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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

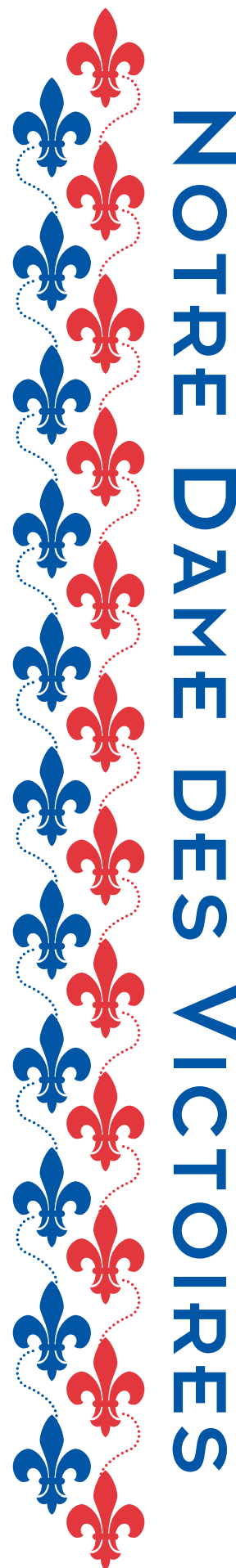
#### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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# Fourth Sunday Of Advent – December 20, 2020

## THE BUILDING IS GOD'S

By the time of the First Reading, David is King. He has won a lot of victories, and he is rich and prosperous too. His house is built of wood and stones. But the ark of God is housed only in a tent. David thought about the fact that God had only a tent while he, the King, had a real house; and so, he made a decision to build a house for God too. He made it his responsibility to take care of God, you might say.

And God laughed at him. God told David, "I will build *you* a house!" And so, he did. The Son of God, born of David's lineage, is that house. The kingly line of David's lineage finds its everlasting fulfillment in Christ. And every Christian finds a home there, too, in the body of Christ that is the Church. David's son Solomon did eventually build a house for the ark of God in Jerusalem, and it was magnificent. But any earthly building, even the great temple in Jerusalem, is puny by comparison with the house that God built for David and for all God's people in Christ the Lord.

David did well to revere the ark of God, just as we do well to revere the Church. But it was foolish of David to feel that it was his responsibility to care for God. God wants our love, but he does not need our protection. Without our help, God is still, himself, Lord of heaven and earth. Like David, we can love the holy things of God, and we can give our service to God's Church. But it is not our responsibility to make the Church big, strong, and successful. If we think that God's church, or anything built for God, will lose, and go down without our building it up, we will be as foolish as David in the first Reading. The building is God's.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

### *Une simple femme que Dieu a choisie*

Les vitrines des magasins brillent de mille feux, le grand sapin installé à Union Square attire les foules, mais nous sommes conviés dans un petit village de Galilée ou, dans le silence, Marie reçoit cette annonce mystérieuse de devenir la mère du Sauveur.

Instant grandiose où Dieu s'engage concrètement dans notre histoire : en cet enfant, il prend chair, il devient l'un de nous. Peut-on imaginer une alliance plus étroite et plus complète ? Dans celui qui va naître, toutes les promesses qui avaient nourri pendant des siècles l'espérance du peuple d'Israël trouvent leur plein accomplissement.

Et c'est à travers le « OUI » d'une jeune femme que cette alliance prend chair. Dans les gestes que Marie accomplira quotidiennement pour aider son fils à grandir, à s'épanouir, elle répondra au dessein de Dieu qui veut que le peuple choisi, auquel tous les deux appartiennent, donne place désormais à un nouveau peuple de Dieu : en ce sens, Marie est bien Mère de L'Église.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you are having a Blessed Advent Season and that your preparations for Christmas are joy-filled! We have had a wonderful December at NDV and are currently on Christmas Break through the New Year.

You will be in our thoughts and prayers this Christmas Season and we are grateful for yours.

God Bless,  
Sarah Currier, Principal



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**ALL MASSES WILL BE PRIVATE  
MASSES**

### **SUNDAY December 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am James Donnelly †

10:30 am Richard "Lee" Ethier †

### **MONDAY December 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 am Gezahegne GebreWold †

### **TUESDAY December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 am For the People of the Church

### **WEDNESDAY December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 am Jean Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

### **FRIDAY December 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Edward Kelly †

10:30 am Charlene Haught Johnson †

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Monique Antolin, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Odette Etcheverry, Benjamin Haller, Lupita Herrera, Cármen López, Patrick Maher, Maria Manley, Grant Melton, Brook Mesfin, Askale Munga, Mary Jo Onopa, Robert Potter, 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 Beth-Selassie, 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:

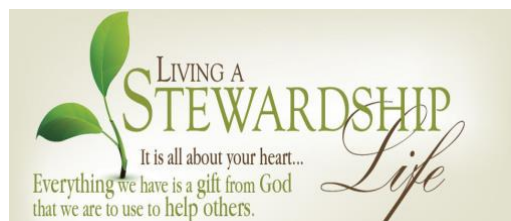
Please note starting next week we will automatically remove anyone who has been on this list over a year unless we are notified not to remove. Thank you for your understanding.



