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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

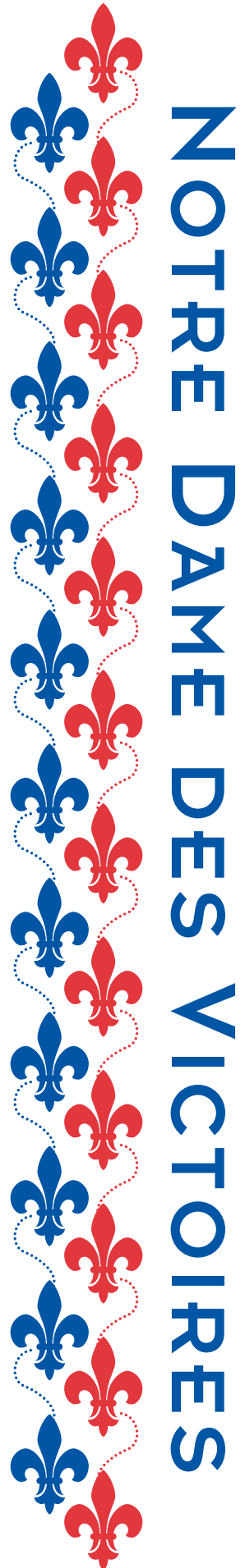
#### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Before each weekday Mass

Every Saturday from

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# NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES

# Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 29, 2020

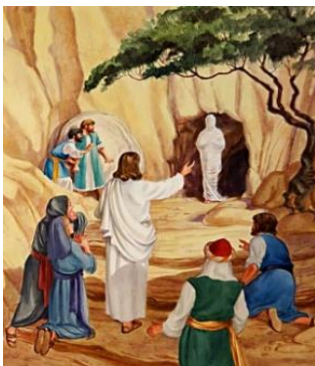
## THE DESIRES OF THE HEART

When Lazarus died, Mary of Bethany must have been heartbroken. You can see why she would have been. She loved her brother Lazarus, and she trusted and loved Jesus. Like everybody else in her community, she knew that Jesus could heal sick people. So, when her brother got sick and she knew that Jesus was nearby, she turned to him for help. Then she waited three desperate and increasingly miserable days. During those days Jesus didn't come, and Lazarus died. And so, she was devastated. Her beloved brother was dead, and her beloved Jesus seemed to have disregarded her entirely in her time of need. She must have felt sure that she had lost the desires of her heart and lost them irretrievably.

But what the story of the raising of Lazarus shows is that a person can feel sure about such things and still be thoroughly mistaken. Of course, Mary was right about some things. She had this much accurate insight into herself: she was right in thinking that it was her heart's desire to have her brother and to be loved by Jesus. But she was mistaken about what the fulfillment of those desires would be. She thought that she could have the desires of her heart only in case Jesus came to her to heal her brother before he died. Consequently, when Lazarus did die, Mary thought that she had lost what she wanted most.

What the story makes clear, though, is that the Lord can know better than a human person does what she most wants. We are not surprised if the Lord knows better than we do what is good for us, and we generally expect that good to be something we don't want. But in this story the Lord knows better than Mary what she herself actually wants. When Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, Mary has her brother, and is loved by Jesus in a way more deeply fulfilling to her and more glorious than the mere healing of her brother in his sickness would have been. And, here is the thing to notice: Jesus was in the process of giving her what she wanted most even as she was firmly persuaded that she had lost it forever. And, so the story helps us see that the Lord can be trusted even with the deepest distress of the hearts of those who are his own. As the Psalmist promises (Ps 37:4), the Lord will give the desires of their hearts to those who put their trust in him.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

*L'œuvre de Dieu, c'est la vie*

Chacun d'entre nous est confronté un jour ou l'autre au mystère de la mort, comme Marthe lorsque Lazare, son frère, est mort. Comme elle, Jésus nous demande de croire qu'il est la Résurrection et la vie.

