

# NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES



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



## 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

## A Ministry of the Marist Priests and Brothers

### PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Juan J. Gonzalez, S.M.

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# Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2020

## THE BLIND MAN WHO WANTED FOR NOTHING

The Psalm says, "The Lord is my Shepherd. There is nothing I shall want." But the Gospel Reading tells the story of a man born blind. How is the Psalm supposed to be made consonant with the Gospel Reading? Doesn't the man born blind have something that he lacks? The disciples of Jesus are anxious about this blind man too, and they try to allay their anxiety by finding some explanation for his blindness. "Why was this man born blind?" they ask Jesus. "Did this man sin or was it his parents?" If it was anybody's sin, then they can reasonably hope that such suffering won't come to their families, at least it won't come if they all try hard not to sin.

But this is an appalling way to think about suffering, isn't it? It is terrible to suppose that all suffering is punishment for sin. What kind of God inflicts blindness on a newborn as a punishment for sin? Jesus dismisses their attitude entirely. This man's blindness has nothing to do with the sins of anyone, Jesus says. It's something about the future—not something about the past—that explains his blindness. God let this man be born blind that the works of God might be manifest through him. So that is Jesus' explanation for the man's blindness, but it looks at least as bad as the thought of the disciples, doesn't it? What kind of God inflicts blindness on a newborn so that the works of God can be manifest in him later?

But think about that blind man himself. At the outset of the story, he is an impoverished outcast, a beggar, a nobody. Then the mighty works of God are manifest in him, and he takes the Lord as his Shepherd. The result is that he himself becomes glorious. When the story ends, he has become an icon of faith and courage. He has stood up to the worldly power of the leaders of his community and witnessed to the goodness of God in very challenging circumstances. He has become an example to us all. Who would not want to be like him? And that is why it was true for him that the Lord was his shepherd, even though he was born blind. In the end, the Lord was his Shepherd, and there was nothing the blind man lacked, just as the Psalmist says.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

*Dieu est Lumière*

Très tôt dans la Bible, la Lumière fut identifiée avec Dieu et les Ténèbres symbolisèrent l'Esprit du Mal. Jésus s'est affirmé comme la lumière du monde face aux Juifs qui refusaient d'écouter son message de Vérité.

Aujourd'hui, St Jean consacre tout un chapitre de son évangile à la guérison de l'aveugle-né pour souligner que le miracle lui-même ne fait pas naître la foi si l'on refuse de reconnaître la présence de Dieu dans ce qu'accomplit Jésus. Les Pharisiens ne peuvent admettre qu'il a guéri cet homme puisqu'ils refusent de voir en lui un envoyé de Dieu. Les braves gens qui sont sans préjugé n'ont aucun problème pour voir en Jésus un prophète, et même le Messie.

Cette guérison de l'aveugle-né nous invite à prendre conscience de notre propre aveuglement quand nous refusons de voir Dieu à travers ceux que nous rencontrons, de pardonner qui nous blesse. Croire en Jésus, c'est comme ouvrir les yeux et laisser sa lumière envahir nos coeurs.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

As with all schools in San Francisco, NDV is temporarily closed out of an abundance of caution. There have been no confirmed cases of the Corona Virus in our community and we are happy to be doing our part to mitigate its spread.

I am so impressed with the NDV staff! We went from halls and walls to the World Wide Web in 48 hours! We launched a Distance Learning website, our parents came to pick up items their children will need over the next few weeks, and our classes are live! We are pleased to be offering everything from morning assembly to math and recess to reading!

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



## ALL MASSES WILL BE PRIVATE MASSES

### SATURDAY – VIGIL March 21<sup>st</sup>

5:15 pm Bishop Leonnardus Dobbelaar, CM †

### SUNDAY March 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 am Lilloso P. Bernabe †

9:00 am Bernard Picard †

10:30 am Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

12:15 pm For the People of the Parish

### MONDAY March 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 am Kenn Ramos †

12:10 pm Dra Gigi Habalo †

### TUESDAY March 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am TesfaYesus Asrat †

12:10 pm Carol Orduña

### WEDNESDAY March 25<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Benefactors of NDV

12:10 pm Lieselotte Eckardt †

### THURSDAY March 26<sup>a</sup>

7:00 am Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph †

12:10 pm For the Children of the World

### FRIDAY March 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Tewabech Dobale †

12:10 pm For the Sick of the Parish

### SATURDAY March 28<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Unemployed

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Benjamin Haller, Georges Handras, Lupita Herrera, Carmen López, Maria Manley, Membere Mariam, Grant Melton, , Mary Jo Onopa, Roberta Renzi, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, 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, Jeannette Ganem, Barbara J. Higgins, Charlene Haught Johnson, Nasif Khoury, Ekho Lim, Lynn Leininger, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, 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.

**UPDATE: CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS & MASSES: Per Archbishop Cordileone/Archdiocese of San Francisco and Mayor London Breed & County Health Officers, the following decision has been made regarding the celebration of Masses at Notre Dame des Victoires.**

Daily Masses and Weekend Masses will be suspended. This measure is necessary to slow the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community. The suspension of Public Masses is effective as of midnight on Tuesday, March 17th and is effective until April 7, 2020, or until it is extended. Our church will be open daily from 9 a.m. thru 2 p.m. so that parishioners and visitors may have the solace of prayer in a sacred space, especially before the Blessed Sacrament during this distressing time. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession, please call the rectory to make an appointment.

**Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic**

O Mary,

you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith  
firm.

You, Salvation of People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

**THE ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL** enables the Archdiocese to continue offering many vital ministries, programs, and services to the people of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Through the AAA, the over ninety parishes in our Archdiocese unite as one body. Together, we demonstrate our active faith by supporting such critical needs as youth and young adults, parish schools and students, social ministries, ecumenical efforts, and the greater Church. The Appeal is integral to our mission and ministry. *On behalf of everyone who needs and depends on the ministries and services of the Archdiocese, please prayerfully consider supporting the 2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.* Our support will help change the lives of those who need and depend on the programs and services of the Archdiocese. Our parish goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$30,462.00. Every dollar we raise in excess of our goal comes back to us.

**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).



**NDV SCHOOL: INTERNATIONAL NIGHT ON MARCH 28TH has been cancelled.**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP 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. You can also register on line: [www.ndvsf.org](http://www.ndvsf.org). Org. Thanks for your cooperation.

**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

**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 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.

**SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK**

**March 22, 2020– March 29, 2020**

<b>Sunday</b>	- 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a	- Eph 5:8-14	- Jn 9:1-41
<b>Monday</b>	- Is 65:17-21		- Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Ez 47:1-9, 12		- Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Is 7:10-14; 8:10	- Heb 10:4-10	- Lk 1:26-38
<b>Thursday</b>	- Ex 32:7-14		- Jn 5:31-47
<b>Friday</b>	- Wis 2:1a, 12-22		- Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Saturday</b>	-Jer 11:18-20		- Jn 7:40-53
<b>Sunday</b>	- Ez 37:12-14	- Rom 8:8-11	- Jn 11:1-45

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: March 14, and March 15, 2020**

Church Basket: \$1,041.00

On-Line Giving: \$653.00

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the Church and the world

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which bears her name



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