



Mission Statement: "To be the presence of Mary in the world."

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Weekday Masses

7:00 am Monday - Friday

Saturday Mass

5:15 pm (Vigil)

Sunday Masses

9:00 am, 10:30 am (French), 12:15 pm

Confession

Before each weekday Mass

Every Saturday from

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

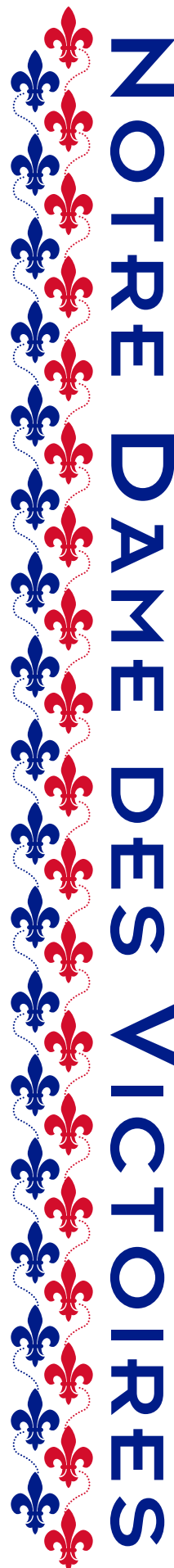
Eucharistic Adoration

(followed by Benediction)

First Friday of each month

10:00am - 12:00pm

Our Lady of Victoires 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

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES WHATEVER HAPPENS

So, God's promise to King David was fulfilled in Jesus about a thousand years later in a way completely unforeseen. But three decades later Jesus was arrested, tried before the Sanhedrin, scourged, and executed using the form of capital punishment the Roman empire used on its non-citizens, crucifixion. The scourging was so brutal that Jesus died after only a few hours on the cross even though a crucifixion would normally last for days. The angel Gabriel had said to Mary, "The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob forever and his reign will have no end." At Jesus' crucifixion, once again God's promise looks like it had come to an end. That is certainly what it must have looked like to the apostles. They all abandoned Jesus except for the apostle John and the women by Jesus' cross.

In your life, when things begin to fall apart, apparently by happenstance, perhaps because of the ill will of others, or on the occasion of terminal illness or death or economic insecurity or the loss of a position—when things start to fall apart, for heaven's sake, take yourself to prayer. Not prayer that is going to help you tell God what to do. That's not a very helpful prayer. God already knows what to do. But prayer will reassure you that you are in the hands of God.

It is very important to believe that even in the most dreadful circumstances God is working toward our salvation. By prayer, by good works, by a life of dedication, and by carrying the cross, one may give God the chance to bring good out of evil. It is only by a misuse of the mysterious power of the human will that we can stop God from bringing good out of evil. Isn't that what the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ tell us?

Most of the time there is no way to understand or explain the troubles or sorrows of this life. Life is mysterious. But Jesus Christ, by coming into the world, has brought the answer to the mystery of life. It is a practical answer, not a speculative one. Why is life like this? I don't know. When I finally get beyond my Purgatory and I have in sight that reality which Christ called his Father's house, then I will know. The practical answer for now is that I believe and know that my Redeemer lives.

Fr. Tommy Lane



FRENCH CORNER

Dieu a tant aimé le monde qu'il a donné son fils unique

Dieu aime notre monde, il nous aime malgré nos violences, nos injustices, nos faiblesses et nos péchés. «Dieu a envoyé son Fils dans le monde, non pas pour juger le monde, mais pour que, par lui, le monde soit sauvé.»

Nous savons que nous ne pouvons nous en sortir seuls et plus nous vieillissons, plus cette vérité devient évidente. Je ne sais si vous avez déjà vu dans un film où une personne essaie, de ses propres forces, de se sortir des sables mouvants. Plus elle se débat, plus les sables l'attirent vers le gouffre. Seule une main extérieure, peut l'aider à s'en sortir. Nous vivons tous dans des sables mouvants et la main de Dieu est notre seule perche de secours.

De nos jours, nombreux sont ceux qui ressentent une sorte de pessimisme vis-à-vis le mal dans notre univers : «le monde est pourri... il n'y a rien à y faire : violences, égoïsmes collectifs, dépravation morale, drogue, guerres»... Nous avons parfois l'impression que le monde traverse une époque glaciaire où manque la chaleur de l'amour. Mais l'amour de Dieu est toujours présent dans ce froid hivernal.

Grâce à son fils et à l'Esprit Saint, le Père veut redonner à notre monde une vie nouvelle, nous permettre de passer des ténèbres à la lumière, du péché à la grâce, de la haine à l'amour, de l'incrédulité à la foi, du découragement à l'espérance, de la mort à la vie.

Le message du Carême est un message d'espérance : notre vie n'est pas un voyage sans but et sans espoir. Notre vie n'est pas une «passion inutile», «Dieu a tant aimé le monde qu'il a donné son fils unique afin que celui qui croît en lui ne meure pas mais qu'il ait la vie éternelle»

Père Yvon-Michel Allard, S.V.D.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

This week, we celebrated Tsokas Day at NDV! Mr. Tsokas was our athletic director and P.E. coach for almost 40 years and our gym is named after him. He passed away in 2020 and is remembered as being an incredible motivator, an inspirational coach, and a loving friend to all. Please pray for Mr. Tsokas and his family in a special way this week.

