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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

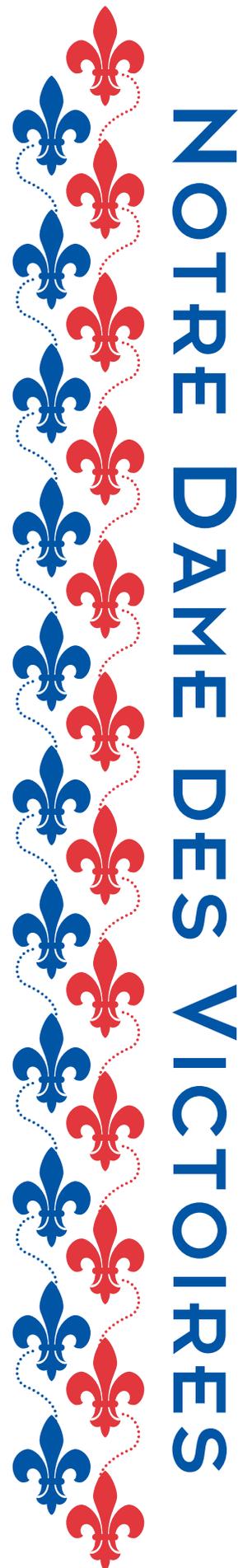
#### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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 Lent – March 8, 2020

## THE PROMISES OF GOD

When God told Abraham to leave home, God was asking a lot of him. The world was not a global village then. Travel wasn't easy; there were no planes, taxis, or hotels. Furthermore, leaving home was a decisive break with all the good of home, because going back for a visit was difficult or just out of the question entirely. So, leaving home then was a loss that we can't imagine well anymore, in our era of video calls and texting.

Still, when God told Abraham to leave, Abraham went. Why did he go? Presumably because he wanted what God offered him. If Abraham left, God told him, then Abraham would become a great nation, and all the communities of the earth would find blessing in him. That is a fairly stunning reward. So, Abraham, who had a great desire for that reward, obeyed God, left what was familiar and beloved to him, and wandered off as a stranger in a strange land.

And then notice what happened. Abraham lived a very long time after this promise of God's, and he stayed faithful to God's commands his whole life. But by the time Abraham died, this is all Abraham had: one son to carry on his posterity under this promise and two grandchildren. By anybody's estimation, this is a very small family. Certainly, one son and two grandsons is not a great nation. Furthermore, hardly any communities knew Abraham at all, let alone found a blessing in him. The idea that all the communities of the earth would find blessing in Abraham really would have been completely laughable at that time, wouldn't it?

Of course, as we now see it, all Jews, Christians, and Muslims are the Abrahamic peoples. Many great nations are included among the Abrahamic peoples. All of them know Abraham and think that they find blessing in Abraham. And so, God's stunning promise to Abraham has been completely fulfilled. But Abraham did not live to see it. He had to take the fulfillment of God's promise to him on faith. So maybe Abraham is the father of faith because he was willing to stake his life on a promise whose fulfillment did not come in his lifetime on earth. In this, he is not only the patriarch of the family of faith but also a pattern to follow for all those in his family.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

### Révélation du mystère de Jésus

L'Évangile de ce dimanche nous rapporte un événement où se retrouvent les éléments d'un bon reportage : le décor de la haute montagne, les effets de lumière, l'apparition de deux personnages morts depuis des siècles, la voix de Dieu qui se fait entendre dans la nuée...

En présence de Moïse et d'Elie, Jésus est placé au-dessus de tous les prophètes de l'Ancien Testament, il est transfiguré, c'est-à-dire transformé, afin que le doute ne subsiste plus sur son origine et sa mission. Il va changer le cours de l'histoire.

Mais nous devons oublier ce scénario digne d'un film pour nous rappeler que nous sommes appelés nous aussi, à la suite des apôtres, à devenir les témoins de cette transfiguration qui dévoile le Christ au monde. Notre mission est d'écouter le Seigneur, de transmettre autour de nous ce qu'il nous révèle de son Père, et de le faire d'une manière attrayante et adaptée à la mentalité de nos compatriotes.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope your Lenten season is going well and that you have been able to make time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

We have prayed, in a special way, for NDV Catechumen Jessica Aldax who will be welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil and for François Lapuyade who will be receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Please keep them in your continued prayers as we prepare to welcome them more fully and completely into the Catholic Church and NDV community

