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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

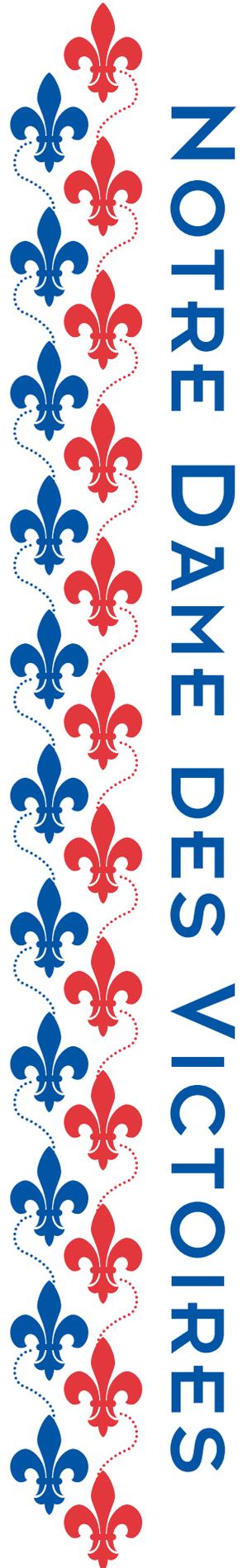
#### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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



# The Presentation of The Lord – February 2, 2020

## FREEDOM

The Second Reading says that Christ freed those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their lives. But what is that slavery? And how does fear of death produce it? For that matter, what is it to be free? Well, if I lock you in the basement, you aren't free to go where you want to go. Freedom is a matter of doing what *you yourself* want to do.

But then there has to be just *one* of you if you are to be free. If you want desperately to stop smoking and you also really want to smoke, then whether you smoke or don't smoke, you aren't doing what *you* want to do. There are *two* of you, we might say, when you are divided against yourself in this way. Fear can make a person divide against himself in this way. When Franz Stangl was first assigned to oversee a euthanasia clinic for the Nazis, he didn't want to be involved in the killing. But he was afraid of what he would lose if he didn't do as he was told. So he took the job and tried to hide from himself what he was doing. Out of fear, he willed to do what he himself didn't want to do.

Fear of death can get a person to do even worse things than putting the ill and disabled to death. Stangl wound up as the commandant of the notorious death camp Treblinka, where he oversaw the killing of many thousands of men, women, and children, because he was afraid that the Nazis would kill him if he didn't. The horrors of that job left Stangl severely alienated from himself. At Treblinka, Stangl had to suppress a large part of his true self. If we ask ourselves whether, at Treblinka, Stangl was doing what he himself wanted to do, there seems to be no answer to the question. He did and he did not want to do what he was doing then. And so, at Treblinka Stangl lost his freedom totally. He was enslaved to himself and his own fear of death.

This is the slavery that Christ saves us from. To be united to Christ is to become your own true self. That is why, if we come to Christ, we will know the Truth, and he will set us free. (John 8:32).

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

### *La Présentation du Seigneur*

Je me rappelle que dans mon enfance on célébrait cette fête, qu'on appelait la Chandeleur, par une procession où l'on portait des cierges allumés tout en chantant des cantiques à la Vierge.

En effet, cette fête rappelle le jour où selon la Loi de Moïse une nouvelle maman devait se rendre au Temple pour sa purification. Quand il s'agissait d'une famille importante, les prêtres se déplaçaient pour l'accueillir. Aujourd'hui, ce sont simplement deux sympathiques vieillards qui sont venus, Syméon et Anne, car ils attendaient avec confiance la réalisation de la promesse du Salut.

Syméon chante dans un cantique sa joie de tenir entre ses bras la « lumière des nations ». Plus discrètement, Anne se met à louer le Seigneur car avec cet enfant elle sait que la délivrance de Jérusalem est proche.

Aujourd'hui, la lumière du Sauveur de l'humanité doit resplendir sur le visage de son Église, à condition de devenir nous-mêmes des « lumières » au milieu des ténèbres de ce monde.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

Thank you for all your prayers for us this week as we celebrated Catholic Schools Week!

On Monday we celebrated our call to service and began our school day with a prayer service.

On Tuesday we celebrated our community with a 49ers dress day.

On Wednesday we celebrated our faculty and staff and showered them with prayers and affirmations.

On Thursday we celebrated our students by recognizing their unique gifts and talents.

On Friday we celebrated our families with a fabulous Grandparents and Grandfriends Day.

Please be assured of our continued prayers. God Bless,  
Sarah Currier, Principal



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SATURDAY – VIGIL February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
5:15 pm Charlene Haught Johnson †

**SUNDAY February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
7:30 am For the People of the Parish  
9:00 am Needs of Membere Mariam  
10:30 am Needs Georges Handras  
12:15 pm For Priestly Vocations

**MONDAY February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
7:00 am For single Fathers  
12:10 pm Needs of Gladys R. Frontera

**TUESDAY February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 am For Single mothers  
12:10 pm For the Children of the World

**WEDNESDAY February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 am For NDV Students  
12:10 pm For the Incarcerated

**THURSDAY February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 am For Widows & Widowers  
12:10 pm Immigrants & Refugees

**FRIDAY February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 am Intentions of Pope Francis  
12:10 pm Needs of Manuel Henry

**SATURDAY February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 am Missionaries

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Fanny Alcosiba, Simone Ampillac, Wondifraw Asrat, Michael Bartholomew, Annalyn Carlos, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Mark Fischer, Jack Flynn, Ernie Fox, Annemarie Gallagher, María Cerón Gamero, Yunina Graham, Benjamin Haller, Georges Handras, Erich Herbitschek, Lupita Herrera, Diane Kelley, Rose Le Bail, Matthew Lech, Lynn Leininger, Tom Leskie, Mike Leskie, Candi McMahan Lewis, Maria Lim, Jacqueline Lira, Carmen López, Maria Manley, Membere Mariam, Grant Melton, Alma and Armando Morales, Dyan Ocampo, Mary Jo Onopa, Catherine Stoner Persais, Rev. Matthew Peters, Joan Rasby, Cathie Reece, Roberta Renzi, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, Dani Stecko, key-Lang Tam, Dimitrios Tsokas, Ely Villacarlos, Alison Williams, Michael Wonderly, and Rosie Zedamoi.



## WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Alphonse Acheritogaray, Fr. George Baricar, Anna L. Bernadicou, Claire Casabonne, Denise Carrade, Jeannette Cornu, Magdalena Cravotto, Yvonne Delclaux, Paul Arthur Domergue, André Fournier, Jeannette Ganem, Barbara J. Higgins, Karine Jardin, Lydia A. Jewell, Barbara Charlene Johnke, Charlene Haught Johnson, Nasif Khoury, Ekho Lim, Paulette Lusinchi, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, Mary Orley, Christiane Pelletier, Bernard Picard, Rolande E. Pottier, Yolanda Prioto, Juliette Puts, Stephen Rice, Mary Jo Stechschulte, 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.



**OUR STEWADSHIP MISSION**

**Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian Disciple who recognizes, receives and cultivates God’s gifts and generously shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor**

**PARISHIONER REGISTRATION UPDATE:**

Parishioners are asked to fill out a Registration Update Form. We are in the process of renewing our Parish Membership Roster. If you are interesting in joining the parish or if you are presently a member, we ask that all fill out a form so that we are able to make necessary changes. Forms are located at the entrance of the church. Thanks for your cooperation.



**FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, FRANCE:** It is with great joy that we announce our first Notre Dame des Victoires Lourdes family pilgrimage. This pilgrimage will take place from Monday, July 27, 2020 to Saturday, August 1, 2020. During the week, we invite our families to experience the message left by the Holy Virgin Mary to Bernadette during the time of the apparitions in 1858. The Holy Mother of God appeared 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous in the Grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes, France, a small town located in the Pyrenees Mountains. Our days will be punctuated by daily Mass, rosary at the grotto, candlelight procession, experience at the healing springs, hikes, and visits to the different places Bernadette once lived. The cost is \$775.00 per person and will include 5 nights at Hotel La Solitude with three meals per day and admission costs to the various visits/activities. This amount does not include flights or transportation from the Lourdes airport to our hotel. However, depending on the number of people in our group who will be arriving at the same time, we could organize transportation together. If you want to join this spiritual opportunity, please respond by sending your travel confirmation to Madame Picard by Wednesday, February 5th. Should you have any questions, please email her at [picard@ndvsf.org](mailto:picard@ndvsf.org).

**RCIA** is for those who are seeking a better relationship with God, who are looking for more information about Catholic Christianity, or who are seeking to grow in their spiritual or Sacramental life. The RCIA process welcomes the unbaptized person to the family of Jesus Christ. Sessions are informal and comfortable opportunities to explore the Catholic faith with presentations, discussions, and fellowship. Explore the faith without obligation. For more info, please contact Fr. Juan at [gonzalez@ndvsf.org](mailto:gonzalez@ndvsf.org).

**OUR CRAB FEED 2020** was a tremendous success! It was a wonderful time for the school and parish community to gather and enjoy great company, delicious seafood, and vibrant conversations. A cheerful thanks to David Kane, Tim & Lori Sheridan for coordinating the event and to all the volunteers who dedicated time and effort for putting it all together. Thanks also to everyone who came to support this annual fund raiser. God bless us all!

**ON-LINE GIVING:** Our parish now 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 or with your offering envelopes. 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.

**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO** will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 29 at the Cathedral. Archbishop Cordileone will be the celebrant. All couples who in 2020 will celebrate anniversaries ending in 5 or 0 (5 years, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40) and all couples married more than 40 years, are invited to celebrate with us. Register online at [anniversarymass.info](http://anniversarymass.info). For information, call 415-614-5680.



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 2020 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**.

<b>SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK</b>		
<b>February 2, 2020– February 9, 2020</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	- Mal 3:1-4	- Heb 2:14-18
<b>Monday</b>	- 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	- Lk 2:22-40
<b>Tuesday</b>	- 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3	- Mk 5:1-20
<b>Wednesday</b>	- 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17	- Mk 5:21-43
<b>Thursday</b>	- 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12	- Mk 6:1-6
<b>Friday</b>	- Sir 47:2-11	- Mk 6:7-13
<b>Saturday</b>	- 1 Kgs 3:4-13	- Mk 6:14-29
<b>Sunday</b>	- Is 58:7-10	- 1 Cor 2:1-5
		- Mt 5:13-16

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: January 25 and 26, 2020**

Church Basket:	\$1,751.06
On-Line Giving:	\$300.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,051.06</b>
<b>Church in Latin America:</b>	<b>\$833.72</b>

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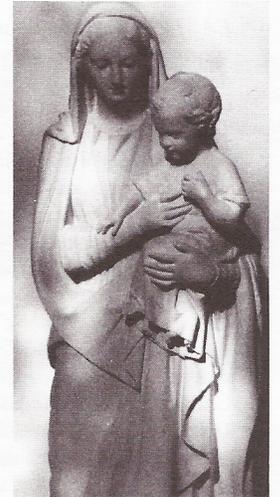


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