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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

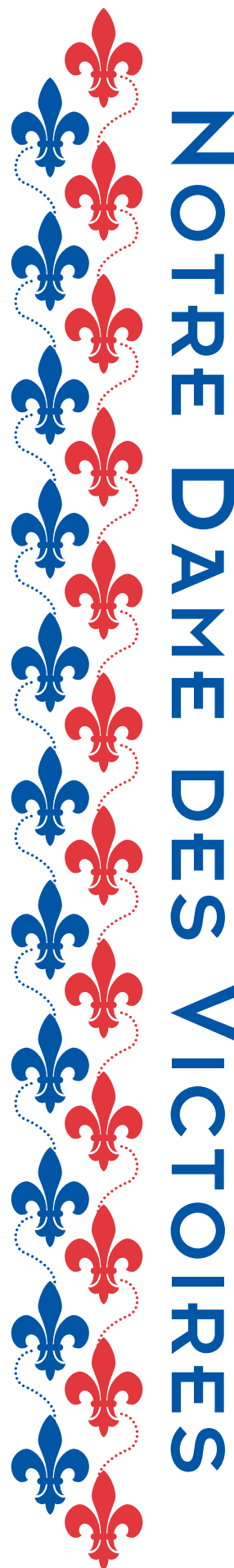
### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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



# Epiphany of the Lord – January 5, 2020

## THE WAY THINGS ARE



In the Gospel Reading God sent the Magi by means of heavenly signs to the baby Jesus. In the end, the signs in heaven were not enough; but there was a special revelation about this child that added the missing element. When they did find the child, the Magi left him rich gifts. And then God warned the Magi in a dream not to return to King Herod to tell him where the baby was. Because of that dream, the Magi went home another way, and the baby was kept safe from Herod.

Just look at all the things God does for this one child! Signs in heaven, miraculously helpful strangers, special messages from God, rich gifts, and warning dreams, divine protection against powerful bad people. How many children die who might have been saved if even one of these things had been done for them? A sign that brings help from afar, a special instruction from God, huge amounts of money, a dream that protects from bad guys—these things are not enough to keep all children from early death, but surely many children could have been saved by any of these means.

Why does God give all these things to Jesus? Why doesn't God give even some of them to all children? The answer to both questions is the same, I think. The first thing that happens after the Fall is that Abel, one of the children of Adam and Eve, dies at the hand of Cain, their other child. God could have protected Abel from Cain by any of the means God used to help Jesus—but God doesn't do so. From the very beginning of our post-Fall world, God establishes the following policy: he will not force anybody to do what is good or omit what is evil. God will call his people and shepherd them—but he will not force them. And so countless children die because of the evil of other human beings.

But the powerless baby Jesus is God's best hope of healing human evil. Jesus is God's call of love. And that is why God's power can be used to keep Jesus from dying as a baby. He needs to die on the cross. That death is the last, most powerful call of love. Eleonore Stump

## FRENCH CORNER

### EPIPHANIE DU SEIGNEUR

On aimerait imaginer la suite quand les mages son rentrés chez eux, les entendre raconter leur belle histoire, les voir illuminés par la lumière de cette rencontre merveilleuse quand ils ont vu Jésus dans la crèche....

Dans l'évangile, les mages disparaissent comme ils sont venus et les textes n'en disent pas plus, c'est sans doute que tout est dit : ils ont rencontré le Seigneur, ils sont entrés dans le salut, que reste-t-il à dire ?

A notre tour de chercher le Seigneur et de le rencontrer car son étoile brille encore pour tout le monde, les riches comme les pauvres, les bons comme les mauvais, les savants comme les illettrés : cette étoile, c'est l'amour de Dieu pour toutes ses créatures, donc sans limite, sans préjugé, comme c'est souvent le cas pour l'amour entre les humains.

Si nous nous sentons seuls certains jours, lassés de la vie ou déçus par les autres, tournons-nous vers cette lumière en nous rappelant que l'étoile de Bethleem brille toujours car elle représente l'amour de Dieu pour chacun et chacune d'entre nous.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.



ECOLE NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES

Parishioners,

Happy New Year from Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires!

We have had a wonderful Christmas break and will be back to school this week.

We are most grateful to Mr. Mike Coveny from Marist School in Atlanta who will be leading a staff retreat for us tomorrow. This year, our staff retreat theme is the Resurrection we will be focusing on Christ's resurrection and the power of Our Lady's intercession. Tuesday, classes will resume. We cannot wait to have our students back and to hear about their many adventures.