### Christmas Day Table Prayer

Lord God of Life,  
 together with the beautiful traditions  
 of decorating the Christmas tree,  
 of singing carols and giving gifts,  
 this Christmas dinner is an important part  
 of our celebration of the birth  
 of our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
 Come, Lord our God,  
 and surround our feast day table  
 as we delight in this joyous season of Christmas.  
 Gift us in this meal with the taste of happiness  
 as we savor this coming together  
 of family and friends.  
 As sparkling stars and singing angels rejoiced  
 at the birth of the Christ Child in Bethlehem,  
 so may we take great joy  
 in this our Christmas dinner-celebration.  
 May You, our God, bless it and us  
 in Your holy name. Amen.

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:** Our Christmas Masses will be lived streamed. You have been sent a Flock Note to connect to the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. French Mass. You can also visit our parish’s website at: [ndvsf.org](http://ndvsf.org) to connect to the Masses. For your convenience, the Masses will be available all day. Because of the COVID-19 lockdown, there will be no indoor public Masses.



### Fourth Sunday of Advent

In today’s Scripture passages from Second Samuel and the Gospel from the evangelist St. Luke, God pledges that the line of David will be everlasting. Nathan’s prophecy to David foreshadows our Blessed Virgin Mary’s acceptance of God’s eternal plan of salvation. In the Gospel, the archangel Gabriel declares to Mary, *The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.* The Messiah would be conceived in her womb and born of the house of David. The Virgin Mary fully embraces God’s call and gives all to do His will. Are we, as Advent stewards, prepared to pay the price of faith-filled discipleship by following Mary’s example? One way to deepen our personal relationship with Christ is through the daily reciting the Rosary.

### CALIFORNIA BISHOPS ISSUE POSITIVE STATEMENT ON VACCINES

On December 3, the Catholic bishops of California issued a statement saying that the imminent Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are morally acceptable. The bishops committed the California Catholic Conference to working with Catholic health care ministries and Catholic Charities to promote and encourage COVID-19 vaccinations in collaboration with state and local governments and other entities. Archbishop Cordileone said, “I join my brother bishops in welcoming the news that safe, effective vaccines against the COVID-19 virus will soon be available. Together, we bishops **affirm that the imminent Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are morally acceptable, and we encourage everyone to receive the vaccine when it becomes available.**”

**VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER, MENLO PARK:** Find an island of peace in a world of crazy. Vallombrosa Retreat Center invites you to come and enjoy a moment of repose from today’s COVID world. Private single rooms are available, with business-class Wi-Fi and a writing desk, an en suite restroom, access to gardens, and, if you wish, Spiritual Direction. Or maybe you just need a break from the house, children, and spouse to write a few e-mails and reflect. The atmosphere is prayerful and mindful; the setting is ten acres of lovely gardens; nestled in the quiet neighborhood of Nativity Church and Corpus Christi Monastery. A “day retreat” is a peaceful time away from home, with your private room to yourself from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, for a single day or for more days, up to a full five-day week. Also available is an “overnight retreat” for a minimum of three nights. There may be other ways that Vallombrosa can accommodate your needs, so you are invited to reach out and inquire. Please contact: *Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park - David Leech at 650-325-5614 or [davidl@vallombrosa.org](mailto:davidl@vallombrosa.org)*

**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](http://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 20, 2020 – December 27, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	- 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	- Rom 16:25-27	- Lk 1:26-38
<b>Monday</b>	- Sg 2:8-14		- Lk 1:39-45
<b>Tuesday</b>	- 1 Sm 1:24-28		- Lk 1:46-56
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Mal 3:1-4, 23-24		- Lk 1:57-66
<b>Thursday</b>	- 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a 16		- Lk 1:67-79
<b>Friday</b>	- Is 52:7-10	- Heb 1:1-6	- Jn 1:1-18
<b>Saturday</b>	- Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59		- Mt 10:17-22
<b>Sunday</b>	- Sir 3:2-6, 12-14	- Col 3:12-21	- Lk 2:22-40

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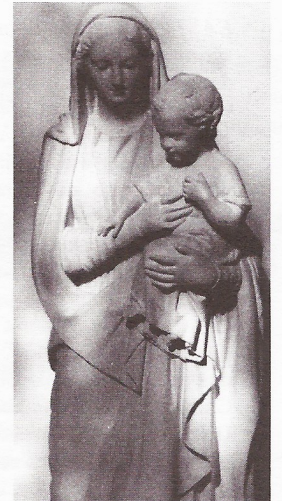


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which bears her name



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