God Bless,  
Sarah Currier, Principal



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY – VIGIL March 7<sup>th</sup>

5:15 pm Charlene Haught Johnson †

### SUNDAY March 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Tomas & Marian Finucane †

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

10:30 am Dimitrios Tsokas †

12:15 pm Tomas & Marian Finucane †

### MONDAY March 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Wondifraw Asrat Family

12:10 pm Lynn Leininger †

### TUESDAY March 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Victims of Gun Violence †

12:10 pm Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

### WEDNESDAY March 11<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Victims of Racism

12:10 pm NDV Teachers & students

### THURSDAY March 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Children with Cancer

12:10 pm Marists Fathers Societies

### FRIDAY March 13<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Benefactors of NDV

12:10 pm Tenagashaw Bethe Selassie †

### SATURDAY March 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Youth of the Parish

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Agapito Bien, 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 Tsokos.

## 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.



Each Friday during Lent, you are invited to come to the church and pray the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. The prayer service begins at 11:40 a.m. (prior to the 12:10 p.m. Mass).



**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.



**NDV SCHOOL: INTERNATIONAL NIGHT ON MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>:** Please join us for the fabulous NDVPA International Night to be held on Saturday, March 28th from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Please consider being an "ambassador" and hosting a table to share a sample of your culture's international culinary delicacies or performing a talent that reflects an ethnic tradition or culture. We also need many volunteers for this event - Please contact Cristian Rathgeb at [ratherwa@gmail.com](mailto:ratherwa@gmail.com) or 415-710-9065 with any questions or if you would like more information.

**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**

**STEWARDSHIP PARISHIONER FORMATION:** Our next cycle of Stewardship Workshops will take place on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Both sessions are 9am – 1pm. Lunch will be served. In these two sessions we explore the meaning and purpose of our Stewardship Mission as presented above. We would love to have come and learn within a group of parishioners. Please contact Fr. Juan at: [gonzalez@ndvsf.org](mailto:gonzalez@ndvsf.org)

**LAUDATO SÍ CIRCLES AT ST. IGNATIUS-650 PARKER AVE:** As Catholics, we aspire to work for reconciliation every day, with God, with human beings, and with the environment. Join us to contemplate, pray, speak the truth, and discern our relationship in God's creation. Lovingly we invite others to listen to the cry of the earth and the poor. We strive to be contemplatives in action. We pray, propose solutions, act, apply public pressure, and leverage our resources to protect our common home for all living and future generations. Meetings are in the Blue Room behind the bookstore and sacristy. March 22 (Sunday). Blue Room, St Ignatius Parish. 12:00 –1:30 pm. Special Event in Solidarity with our Children. April 26 (Sunday), 12:00 –1:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact: Mary Rose LeBaron, [maryroselebaron@gmail.com](mailto:maryroselebaron@gmail.com)

**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.**

<b>SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK</b>			
<b>March 8, 2020– March 15, 2020</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	- Gn 12:1-4a	- 2 Tm 1:8b-10	- Mt 17:1-9
<b>Monday</b>	- Dn 9:4b-10		- Lk 6:36-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Is 1:10, 16-20		- Mt 23:1-12
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Jer 18:18-20		- Mt 20:17-28
<b>Thursday</b>	- Jer 17:5-10		- Lk 16:19-31
<b>Friday</b>	- Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a		- Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
<b>Saturday</b>	- Mi 7:14-15, 18-20		- Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
<b>Sunday</b>	- Ex 17:3-7	- Rom 5:1-2, 5-8	- Jn 4:5-42

**SUNDAY COLLECTION: February 29 and March 1, 2020**

Church Basket: \$1,465.98  
 On-Line Giving: \$775.00  
**Total: \$2,240.98**

**ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION: February 26, 2020**

Church Basket: \$1,631.40  
 On-Line Giving: \$ 61.00  
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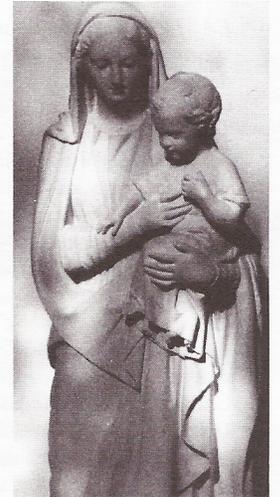


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the Church and the world

In the community  
which bears her name



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