



### 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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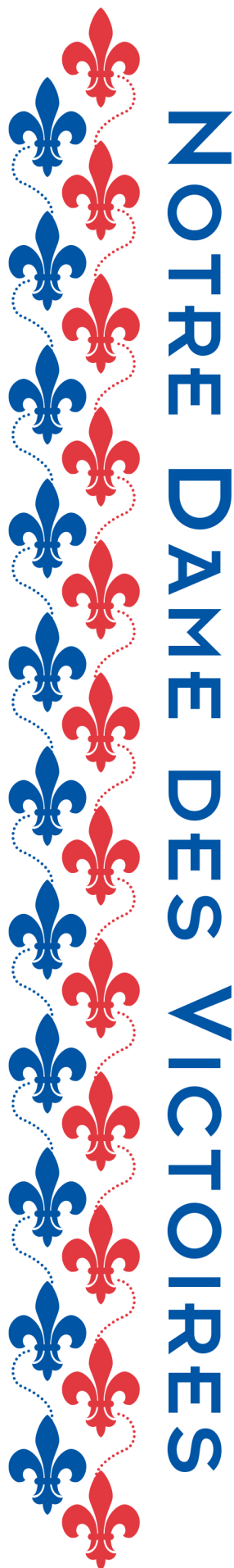
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# Third Sunday of Lent – March 24, 2019

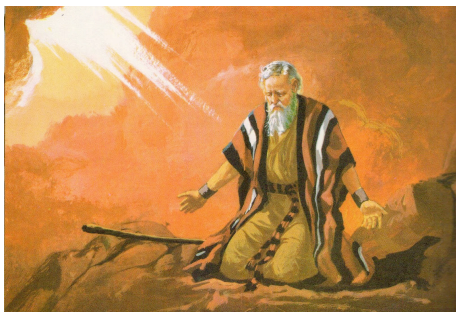
## HOW ABOUT BREAD?

In the First Reading, God promises Moses and the Israelites a land flowing with milk and honey. We are so used to the description of the land in God's promise to Moses that it doesn't mean anything to us anymore. We just hear "land flowing with milk and honey." But if we stop to think about it, the land promised is funny. Milk and honey are no doubt very good things, but the first thing to see about them is that neither one of them is a product of agriculture. You don't grow milk or honey. Milk comes from animals, who eat grass, which doesn't grow as fast as they eat it. So if you are getting milk, you are on the move constantly, getting fresh pasture for the animals. And that means that the honey doesn't come from bee farms. You can't both move with the cattle and stay put with the bee hives. The honey of the Promised Land must then come from wild bee hives. When you find one, you get honey. When you don't, you don't.

So the good things of this Promised Land are not things you get for yourself by farming. You are dependent on the animals for the milk, which they produce for their offspring, when the offspring can't feed themselves. And the honey comes to you by chance, when you happen to find it. The milk and honey of the Promised Land, then, are things that bring home to people their dependence and vulnerability. And here's the other thing to notice: you can't live on milk and honey. Honey is more nearly dessert than dinner. And milk may be the perfect food in some nutritionist sense; but only babies can live just on milk. Adults need more than milk.

What kind of Promised Land is this then? You get the good things of it by dependence and chance; and even when you are lucky, you are still missing the main part of what you need to live. What is missing in this promised land is bread. And so here's the point. The Promised Land is worth yearning for. But ultimately, our bread comes from him. In Christ, God himself is our bread.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

### *En nous créant, Dieu a pris un risque*

Dans la parabole du figuier qui ne produit aucun fruit pendant des années, Jésus nous présente Dieu comme un jardinier tolérant. Il espère que plus tard cet arbre deviendra productif et il nous invite à appliquer cet exemple à nous-mêmes.

Le Christ en profite pour rectifier les fausses images de Dieu qui étaient communes à cette époque et que l'on peut encore trouver de nos jours, quand on l'accuse d'être à l'origine des catastrophes naturelles avec l'intention de punir les pécheurs.

