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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

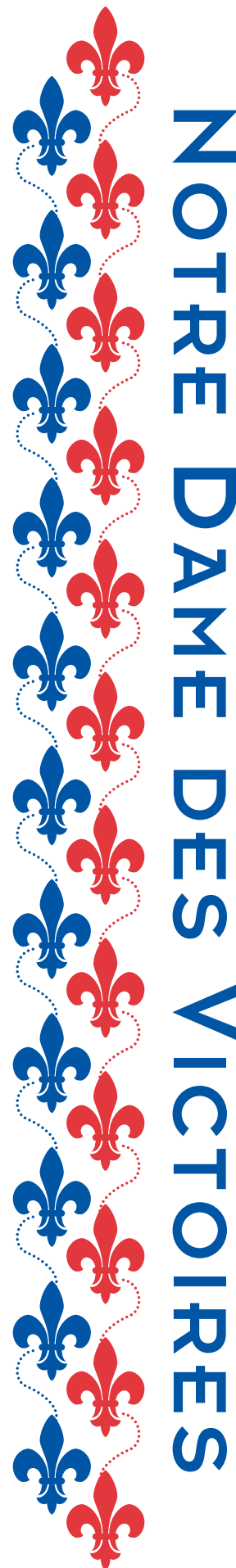
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Second Sunday Of Advent – December 6, 2020

COMFORT

In the First Reading, the prophet reports a command given by God: 'Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God!' In the sorrows of life, who does not long for comfort? Who would not melt with gratitude at the tender comfort of God? But what is comfort? Sometimes what we want is just what the good shepherd gives his lost sheep. We do not want to walk along the road of our life to the Lord. We want God to carry us.

But a child that is carried all the time will never learn to walk, to leap and run. That child, weak enough already to have to be carried, will get only weaker as the carrying goes on. And comfort is not a matter of giving weakness. It is a matter of giving strength—strength for walking, even over very rough roads. In fact, the “-fort” in “comfort” comes from the Latin word for “strong.” The “com-” in “comfort” is from the Latin word for “with.” To give comfort to someone is to lend him some of your strength. He is more able to stand on his own feet and walk because you are with him.

But what is the comfort of God? Where is it? How do we find it? The Gospel says that Christ baptizes his own with the Holy Spirit. Because of this baptism, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within each person who comes to Christ. That is why no one who comes to Christ and receives his baptism of the Holy Spirit walks the wild and rocky road of life alone. God is so much with him that, in the person of the Holy Spirit, God is within him. If God is for us, even within us, who can be against us? This is strength indeed. And so, no wonder that the other name for the Holy Spirit is “the Comforter.”

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Dans le désert, une parole d'espérance

Le mot « désert » évoque un grand espace de sable, de dunes et de grande chaleur, comme celui où Saint-Exupéry a rencontré le Petit Prince. C'est aussi un lieu de silence et de prière où l'on se retire pour rencontrer Dieu en plénitude comme ce fut le cas pour Charles de Foucauld.

Ces jours-ci, malgré le bruit des centres commerciaux et de la publicité omniprésente, nous sommes invités à chercher un peu de silence pour entendre la voix du prophète Isaïe ou celle de Jean-Baptiste qui ramènent à l'essentiel, à Dieu. S'il y a des obstacles sur notre route, le Seigneur ne nous abandonne pas, il a toujours pour nous de nouveaux horizons qu'il nous faut découvrir.

Plus que jamais nous avons besoin d'aller au désert et d'y entendre cette voix d'espérance **qui nous dit de préparer le chemin du Seigneur, de nous convertir, afin d'accueillir la Bonne Nouvelle : DIEU s'est fait l'un de nous, il est venu parmi nous pour nous guider jusqu'au terme de notre marche, chez son Père.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I wish you a blessed Advent and hope that your prayerful preparations for the coming of Christ bring you joy this holiday season.

Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires is participated in Giving Day on December 1st! Thank you for donating to our school to support teacher scholarships, install air conditioning units, offset the cost of operating in a pandemic, increase security, and expand technology. If you would like to see the results or add a donation please visit: givingday.ndvsf.org

Thank you for your generosity!
God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

ALL MASSES WILL BE PRIVATE MASSES

SUNDAY December 6th

9:00 am Maria Lam †

10:30 am Marianne Hayes Morrisey †

MONDAY December 7th

7:00 am Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

TUESDAY December 8th

7:00 am For the People of the Church

WEDNESDAY December 9th

7:00 am Jacqueline Archieri †

THURSDAY December 10th

7:00 am Gus Schinderle †

FRIDAY December 11th

7:00 am Gladys R. Frontera - 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, 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 Stechsulte, 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In our First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, he announces, A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist echoes these words through St. John the Baptist. Jesus' cousin announces, a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in preparation of One mightier than I is coming after me. The Baptist goes on to state, I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with Holy Spirit. What a tremendous gift! St. Peter further instructs us to prepare ourselves to meet the Lord. During this Advent season, are we being faith-filled stewards by asking the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts, minds, and souls — to seek a closer union with God as we ready ourselves for Christmas? Then, in turn, share Christ's joy and peace with our family members.

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 6, 2020 – December 13, 2020

Sunday	- Is 40:1-5, 9-11	- 2 Pt 3:8-14	- Mk 1:1-8
Monday	- Is 35:1-10		- Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	- Gn 3:9-15, 20	- Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	- Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	- Is 40:25-31		- Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	- Is 41:13-20		- Mt 11:11-15
Friday	- Is 48:17-19		- Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	- Zec 2:14-17		- Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	- Is 61:1-2a, 10-11	- 1 Thes 5:16-24	- Jn 1:6-8, 1-28

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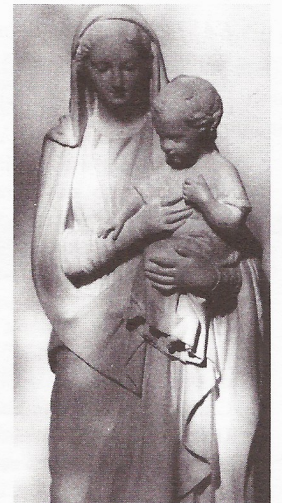


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In the community
which bears her name



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