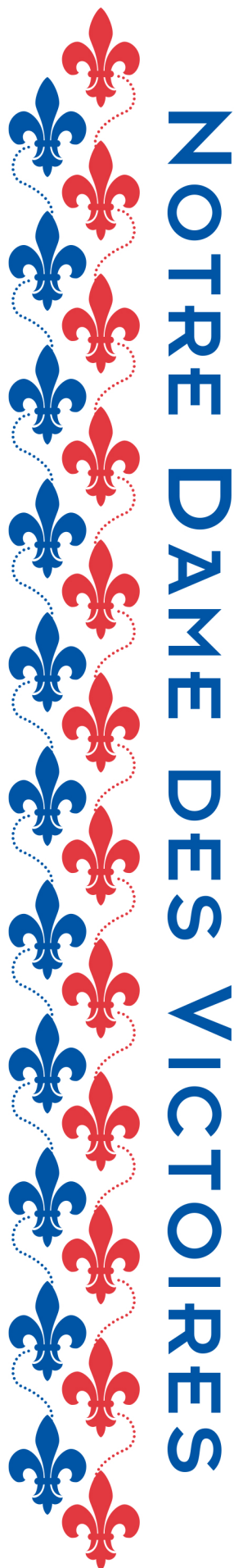
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Second Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2019

RIGHTEOUSNESS

In the First Reading, God promised Abraham that his descendants would be innumerable, and Abraham trusted him and believed the promise. God counted that trust as an act of righteousness on Abraham's part. Then God promised to give Abraham the land around him. In response, Abraham asked, "How am I to know that I will possess it?" That doesn't sound like a trusting response, does it? If you promised me that you would give me some CDs, and I said, "How do I know that you will give them to me?" you would be insulted, wouldn't you?

If you were actually willing to honor my question, then you might try to allay my skepticism in some way. But here is what God did. He had Abraham sacrifice some animals, and then he sent Abraham a terrifying darkness and a vision of fire over the sacrifice. While Abraham was having that vision, God reiterated his promise to Abraham and developed it: God promised to give Abraham the land and told Abraham that his descendants would live in it. How is this response supposed to allay Abraham's skepticism? It consists just in a repetition of the original promise together with some fireworks—a fearful darkness and a display of power over Abraham's sacrifice.

It is as if, in answer to my skepticism about your promise of CDs, you were to say to me, "I promise you that you will really get them! And I am powerful enough to make things happen." But what was in doubt was my reliability to keep my promises, not my power to do so. God's response to Abraham's doubt is like this. Even with the fireworks in the vision, it still requires Abraham to trust God in just the way he wasn't willing to do when he asked, "How do I know that you will give them to me?" What is the point of God's response then? In fact, what is the point of God's making the promise of the land in the first place? If God wants Abraham to have this land, why doesn't God just give it to him now?

The answer to all the questions is implicit in the answer to that last question. God wasn't trying to be Abraham's real estate agent. He was trying to develop a relationship with Abraham. But that relationship required trust in God on Abraham's part. And trust in God came hard to Abraham. No sooner had he managed it, and gotten credit with God for it, then he lost it again, as the story makes clear. Notice, though, how precious Abraham's trust was to God when Abraham finally did manage it: God counted it for righteousness. When we lament our sins and long for righteousness, this is a good story to remember.

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Rayonner de la lumière de Dieu

L'amour reçu ou donné transparait et devient pour ceux qui en sont témoins un moment de lumière. Il suffit de voir le visage d'une maman à qui son enfant remet le jour de la fête des mères le cadeau qu'il avait préparé en cachette.

C'est ainsi que je comprends la scène que nous décrit aujourd'hui l'évangile : Jésus est transfiguré, il devient « tout autre », resplendissant de l'amour que le Père éprouve pour son « Fils bien-aimé ». Son visage et ses vêtements prennent la couleur de Dieu car la lumière qui l'habite éclate au grand jour, manifestant sur terre la présence de l'amour divin.

Certes, son Fils n'échappera pas à la souffrance et à la mort, mais en laissant entrevoir à ses apôtres un aspect de son mystère qui leur était voilé jusqu'ici, Jésus leur révèle qu'ils devront vaincre les ténèbres pour atteindre la lumière.

A notre baptême, nous avons reçu du Christ un rayon de sa lumière en acceptant de faire partie de son Eglise. Mais nous avons aussi reçu un message à transmettre : laisser entrevoir autour de nous la beauté de Dieu, répandre sa joie et son amour. Durant ce temps de Carême, sachons faire découvrir aux autres, par nos paroles et surtout par nos actes, la lumière du Christ ressuscité.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you are having a wonderful week and that you have been able to enjoy some sunshine!

