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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

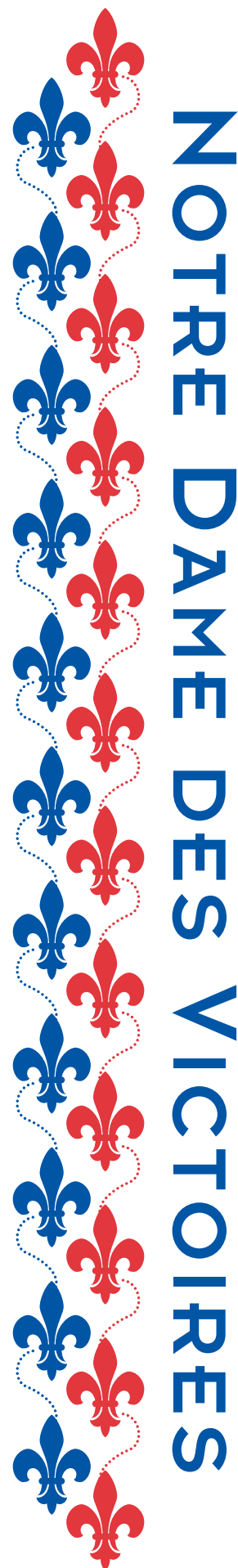
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before each weekday Mass

Every Saturday from

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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



NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES

First Sunday Of Advent – November 29, 2020

WANDERING OFF

In this Reading from Isaiah the prophet is longing for the love of God. But what he finds instead is what he cannot bear: God angry, God gone. The experience the prophet gives voice to is familiar to all of us. God is angry and has hidden his face; he is somewhere above the heavens, and we cannot find him there. How can this be? How can this be? Doesn't God love us? Where is he? Why isn't he here?

The prophet answers these questions, and in the saddest way. The reason lies in our sinfulness, the prophet says. God is not gone from us because he has forsaken us. Our sins—our weaknesses, our willfulness, our pride, our failure to love, our failure even to accept the love of others—all these things have made us wither. Desiccated and unclean, we have been blown away from God by the winds of life. But how are we supposed to be holy—clean and good—for the Lord, except by the Lord's own doing? We reject as Pelagian the thought that any one of us can make himself holy by his own efforts. Only God's grace can make a person lovely in holiness.

And so, the prophet cries out to God, "Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways?" (First Reading) There is an answer in the Responsorial Psalm. The Psalmist says, "Lord, make us turn to you!" This is a cry from a person who wanders from the Lord. He wanders because he wants to—that is the sad truth. But when he cannot find God in his wandering, he cries to God, "make me turn to you!" Then he wants fervently not to want the very wandering he is so prone to want. It may be then that God lets us do what we want to do, including wandering from him, so that finally we at least want to want him. Maybe we will find God when we cry with the Psalmist, "Lord, make me turn to you!"

Eleonore Stump



FRENCH CORNER

Être prêt pour accueillir le Seigneur

Notre existence est une longue suite de préparations : les enfants préparent leur classe du lendemain, leur maman prépare leur déjeuner, les fiancés préparent leur mariage.... et, bien plus tard, prépareront leur retraite.

Croyants, nous savons que Dieu a préparé le peuple élu à travers ses malheurs et l'a éduqué pendant son pèlerinage dans le désert en lui donnant des commandements pour qu'il soit prêt quand sera venu le moment d'envoyer son Fils dans notre monde. Et il continue de préparer son Église afin que nous soyons prêts au grand rendez-vous final que nous appelons la Vie Éternelle.

En ce premier dimanche de l'Avent, c'est la venue de l'Enfant-Dieu que nous allons préparer, c'est pourquoi il faut nous mettre en situation de veille : reconnaître en chaque être humain sa dignité, vouloir le bonheur des autres avant le nôtre, changer en nous ce qui doit l'être au lieu de le voir chez les autres.... C'est ainsi que nous préparerons notre cœur à la venue du Seigneur.

Fr. Etienne Siffert, S.M.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

You had a Happy Thanksgiving and that you were able to celebrate it safely!

Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires is participating in Giving Day on December 1st! Please help us raise money for teacher scholarships, air conditioning units, to offset the cost of operating in a pandemic, increase security, and expand technology by donating at: givingday.ndvsf.org

Thank you for your generosity!
God Bless,
Sarah Currier, Principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY November 29th

9:00 am Mark Fischer †
10:30 am Richard "Lee" Ethier †
12 :15 pm Rev. Thomas Dove, CSP †

MONDAY November 30th

7:00 am Gladys R. Frontera - Needs

TUESDAY December 1st

7:00 am Wondifraw Asrat - Needs

WEDNESDAY December 2nd

7:00 am Jean-Baptiste & Juliette Puts †

THURSDAY December 3rd

7:00 am Marianne Hayes Morrisey †

FRIDAY December 4th

7:00 am Manuel Henry - Needs

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Monique Antolin, Elizabeth Desta, Patty Espiritu, Zachary Espiritu, Odette Etcheverry, Benjamin Haller, Lupita Herrera, Carmen López, Patrick Maher, Maria Manley, Grant Melton, Brook Mesfin, Askale Munga, Mary Jo Onopa, Roberta Renzi, Vinod and Cynthia Sheth, and Rosie Zedamoi.



