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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

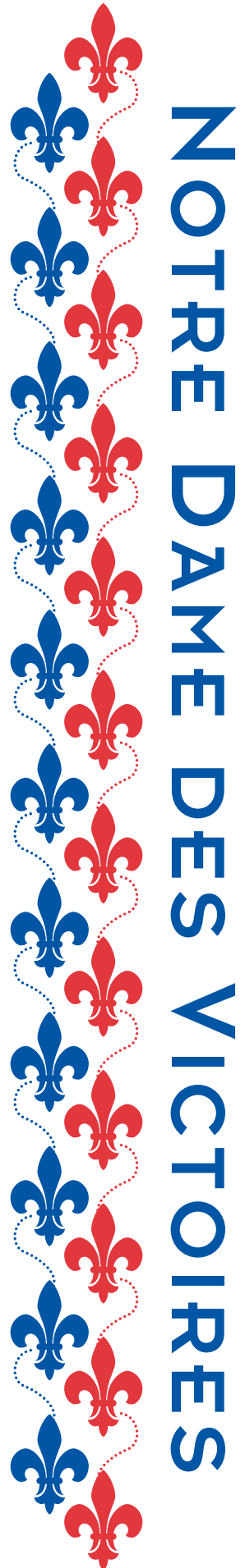
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before each weekday Mass

Every Saturday from

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Our Lady of Victories Church and School community founded to serve French Immigrant Catholics; serving God's people; proud of our past; living our today



Third Sunday Of Advent – December 13, 2020

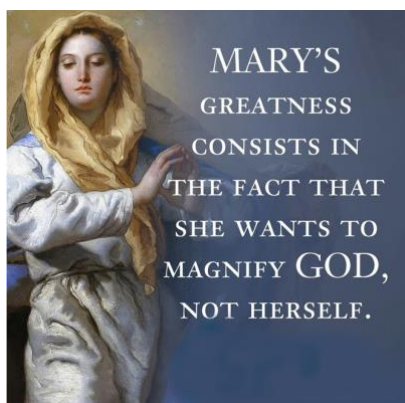
JOY IN THE LORD

“I rejoice heartily in the Lord,” the prophet says in the First Reading. And why wouldn’t he? He has glad tidings. The poor will be taken care of, the brokenhearted will be healed, the captives will be freed, and the prisoners will be released. Who would not rejoice in these things? As the winter dark and cold encroach on our days, and the birth of the baby Jesus draws near, we hear these beautiful words everywhere. But the problem is that, for many people, this is a time of depression, not of joy.

And why? Well, because the poor are still poor; people are brokenhearted; and the captives and prisoners are not released. The bank forecloses on the house of a person who has lost his job; a friend is treacherous; a spouse succumbs to alcoholism. What has happened to the promise of the beautiful words? How is joy possible? The answer lies in Mary’s words in the Magnificat. “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,” she says. Does anyone think that she took these words back when she stood by the cross as her son was crucified?

How can Mary maintain the words of the Magnificat even at the foot of the cross? The answer is that the greatest love of the Lord was there. The words of joy that Mary spoke, before the Lord was born, are only more true in the suffering she bears at his cross. His love does not take away her suffering at his crucifixion. How could it? But her suffering is enveloped in his great love, and so it is transfigured. Joy in the Lord is compatible with waiting for the final redemption from our suffering and our sin because Christ is Emanuel, God with us. Even now, because his love suffuses all our suffering, our souls can proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and our spirits can rejoice in God. Our Lord transfigures the suffering of our lives in his love

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Savoir poser la question essentielle

« Qui es-tu ? » demandent les Juifs à Jean qui prêche la conversion, annonce la venue du Messie et les invite à se faire baptiser dans le Jourdain. Ils se rendent compte qu’il n’est pas un homme comme les autres mais un envoyé de Dieu. Pourtant peu d’entre eux écouteront son message.

« Qui es-tu ? » demanderont plus tard les gens en voyant Jésus chasser les vendeurs du Temple, pardonner les péchés et parler de Dieu comme de son propre Père. Ils ont raison de poser cette question ; cependant, même en voyant les miracles qu’il accomplit, ils refuseront de le suivre.

« Qui es-tu ? » voilà la question que nous devons aussi nous poser au moment d’accueillir l’Enfant-Dieu dans la crèche. Un souvenir attendri de mon enfance bercée par les chants de Noël ?... Un personnage du passé qui a fait son temps en ce siècle qui voit éclore tant de nouvelles religions ?... ou une voix qui est la Parole vivante du Dieu vivant ?... A chacun et chacune d’entre nous d’entendre la question de Jésus et de prendre la décision qui s’impose.

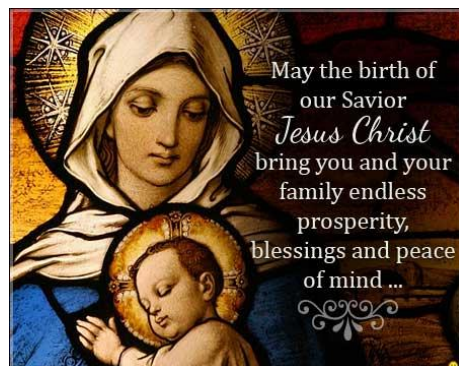
Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

May God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light.

