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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

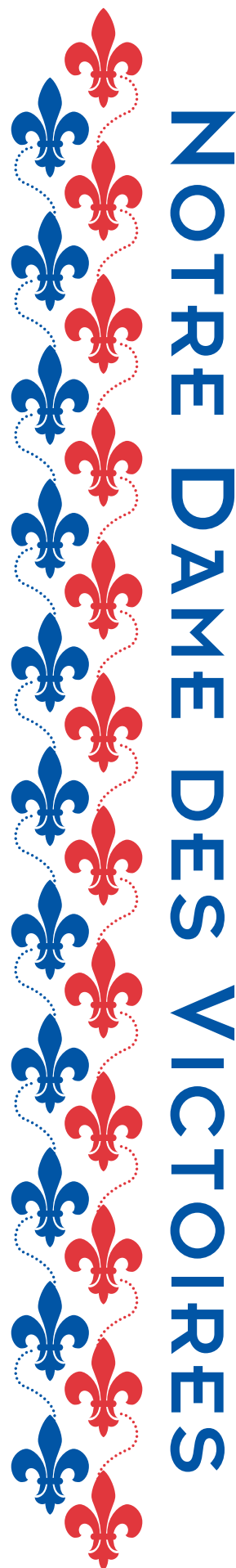
### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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



# Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2020

## BEING SMALL AND BEING GREAT IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

The problem reported in the First Reading has to do with food for widows. The Greeks thought that their widows were being neglected and that the widows among the Jews were getting the best of things, and so the Greeks complained to the Apostles. The Apostles said, sensibly enough, that they could not be expected to handle food distribution. Their job was to evangelize and spread the Gospel. And so, they picked some people to do the small job of supervising food handouts for them. Stephen was one of those picked.

Who would have wanted to be in that group with Stephen? The people in Stephen's group were chosen to do a job that was not nearly as important as the work the Apostles were doing. That is why the Apostles wanted somebody else to do it. By comparison with important things, like spreading the gospel, or anything else great and admirable, watching over food distribution is a very small job. But Stephen did not complain that the job was beneath his talents and abilities. He did not insist on being given a role in the great work of the Apostles. He just took the small job he had been offered, and he served the Lord whole-heartedly in it.

Later in the book of Acts (Acts 7) we learn what came of Stephen's humility. His whole-hearted service of the Lord in food distribution attracted the attention, and the hatred, of those outside the growing Church; and they went after him. In the worst of circumstances, with his life at stake, he gave a powerful witness to the Lord he loved, and the surrounding crowd stoned him to death. In his witness and his martyrdom, he was not small. He was glorious. His life and work for the Lord became part of Scripture itself, and for over two thousand years all Christians have honored and admired him. And so, his whole-hearted service of the Lord in the little job of food distribution, the job that was not worthy of being compared with the job of the Apostles, made Stephen a participant in the great work the Apostles did. In the witness of his death, he became a partner in the gospel-spreading of the Apostles and more than worthy of being in their company.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

« Je suis le Chemin, la vérité et la Vie »

Cette déclaration faite par Jésus à l'apôtre Thomas est l'une des plus riches qu'il ait faite, une de celles que nous devrions méditer souvent.

Pour certains, le « chemin » était clair autrefois. Il suffisait de demander au prêtre si ceci était permis ou non, si c'était un péché ou ne l'était pas. Aujourd'hui, l'Église nous laisse davantage de liberté dans nos jugements et surtout à prendre des initiatives. Nous avons à construire le « chemin » qui nous mène à Dieu.

Car la vérité n'est pas toujours dans la différence entre ce qui est autorisé et ce qui ne l'est pas, mais elle exige qu'on prenne des décisions en tenant compte des autres, sans les juger de l'extérieur, et en conformité avec l'enseignement de l'Évangile.

Enfin, la « vie » que Jésus nous apporte dépasse tout ce que nous pouvons imaginer avec notre esprit terrestre : il s'agit de découvrir l'amour de Dieu qui transcende toutes choses, et cette découverte n'aura pas de fin, c'est pourquoi elle est « éternelle ».

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 Coronavirus in our community and we are happy to be doing our part to mitigate its spread.