Nous savons que nous ne pouvons pas échapper à cette fin de notre existence, qu'elle soit paisible ou cruelle, mais Jésus nous apprend que la mort n'est pas la fin de tout et c'est cela la bonne Nouvelle. Le Christ n'est pas venu nous proposer une existence facile, des expériences merveilleuses, le bonheur à tout prix, mais il a partagé nos souffrances et nos deuils parce qu'il voulait que nous partagions un jour la véritable vie, la VIE éternelle.

Célébrer Pâques, c'est célébrer la victoire sur la mort. Croire que Jésus est ressuscité, c'est croire qu'il nous invite à nous associer un jour à son triomphe. Dès aujourd'hui, il nous presse de sortir de nos tombeaux et d'aller vers la VIE, celle qui n'aura pas de fin.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you are doing well during this time of uncertainty.

NDV students and teachers will begin their fourth week of distance learning next week. Though we miss being together, we are proud to be continuing our academic and extracurricular offerings online.

Please keep us in your continued prayers and be assured of ours.

Please be assured of our continued prayers.

God Bless,

Sarah Currier, Principal



*We miss being together*



**ALL MASSES WILL BE PRIVATE MASSES**

### **SATURDAY – VIGIL March 28th**

5:15 pm People of the Parish

### **SUNDAY March 29th**

7:30 am Agapito Bien †

9:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Georges Handras

12:15 pm The Ill with COVID - 19

### **MONDAY March 30th**

7:00 am Deceased Marists †

12:10 pm COVID – 19 Deceased †

### **TUESDAY March 31st**

7:00 am NDV Students

12:10 pm NDV Teachers & Staff

### **WEDNESDAY April 1st**

7:00 am Intentions of Pope Francis

12:10 pm Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

### **THURSDAY April 2nd**

7:00 am The Ill with COVID - 19

12:10 pm COVID – 19 Deceased †

### **FRIDAY April 3rd**

7:00 am Marists Hospitalized

12:10 pm Gladys R. Frontera

### **SATURDAY April 4th**

7:00 am Ill Parishioners

## 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. Bernadico, 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.

Dear Sisters & Brothers

The Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has sent to the bishops of the world a Decree In time of COVID-19. This Decree by mandate of Pope Francis will only be for the year 2020.

Archbishop Cordileone and the other bishops in our nation have implemented this Decree in their respective diocese.

Hence, on the basis of the Decree, it is with a profound sadness that I have to announce to you that Holy Week celebrations and Easter Sunday Masses will not be offered publicly this year at Notre Dame des Victoires Parish. All the other parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco will do the same.

While it will not be possible for us to gather in our church during Holy Week and Easter Sunday, I will be posting links to our Archdiocese's live streaming of the Holy Week and Easter Sunday liturgies.

Rest assured that each of you are in my prayers. During this pandemic, our fear, anxiety and suffering is our collective lived experience of the Lord's passion and death. God's faithfulness will get us through this and the power of his Son's resurrection will be our healing.

## 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.



**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).

**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.

## 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**

**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

**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 29, 2020– April 5, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	- Ez 37:12-14	- Rom 8:8-11	- Jn 11:1-45	
<b>Monday</b>	- Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62		- Jn 8:1-11	
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Nm 21:4-9		- Jn 8:21-30	
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95		- Jn 8:31-42	
<b>Thursday</b>	- Gn 17:3-9		- Jn 8:51-59	
<b>Friday</b>	- Jer 20:10-13		- Jn 10:31-42	
<b>Saturday</b>	- Ez 37:21-28		- Jn 11:45-56	
<b>Sunday</b>	- Mt 21:1-11	- Is 50:4-7	- Phil 2:6-11	- Mt 26:14—27:66

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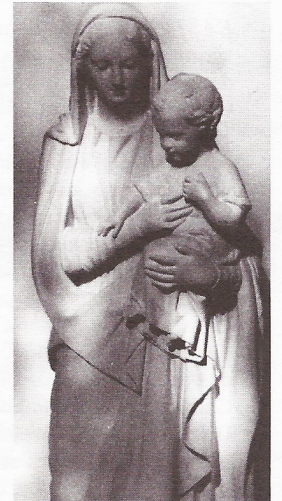


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In the community  
which bears her name



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