



### Daily Masses Monday - Friday

7:00 am

### Sunday Masses:

Vigil 5:15 pm (Sat.)

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

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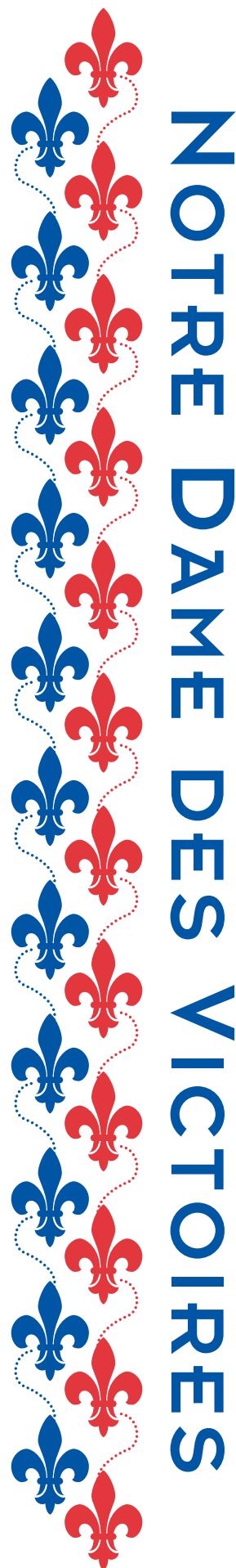
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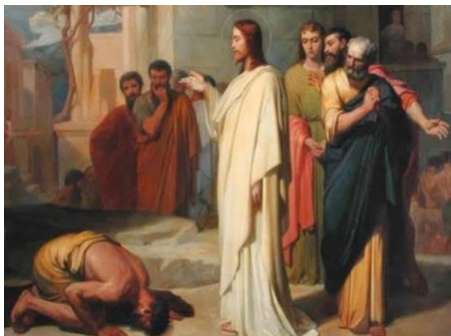
## ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE HEALED

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus reaches out to touch a leper; and, by touching him heals him. Leprosy is a disease worth fearing. It disfigures and disables a person. The ancient world thought it could be transmitted by touch. For the sake of the health of the community, the law made lepers outcasts; but, even without the law, nobody wanted to touch a leper. The leper healed by Jesus must have lived without the touch of another human being for a long time. How welcome the touch of Jesus must have been to that leper! And how overjoyed he must have been when he found himself healed!

Leprosy is not the only thing that severely disfigures and disables a person. Sin does so too. And the touch of Jesus that heals leprosy heals sin as well. That is why, at mass, we pray, "Only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Forego touch, Lord! We would be so overjoyed if you just said the word! Your healing would be so welcome to us! But we say those words at every mass, week after week, year after year. And still, we struggle with our sins. Somewhere Nietzsche says, unkindly, about Christians, "They don't even look like the redeemed!" That is a painful accusation, isn't it? Why aren't we healed, by word or by touch, as the leper was? Why do we have to keep asking for the Lord's healing touch at every mass?

But think about it this way: how would Nietzsche know what the redeemed look like? For that matter, how would we? Why should we think that we are in a position to see the healing that the Lord does in our lives? Why would we think that we are in a position to judge how far we have come in conquering sin in ourselves? The Lord tells us not to judge others (Mt 7:1). Why should we think we are able to judge ourselves? So, we do not have to see the effects of the healing touch of the Lord in order for it to do its work. The touch of the Word, for whose healing word we pray at every mass, does its healing deep within. Our job is to be open to that touch.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

*Seigneur si tu le veux, tu peux me purifier*

Cet évangile nous invite à répondre à la question : Qui sont les lépreux du XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle.  
- Ceux qui vivent dans les bidons-villes à travers le monde et chez-nous  
- Les sans travail et les sans-abris  
- Les ex-prisonniers qui ne peuvent reprendre leur place dans la société  
- Les gens sous l'emprise de la drogue  
- Les gens qu'on enferme dans des prisons secrètes et des prisons d'État, où la torture est à l'ordre du jour  
- Les personnes âgées qui attendent la mort dans l'isolement et l'abandon  
- Les vagues d'immigrants qui arrivent par milliers.

Il y a tellement de lépreux et d'exclus dans notre société moderne !

Le contact de Jésus avec le lépreux est en fait l'équivalent de la parabole du bon Samaritain dans la vie réelle. C'est aussi le symbole de l'intervention de Dieu dans chacune de nos vies.