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Alphonse Acheritogaray, Jacqueline Archieri, Pete Arendt, Fr. George Baricar, Anna L. Bernadicou, Claire Casabonne, Denise Carrade, Jeannette Cornu, Magdalena Cravotto, Yvonne Delclaux, Mark Fischer, Jeannette Ganem, Georges Handras, Barbara J. Higgins, Charlene Haught Johnson, Nasif Khoury, Ekho Lim, Lynn Leininger, Frances McFarland, William McKnight, Odette LePendu, Mary Orley, Christiane Pelletier, Bernard Picard, Rolande E. Pottier, Yolanda Prioto, Juliette Puts, Stephen Rice, Mary Jo Stechsulte, 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.



We have reopened our Masses as of October 4th. We will have 3 Masses celebrated on Sundays: 9:00 am (English), 10:30 am (French), 12:15 pm (English). We recommend that you sign up to attend any of these celebrations. You can sign up on our Parish Website (web address above). Your reserved space will be kept until 5 minutes before the start of Mass. Please arrive on time. For those who are unable to participate in public worship, you can continue to participate in a live stream of our Sunday Parish Masses. Please click on the link on our Parish Website: ndvsf.org for Sunday's Live Stream Masses. Mass will begin at 9 a.m. The Mass will also be recorded and you can access the liturgy at a later time. God Bless.

As we celebrate as a community in our Parish Church, may the Lord bless and protect each of us.



NDV SCHOOL is OPEN! Ecole Notre Dame des Victoires is a Catholic Elementary & Middle School with grades Transitional Kindergarten (TK) through eighth grade. Our co-ed school features strong academics and enrichment classes including art, technology, and music, and daily French instruction located in the heart of downtown San Francisco. Please contact the Director of Admissions by email admissions@ndvsf.org to schedule a tour.



First Sunday in Advent

Today's Scripture passages express the Advent topics of hope, vigilance, and repentance. From the Book of Isaiah, the prophet expresses his desire for his people (the ancient Israelites who have returned from Babylonian exile) to atone for their sinful ways and turn their hearts back to the Lord. For God has done great deeds for them. In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist quotes Jesus' warning to His disciples, *Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.* Here our Lord and Savior is referring to when He will return at the end of time. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, and us, that our fellowship in the Lord fortifies us with many spiritual gifts — a timely reminder as we start this Advent season. May we, as faith-filled stewards, put our hope and trust in the Lord, recognize our sins, and seek with contrite hearts, Jesus' mercy and forgiveness. Advent is an excellent time to confess our sins by taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

2020 NDV JESSE TREE PROGRAM: This Advent, please join NDV in gifting to children and teens in our local community who need support. NDV is partnering with the not-for-profit organization, Hamilton Families. This local partner is working hard to prevent homelessness in San Francisco. Within the COVID 19 context, the church would like to support this group virtually. Please consider gifting through its AmazonSmile [Transitional Housing Wishlist](#). Please see the simple instructions below to participate:

1. Click through the [AmazonSmile Transitional Housing Wishlist](#).
2. 'Add to cart' the Wishlist item you'd like to gift to Hamilton Families and 'Proceed to checkout'.
3. Select 'The Hamilton Family Center's Gift Registry Address' shipping address. The gift will ship directly to this organization!
4. Proceed to pay for your item, add your payment method, 'place your order' and you're complete!



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. 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**.

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 and select the Online Giving link. Click on Create New Account and follow directions to set up your account. Thank you for your generosity.



SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

November 29, 2020 – December 6, 2020

Sunday	- Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7	- 1 Cor 1:3-9	- Mk 13:33-37
Monday	- Rom 10:9-18		- Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday	- Is 11:1-10		- Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	- Is 25:6-10a		- Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	- Is 26:1-6		- Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	- Is 29:17-24		- Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	- Is 30:19-21, 23-26		- Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	- Is 40:1-5, 9-11	- 2 Pt 3:8-14	- Mk 1:1-8

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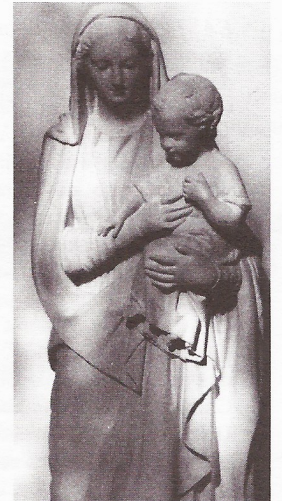


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