God Bless,  
Sarah Currier, Principal



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY – VIGIL, January 4<sup>th</sup>

5:15 pm Charlene Haught Johnson †

### SUNDAY, January 5<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Josefina Gonzalez †

9:00 am Jesús González †

10:30 am For the People of the Parish

12:15 pm Mercedes Alvarado †

### MONDAY, January 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Juanita Padilla †

12:10 pm Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

### TUESDAY, January 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Felipe González †

12:10 pm Jeremiah & Cecillia Hallisey †

### WEDNESDAY, January 8<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Marcel Alvarado †

12:10 pm Needs of Manuel Henry

### THURSDAY, January 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am María González †

12:10 pm Christiane Pelletier †

### FRIDAY, January 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Deceased Marists †

12:10 pm Souls in Purgatory †

### SATURDAY, January 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Stephen Rice †

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

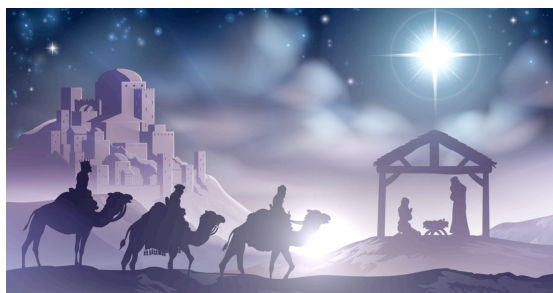
Fanny Alcosiba, Simone Ampillac, Wondifraw Asrat, Michael Bartholomew, Annalyn Carlos, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Mark Fischer, Jack Flynn, Ernie Fox, Annemarie Gallagher, María Cerón Gamero, Yunina Graham, Benjamin Haller, Georges Handras, Erich Herbitschek, Lupita Herrera, Louise Hughes, Diane Kelley, Rose Le Bail, Matthew Lech, Lynn Leininger, Tom Leskie, Mike Leskie, Candi McMahan Lewis, Maria Lim, Jacqueline Lira, Carmen López, Maria Manley, Grant Melton, Alma and Armando Morales, Dyan Ocampo, Mary Jo Onopa, Catherine Stoner Persais, Rev. Matthew Peters, Joan Rasby, Cathie Reece, 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 Lusinch, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, Mary Orley, Christiane Pelletier, Bernard Picard, Rolande E. Pottier, Yolanda Prioto, Juliette Puts, 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.



**THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

## CRAB FEED

**NDV CRAB FEED - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>:** The NDV Crab Feed will take place on Saturday, February 1 at NDV School. There is an early bird price of \$60 for registrations received by January 22; the price is \$75 per person thereafter. **This is an adults only event.** Volunteers are needed to help with the event! Please contact David Kane at [NDVCrabFeed2020@gmail.com](mailto:NDVCrabFeed2020@gmail.com) if you are available to volunteer.

**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.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on the First Friday of each month in the church from 10:00 a.m. thru 12 noon. At noon Benediction will be celebrated and the scheduled Mass will follow. The next date for adoration will be February 7<sup>th</sup>. Please spread the word to other parishioners and co-workers. Come spend a time with the Eucharistic Lord in quiet meditation.

**MARRIED COUPLES:** This New Year, make a Resolution to make your marriage the best it can be by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Feb 29-Mar 1, 2020 in San Francisco, CA and May 15-17, 2020 in San Jose, CA. For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit our website at: [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org) or contact Ken Claranne at [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) or 408-782-1413.



**DISCERNMENT RETREAT AT ST. PATRICK'S:** Is God calling someone you know to the priesthood? To discern your vocation is to discover God's purpose for your life. Come to St. Patrick's discernment retreat and investigate where God may be calling you. Feb. 21-23rd at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. More info at: <https://www.stpsu.edu/is-god-calling-you>.

## 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

January 5, 2020– January 12, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	- Is 60:1-6	- Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	- Mt 2:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	- 1 Jn 3:22–4:6		- Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>Tuesday</b>	- 1 Jn 4:7-10		- Mk 6:34-44
<b>Wednesday</b>	- 1 Jn 4:11-18		- Mk 6:45-52
<b>Thursday</b>	- 1 Jn 4:19–5:4		- Lk 4:14-22a
<b>Friday</b>	- 1 Jn 5:5-13		- Lk 5:12-16
<b>Saturday</b>	- 1 Jn 5:14-21		- Jn 3:22-30
<b>Sunday</b>	- Is 42:1-4, 6-7	- Acts 10:34-38	- Mt 3:13-17

### SUNDAY COLLECTION: December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Church Basket:	\$1,376.00
On-Line Giving:	\$1,173.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,549.00</b>
Christmas Flower Fund:	<b>\$1,814.80</b>
Christmas Collection:	<b>\$17,805.15</b>

### SUNDAY COLLECTION December 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Church Basket:	\$1,050.34
On-Line Giving:	\$743.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,793.34</b>

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