I am so impressed with the NDV staff and students who are adapting very well to our new system. We miss being together but 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



*We miss being together*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

ALL MASSES WILL BE PRIVATE MASSES

### SATURDAY – VIGIL May 9th

5:15 pm John Cochran †

### SUNDAY May 10th

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am Benefactors of NDV

10:30 am Children of the World

12:15 pm Deceased Marist Sisters†

### MONDAY May 11th

7:00 am Deceased Marist Fathers †

12:10 pm Children with Cancer

### TUESDAY May 12th

7:00 am Deceased Benefactors†

12:10 pm Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph †

### WEDNESDAY May 13th

7:00 am Tenagashaw Bethe-Selassie †

12:10 pm Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

### THURSDAY May 14th

7:00 am The Ill with Covid-19

12:10 pm Covid-19 Deceased †

### FRIDAY May 15th

7:00 am Fatalities of Gun Violence †

12:10 pm For Poor Souls in Purgatory †

### SATURDAY May 16th

7:00 am For Priestly Vocations

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Odette Etcheverry, 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. Bernadicon, 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 Prieto, 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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:** Archdiocesan school campuses have been closed since March 12, and Superintendent Pamela Lyons has announced that campuses will not open again during this school year. In her Message to Families dated April 20, she says, “While we would love to return to our beautiful school campuses in May, we have decided to follow our public school counterparts and close our campuses in San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo counties through the remainder of the school year. The health and safety of our students and teachers are of paramount importance. As we implement distance learning for the rest of the school year, know that we are committed to ensuring that your children continue to achieve academically and grow in their faith.” Our Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires will comply with the directive of the Archdiocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

## PRAYER IN TIME OF COVID -19 PANDEMIC

Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people.

Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence.

We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated.

As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care.

In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills.

We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



## COVID 19 RESPONSE – SERVICES FOR THOSE IN NEED:

•Through our partnership with Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), F COVID-19 Regional Response Fund to qualifying San Franciscans struggling to make ends meet as a result of COVID-19. This regional fund will provide flexible resources and focus on basic needs: housing/shelter, food, clothing, financial assistance (determined by need). The funds are being distributed through our existing Catholic Charities Assisted Housing & Health Program.. Contact is Lucia Lopez. [LLopez@catholiccharitiessf.org](mailto:LLopez@catholiccharitiessf.org) • Food Security Program- groceries for pickup and delivery. Contact is Patty Clement. [PClement@catholiccharitiessf.org](mailto:PClement@catholiccharitiessf.org) 415 452 3504

**TOGETHER WE WILL  
GET THROUGH THIS!**

## A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God,

we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.



**NDV SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE:** During the COVID-19 Stay at Home Directive, we are unable to gather in our parish church for the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays. However, we can be united spiritually by praying the Mass each Sunday via Youtube. Please visit our parish website at [ndvsf.org](http://ndvsf.org) and click on the **Sunday Mass with Notre Dame des Victoires** icon to participate in our parish's Sunday worship. Even if we cannot receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we can still be close to Him by making a Spiritual Communion. As we make this Spiritual Communion, we pray for all those affected by COVID-19.

**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

May 10, 2020– May 17, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	- Acts 6:1-7	- 1 Pt 2:4-9	- Jn 14:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	- Acts 14:5-18		- Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Acts 14:19-28		- Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Acts 15:1-6		- Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	- Acts 1:15-17, 20-26		- Jn 15:9-17
<b>Friday</b>	- Acts 15:22-31		- Jn 15:12-17
<b>Saturday</b>	- Acts 16:1-10		- Jn 15:18-21
<b>Sunday</b>	- Acts 8:5-8, 14-17	- 1 Pt 3:15-18	- Jn 14:15-21



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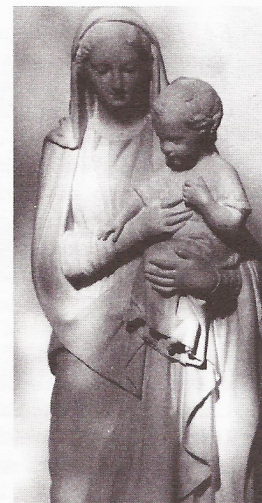


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the Church and the world

In the community  
which bears her name



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