Last weekend the 8th grade students, their teachers, and I went on a retreat to reflect on their experiences as a class and to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was rainy but absolutely beautiful! Please pray for our 8th graders as they prepare for their musical, their graduation, their high school acceptance letters, and their Confirmation.

God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY – VIGIL March 16TH

5:15 pm Gary Ginder †

SUNDAY March 17th

7:30 am Tal Soriano †

9:00 am Chiyoko Matsubara † &
Zigmas Zalepulga †

10:30 am Intentions of Pope Francis

12:15 pm For the People of the Parish

MONDAY March 18th

7:00 am Victims of Sexual Abuse

12:10 pm Missionaries

TUESDAY March 19th

7:00 am For the Incarcerated

12:10 pm Tom Sebestad †

WEDNESDAY March 20th

7:00 am Paul Swisher †

12:10 pm For the Children of the World

THURSDAY March 21st

7:00 am Gezahegne Gebrewold †

12:10 pm Bishop Leonardus Dobbelaar, CM †

FRIDAY March 22nd

7:00 am Vocations to Religious Life

12:10 pm Molly Carbone †

SATURDAY March 23rd

7:00 am Single Mothers

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, Maria Cerón Gamero, Yunina Graham, Georges Handras, Erich Herbitschek, Lupita Herrera, Charlene Haught Johnson, Diane Kelley, Rose Le Bail, Matthew Lech, Lynn Leininger, Tom Leskie, Mike Leskie, Candi McMahan Lewis, Maria Lim, Jacqueline Lira, Cármen López, 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. Bernadicon, Paul Arthur Domergue, André Fournier, Karine Jardin, Lydia A. Jewell, Barbara Charlene Johnke, Ekho Lim, Paulette Lusinch, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, Yolanda Prioto, Stephen Rice, Arlene M. Sullivan, Marcel Uharriet

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: Fasting from meat on Fridays is part of our Catholic tradition. It's a way to live in the simplicity and humility that Jesus offers us. **Growing in simplicity for Lent is a gift of the spirit. We now know that it's also a way to sustainably inhabit our place in God's creation.** Many of us enjoy meat, and we're grateful for the farming families who make our meals possible. Focusing our diets on plant-based meals and enjoying meat as an occasional treat is a sustainable way of living in our common home. It's a surprising fact that cattle ranching is the leading cause of deforestation in Brazil's Amazon, and across Latin America—in Brazil, cattle ranching is responsible for approximately 80% of all deforestation. **This land is often taken illegally from indigenous people.** It also surprises many people to learn that meat production is a major contributor to climate change. **Weaving foods that protect creation into our diets is a way to love our neighbors, love that's needed now more than ever. Adding plant-based meals to our diets is an invitation to honor our Lenten tradition and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 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. You can sign up for a time to visit the Blessed Sacrament on our website at; ndvsf.org Please click the icon: Sign Up For An Adoration Time and follow directions. God bless.

ROSARY: We will pray the Holy Rosary every Saturday before the 5:15 pm Mass and every Sunday before the 12:15 pm Mass. 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 17th – March 24th, 2019

Sunday	- Gn 15:5-12, 17-18	- Phil 3:17—4:1	- Lk 9:28b-36
Monday	- Dn 9:4b-10		- Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	- 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	- Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22	- Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Wednesday	- Jer 18:18-20		- Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	- Jer 17:5-10		- Lk 16:19-31
Friday	- Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a		- Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	- Mi 7:14-15, 18-20		- Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	- Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15	- 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12	- Lk 13:1-9

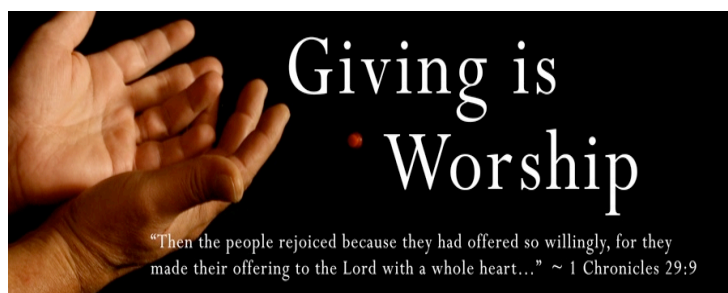
SUNDAY COLLECTION: March 2nd and March 3rd, 2019

Church Basket:	\$1,520.18
On-Line Giving:	\$1,542.00
TOTAL:	\$3,062.18

ASH WEDNESDAY – March 6th, 2019: \$1,285.64

SUNDAY COLLECTION: March 9th and March 10th, 2019

Church Basket:	\$1,312.41
On-Line Giving:	\$120.00
TOTAL:	\$1,432.41



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