Derrière l'image de la lèpre, nous retrouvons toutes nos fragilités, nos handicaps, nos toxicomanies, ce qui nous défigure et nous ronge de l'intérieur, tout ce qui nous empêche d'être un membre à part entière de la communauté humaine et d'offrir ce que nous avons d'unique. Tous nous avons besoin de la tendresse de Dieu. Et tous nous sommes invités à suivre l'exemple du Christ, à apporter un peu de réconfort et d'espérance à ceux et celles qui sont malades, rejetés et isolés.

À la fin de l'évangile de S. Marc, Jésus indique les signes qui accompagneront les membres de son peuple : «ils imposeront les mains aux malades et ceux-ci se sentiront mieux». (Mc 16, 18).

Être disciple du Christ, c'est être guéri par lui et marcher à sa suite en agissant comme lui.  
Père Yvon-Michel Allard, S.V.D.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

I hope you have been able to see the incredible articles that have been written about ND's 100th-anniversary kick-off! Publications like SF Gate and the Knob Hill Gazette are just a few. We are fortunate to have had such an incredible response from the larger San Francisco community, and we have only just begun. Check out 100th-anniversary news and information at NDV100.com

God bless,  
Sarah Currier, principal

*We're only just begun*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY, February 10<sup>th</sup>

5:15 pm Sister Shewaye Yenessu †

### SUNDAY, February 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am For Orphaned Children

12:15 pm Angelina (Guerra) Hunt †

### MONDAY, February 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Gladys R. Frontera - Needs

### TUESDAY, February 13<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Manuel Henry - Needs

### WEDNESDAY, February 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Nino Andrew – Needs

12:00 pm Deceased Benefactors †

### THURSDAY, February 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Pamela Rauscher Davis - Health

### FRIDAY, February 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am For Priestly Vocations

### SATURDAY, February 17<sup>th</sup>

5:15 pm Frantisek Policky †

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Amanuel Assefa, Cecille Bien, Odette Etcheverry, Antonio Espiritu, Brett Fischer, Benjamin Haller, 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 Duboscq, Raynold Descilo, Hedwige Fernandez, Ralph González, Maria Elena Grimaldo, Tadesse Habte, 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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent.

In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstituted into the community.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean." There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, Who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

### U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

#### In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564

Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: February 20, 2024

#### YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the "Debtor"), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

**If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.**

**Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.**

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via email at [RCASFinquiries@omniagent.com](mailto:RCASFinquiries@omniagent.com) or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll-free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

**\*\*If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing\*\***



### 2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference at St. Dominic Parish

Saturday, February 24, 2024 – 9:00 am-3:30 pm

2390 Bush St., San Francisco

Contact: Mary Powers | 608-205-2106 | [powersm@sfarch.org](mailto:powersm@sfarch.org)

Register for ticket(s): [Click Here](#)

Join the Archdiocese of San Francisco, along with St. Dominic's Catholic Church, for the 2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference. The theme this year is Blessed Art Thou: Women of the Eucharist in the Modern World. The day will begin with Mass with Archbishop Cordileone, followed by talks given by Gloria Purvis, host of the Gloria Purvis Podcast with America Magazine and speaker at the upcoming National Eucharistic Congress. The conference will also include time for Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lunch will be provided. Register above today!

### Catholic Men's Conference at St. Mark Parish, Belmont

Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 8:00 am 325 Marine View St, Belmont

Contact: Ed Hopfner | 415-614-5547 | [HopfnerE@sfarch.org](mailto:HopfnerE@sfarch.org) [www.sfbaymen.info](http://www.sfbaymen.info)

Saturday, March 9, is the Bay Area Catholic Men's Conference. Keynote speaker is Jesse Romero, retired Los Angeles sheriff, 3-time World Police Olympics boxing champion, and former U.S. Middleweight Kickboxing champion. Other speakers are Melkite priest, Fr Sebastian Carnazzo, and Scott Fisher, MD. Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate Mass. Confessions will be available. Registration is \$50 (fathers are encouraged to bring their teenage sons, \$25/each). See the website for more information / to register.



### 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](http://www.acdsf.info) Limited scholarships toward the retreat are available upon request; please email Ed at [HopfnerE@SFArch.org](mailto:HopfnerE@SFArch.org)

**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

February 11 to February 18, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	- Lv 13:1-2, 44-46	- 1 Cor 10:31—11:1	- Mk 1:40-45
<b>Monday</b>	- Jas 1:1-11		- Mk 8:11-13
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Jas 1:12-18		- Mk 8:14-21
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Jl 2:12-18	- 2 Cor 5:20—6:2	- Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	- Dt 30:15-20		- Lk 9:22-25
<b>Friday</b>	- Is 58:1-9a		- Mt 9:14-15
<b>Saturday</b>	- Is 58:9b-14		- Lk 5:27-32
<b>Sunday</b>	- Gn 9:8-15	- 1 Pt 3:18-22	- Mk 1:12-15



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