Amen



God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal



**ALL MASSES WILL BE PRIVATE
MASSES**

SUNDAY December 13th

9:00 am Marianne Hayes Morrisey †

10:30 am Richard “Lee” Ethier †

MONDAY December 14th

7:00 am Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

TUESDAY December 15th

7:00 am For the People of the Church

WEDNESDAY December 16th

7:00 am Belete GebreWold - Birthday

THURSDAY December 17th

7:00 am Mary Ellen McPhillips †

FRIDAY December 18th

7:00 am Manuel Henry - Needs

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Monique Antolin, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Odette Etcheverry, Benjamin Haller, Lupita Herrera, Carmen López, Patrick Maher, Maria Manley, Grant Melton, Brook Mesfin, Askale Munga, Mary Jo Onopa, Roberta Renzi, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, and Rosie Zedamoi.



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Alphonse Acheritogaray, Jacqueline Archieri, Pete Arendt, Fr. George Baricar, Anna L. Bernadico, Kenfe-Michael Betheslannie, Claire Casabonne, Denise Carrade, Madeleine Constant, Jeannette Cornu, Magdalena Cravotto, Yvonne Delclaux, Mark Fischer, Jeannette Ganem, Georges Handras, Barbara J. Higgins, Charlene Haught Johnson, Nasif Khoury, Ekho Lim, Lynn Leininger, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, Odette LePendu, Mary Orley, Christiane Pelletier, Bernard Picard, Rolande E. Pottier, Yolanda Prioto, Juliette Puts, Stephen Rice, Mary Jo Stechschulte, Dimitrios Tsokas.

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.

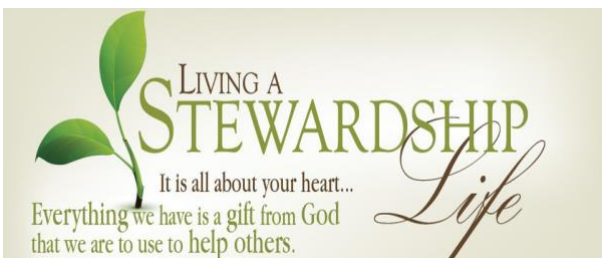


We have reopened our Masses as of October 4th. We will have 3 Masses celebrated on Sundays: 9:00 am (English), 10:30 am (French), 12:15 pm (English). We recommend that you sign up to attend any of these celebrations. You can sign up on our Parish Website (web address above). Your reserved space will be kept until 5 minutes before the start of Mass. Please arrive on time. For those who are unable to participate in public worship, you can continue to participate in a live stream of our Sunday Parish Masses. Please click on the link on our Parish Website: ndvsf.org for Sunday's Live Stream Masses. Mass will begin at 9 a.m. The Mass will also be recorded and you can access the liturgy at a later time. God Bless.

As we celebrate as a community in our Parish Church, may the Lord bless and protect each of us.



NDV SCHOOL is OPEN! Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires is a Catholic Elementary & Middle School with grades Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through eighth grade. Our co-ed school features strong academics and enrichment classes including art, technology, and music, and daily French instruction located in the heart of downtown San Francisco. Please contact the Director of Admissions by email admissions@ndvsf.org to schedule a tour.



Third Sunday of Advent

The theme of “Rejoicing in the Lord” links today’s Scripture passages. In Isaiah’s prophecy he declares, *The spirit of the Lord is upon me ... I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.* In today’s Gospel from St. John, John the Baptist witnesses to the Light that is Jesus; that through Christ, all people may believe. The evangelist St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Thessalonians, encourages them, and us, to *rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks; such is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.* How do we, as the Lord’s disciples, respond in thanksgiving for this tremendous gift: our life in Christ Jesus? Before retiring to sleep each night, take a few moments to acknowledge in prayerful gratitude to the Lord five blessings bestowed upon you this day.

2020 NDV JESSE TREE PROGRAM: This Advent, please join NDV in gifting to children and teens in our local community who need support. NDV is partnering with the not-for-profit organization, Hamilton Families. This local partner is working hard to prevent homelessness in San Francisco. Within the COVID 19 context, the church would like to support this group virtually. Please consider gifting through its Amazonsmile [Transitional Housing Wishlist](#). Please see the simple instructions below to participate:

1. Click through the [Amazonsmile Transitional Housing Wishlist](#).
2. 'Add to cart' the Wishlist item you'd like to gift to Hamilton Families and 'Proceed to checkout'.
3. Select 'The Hamilton Family Center's Gift Registry Address' shipping address. The gift will ship directly to this organization!
4. Proceed to pay for your item, add your payment method, 'place your order' and you're complete!



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.**

ON-LINE GIVING: During the COVID-19, our Masses have been suspended. We suggest that you consider making your donations on line. 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. And it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at ndvsf.org and select the Online Giving link. Click on Create New Account and follow directions to set up your account. Thank you for your generosity.



SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK			
December 13, 2020 – December 20, 2020			
Sunday	- Is 61:1-2a, 10-11	- 1 Thes 5:16-24	- Jn 1:6-8, 1-28
Monday	- Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a		- Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	- Zep 3:1-2, 9-13		- Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	- Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25		- Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	- Gn 49:2, 8-10		- Mt 1:1-17
Friday	- Jer 23:5-8		- Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	- Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a		- Lk 1:5-25
Sunday	- 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	- Rom 16:25-27	- Lk 1:26-38

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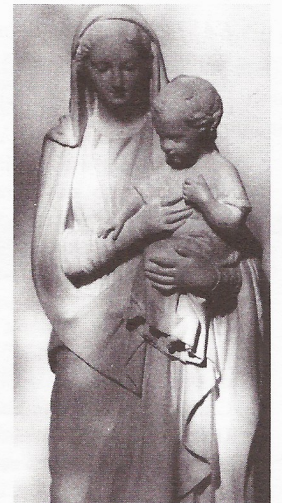


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the Church and the world

In the community
which bears her name



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