Devant le malheur et la souffrance, il est normal de se poser des questions : si Dieu veut notre bonheur, pourquoi tolère-t-il les calamités, la violence et la guerre ? Pour Jésus, la vraie question que nous devrions nous poser est celle-ci : Que dois-je faire pour aider les autres et soulager leurs malheurs ? Qu'est-ce que je dois changer en moi pour que ma vie soit conforme à la volonté du Seigneur ? Au lieu d'attendre que quelqu'un le fasse à ma place, au lieu de reprocher au Gouvernement de ne pas faire ceci ou cela, voyons ce que nous pouvons faire nous-mêmes, et sans attendre, car il est limité le temps dont nous disposons pour prouver que nous nous aimons les uns les autres.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you had a wonderful week and that your Lenten journey has been filled with peace and prayer!

This week, NDV middle school students won 1st place in the Mercy Burlingame Science Fair! We are so proud of our students! We also celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph on Tuesday to honor the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange who staffed our school when it was founded in 1924.

Thank you for your support of the NDV Book Fair! It was a huge success.

We thank you for your continued prayers and support,  
God Bless,  
Sarah, Principal



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **SATURDAY – VIGIL March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

5:15 pm Erica & Edward Hernandez

### **SUNDAY March 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am Funete Tegene †

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Georges Handras

12:15 pm Tesfayesus Asrat †

### **MONDAY March 25<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Tony Duane †

12:10 pm Earl Victor Gritton, Jr †

### **TUESDAY March 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Pitie O'Rourke

12:10 pm Paul Monahan †

### **WEDNESDAY March 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Tewabech Dobale †

12:10 pm Benefactors of NDV

### **THURSDAY March 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Shiferaw Habte †

12:10 pm Children with Cancer

### **FRIDAY March 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Deceased Marist †

12:10 pm Deceased Parishioners †

### **SATURDAY March 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph †

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Fanny Alcosiba, Simone Ampillac, Monique Antolin, Jacques Arceneaux, Wondifraw Asrat, Michael Bartholomew, Annalyn Carlos, Alexandria Christakos, Patty Espiritu, 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, Carmen 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, Dani Stecko, Dimitrios Tsokas, Alison Williams, Michael Wonderly, and Rosie Zedamoi.



## WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Fr. George Baricar, Anna L. Bernadico, 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:** Lent is the perfect time to form new life-giving habits and abandon old self-destructive habits. But most of us just give up chocolate. Then, when Easter arrives, we realize we really haven't grown spiritually since the beginning of Lent. Giving things up can help us to have a meaningful Lent, but that's not what Lent is really all about. Lent is about doing something—something bold to become a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, neighbor, etc. What if this year you did more than just give up something during Lent? Do something life-changing.



**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](http://ndvsf.org). Please click the icon: Sign Up For An Adoration Time and follow directions. God bless.



**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:** Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**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.

**HOSPITALITY:** The Hospitality team is looking for volunteers. We are responsible for offering food and beverages and providing a warm welcome to parishioners and visitors in the church hall after Sunday Masses. If interested in helping, please contact Wendy Clem at: [wendy@wendyclem.com](mailto:wendy@wendyclem.com) or call the Parish Office. Thanks for the support.



**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**.

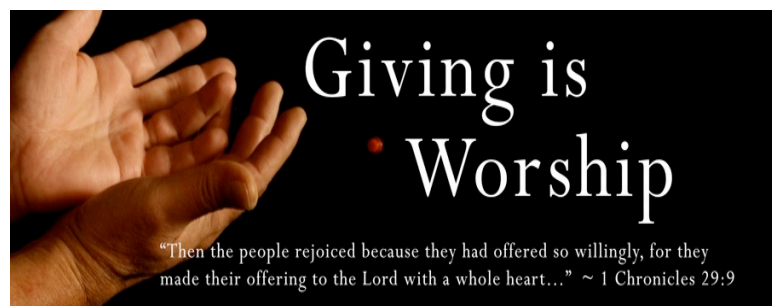
## SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

March 24<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	- Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15	- 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12	- Lk 13:1-9
<b>Monday</b>	- Is 7:10-14; 8:10	- Heb 10:4-10	- Lk 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Dn 3:25, 34-43		- Mt 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Dt 4:1, 5-9		- Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday</b>	- Jer 7:23-28		- Lk 11:14-23
<b>Friday</b>	- Hos 14:2-10		- Mk 12:28-34
<b>Saturday</b>	- Hos 6:1-6		- Lk 18:9-14
<b>Sunday</b>	- Jos 5:9a, 10-12	- 2 Cor 5:17-21	- Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## SUNDAY COLLECTION: March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Church Basket:	\$1,156.61
On-Line Giving:	\$583.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,739.61</b>



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