God bless,

Sarah Currier, principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, March 9th

5:15 pm Dorothy Rodriguez †

SUNDAY, March 10th

9:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Benefactors of NDV

12:15 pm Jose Figueroa Avila †

MONDAY, March 11th

7:00 am Dorothy Rodriguez †

TUESDAY, March 12th

7:00 am Benjamin Haller †

WEDNESDAY, March 13th

7:00 am Sandra Avila †

THURSDAY, March 14th

7:00 am Ayele Tafesse †

FRIDAY, March 15th

7:00 am Abonesh Amaha †

SATURDAY, March 16th

5:15 pm Cecilia Cuyno † and for the Cuyno family's Loss.

WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Amanuel Assefa, Cecille Bien, Odette Etcheverry, Antonio Espiritu, Brett Fischer, Jeremiah Hallisey, Diana Munoz, Martha A. Gutierrez Romero, Rosario Cecilia Samson, Fasil Tegene, and Peter Wang.



WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED

Serawit Asfaw, Wondifraw Asrat, Felicitas Baricar, Nancy Batmale, Anne-Marie Dubosq, Raynold Descilo, Hedwige Fernandez, Ralph González, Maria Elena Grimaldo, Tadesse Habte, Benjamin Haller, Andres Herrera, Marie-Louise Hugues, Charlene Haught Johnson, William McKnight, Pedro Muro, Robert J. Puts, Roberta Eileen Renzi, Linda Solomon, Eleanor Toolajian, and William Steel.

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND DECEASED:

Please note starting next week we will automatically remove anyone who has been on this list for over a year unless we are notified not to remove them. Thank you for your understanding.

STEWARDSHIP CALLED TO SERVE

Fourth Sunday of Lent



It has been said many times over and in a variety of ways that stewardship is based upon gratitude. Gratitude for what, we might ask? For the variety of blessings each of us receives, understanding full well that each of us is gifted in different ways and perhaps even in different measures. However, there is one gift in which we all share equally.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16). It is difficult for us to even conceive of the magnitude of that multifaceted gift, from God’s unconditional love for us to the extraordinary gift of his son Jesus to the fabulous gift of everlasting life.

Stewardship calls us to appreciate all of God’s gifts, but if we only focus on the gifts listed above, our gratitude should know no bounds. Pope Francis has said, “God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. We all have the ability to understand and receive God’s gifts.” We need to recognize God’s gifts and especially during our preparations for Easter, find ways to show and live out our gratitude.



ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2024: Parishioners received a letter and an AAA brochure from Fr. Spyrow a couple of weeks ago. Everyone’s participation is essential to the success of the 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Each household is asked to make a special effort to give a proportionate gift to support the work of the Church. Please join other Catholics in our Archdiocese by supporting this once-a-year Appeal for the ministries and services of our Archdiocesan Church. **The Appeal also helps our parish since all overage beyond our parish goal will be directed towards New Exterior Doors for our church.**

Our Parish Goal for this year’s Appeal is \$21,643

Total paid to date: \$5,832

Goal Balance: \$15,811

Open Sign Up for Lay Ministry. If you would like to participate in any of our lay ministries (i.e., Eucharistic Minister, Hospitality, Lector, and/or Usher), or would be interested in volunteering in any other way within our NDV faith community, we would love to have you join us! Please sign up by March 11, 2024, either on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, online at <http://tinyurl.com/2dtxys7d>, or by calling the parish office at 415-397-0113 during normal weekday business hours. If you are already scheduled as a Lector, there is no need to sign up. Those who sign up will be contacted to attend a short training session (to be scheduled at a later date).



The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco invites you to “Rejoice, O Cross Guardian of the World” An Ecumenical Service of Salutations to the Holy Cross

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 7:00 PM

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

900 Alameda de las Pulgas Belmont, California 94002



Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

Life-Giving Wounds is a three-day retreat that invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents’ relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God’s beloved, capable of great love. It will be led by the Life-Giving Wounds retreat team. The retreat begins on March 22, 6:00 pm and ends on (Sun) March 24, 3:30 pm. Cost per individual is \$425/single room, (includes several meals, lodging, and all materials). Must be 18 or older to attend. To register and for more information please visit www.acdsf.info. Limited scholarships toward the retreat are available upon request; please email Ed at HopfnerE@SFArch.org



Launch of the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage Western Route

May 19, 2024, at 11:00 am - Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

1111 Gough Street San Francisco, CA 94109

Join Archbishop Cordileone and the Perpetual Eucharistic Pilgrims for the launch of the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage from the West with the St. Junipero Serra Route.

The day begins with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco at 11:00 a.m. with a pilgrimage walk following through San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge.

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 2024 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 **NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES.**

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

March 10 to March 17, 2024

Sunday	- 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23	- Eph 2:4-10	- Jn 3:14-21
Monday	- Is 65:17-21		- Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	- Ez 47:1-9, 12		- Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	- Is 49:8-15		- Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	- Ex 32:7-14		- Jn 5:31-47
Friday	- Wis 2:1a, 12-22		- Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	- Jer 11:18-20		- Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	- Jer 31:31-34	- Heb 5:7-9	- Jn 12:20-33

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which bears her name



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