



### 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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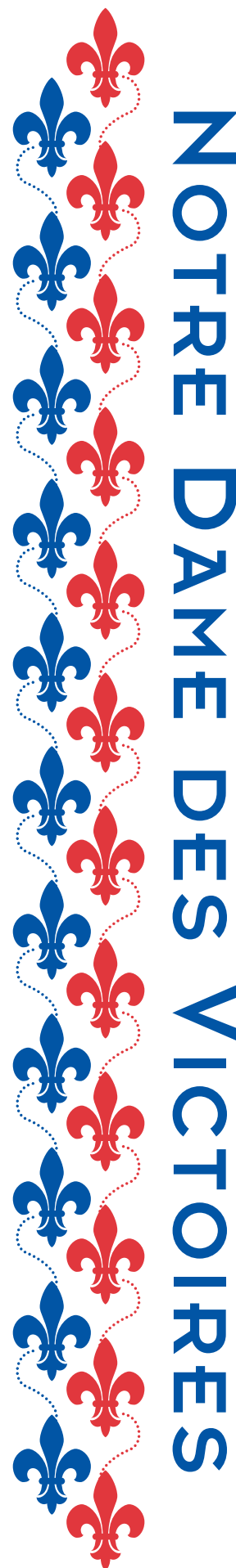
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## SETTING OUR NAVIGATION SYSTEM TOWARD GOD

Lent is a time of grace for us, a time to open ourselves more to God and to the gifts that God wants to give to us. People talk about doing all sorts of things for Lent and about giving up things. These are all good in themselves, but Lent is above all about opening ourselves to God. The things that we do and the things that we give up are to help us open ourselves more to God. Lent is about opening ourselves more to God and to the grace that he wants to give to us.

Lent is our time to consider the path we are on and if there is anything we need to do to be more centered on the path to God. It is the time to “repent and believe in the Gospel” as we heard Jesus say in today’s Gospel passage (Mark 1:15). It seems like the whole of the world has been on a path these past weeks dancing to a song in the Zulu language called *Jerusalema*. It is a spiritual song that says that “my place is not here” (Ndawo yami ayikho lana) and “my kingdom is not here” (Mbuso wami awukho lana) and “Jerusalem is my [spiritual] home” (*Jerusalema ikhaya lami*). Lent is our time to set our path towards the heavenly Jerusalem, the kingdom of God, because our place is not here, and our kingdom is not here.

Lent is a journey that involves our whole life, our entire being. It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking, to find the route that leads us home, and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends. Lent is not just about the little sacrifices we make, but about discerning where our hearts are directed.

Lent is a time of grace for us, a time for us to open ourselves more to God and to the gifts that God wants to give us. Again and again in the New Testament, we read beautiful invitations from Jesus to us such as, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.” (Rev 3:20) During this Lent, with the help of our guardian angels, may we hear Jesus knocking, open, let him in, and dine with him!

Fr. Tommy Lane



## FRENCH CORNER

*Convertissez-vous et croyez à la Bonne Nouvelle*

Aujourd’hui, comme ce ne sont plus les adultes mais les enfants qui reçoivent le baptême, le premier objectif a perdu de son importance, mais le second reste toujours valable. Le carême est pour chacun et chacune d’entre nous l’occasion de renouveler notre engagement chrétien en alimentant notre foi à la parole de Dieu et en nous rappelant que «nous ne vivons pas seulement de pain». (Mt 4, 4) Pendant ces quarante jours, le Christ nous invite à nous joindre à sa «révolution», une révolution intérieure qui commence en chacun et chacune de nous.

L’essentiel de ce processus de conversion est de nous attacher à la personne du Christ. Une fois ce lien établi, nous pouvons plus facilement lutter contre le mal. On connaît bien la «conversion» de saint Paul. Il n’était pas un grand pécheur, bien au contraire car, selon la loi juive, il était un homme irréprochable, mais il a adhéré à Jésus Christ, et cela a bouleversé sa vie.

Pendant ce temps de préparation à la fête de Pâques, l’Église nous propose trois moyens pour raviver la flamme de notre engagement chrétien : le jeûne, la prière et le partage.

En ce premier dimanche de carême, j’aimerais mettre l’accent sur le jeûne, un élément qui n’est pas très populaire dans notre civilisation de consommation mais qui demeure un des piliers de toute spiritualité authentique.

C’est surtout pendant les périodes plus difficiles que le jeûne peut nous aider à redimensionner nos priorités et nos objectifs de vie.

Le jeûne est un moyen efficace pour nous aider à trouver une alternative aux valeurs de notre monde de consommation, de cupidité et d’injustice. L’argent que nous épargnons sur les loisirs, la nourriture, le magasinage, le luxe peut être partagé avec d’autres. Notre temps et nos talents peuvent venir en aide à ceux et celles dans le besoin : «Chaque fois que vous l’avez fait à l’un de ces petits qui sont mes frères, c’est à moi que vous l’avez fait» (Mt 25, 31-46) Père Yvon-Michel Allard, S.V.D.

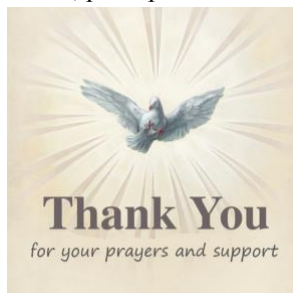
## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

Thank you for all of your prayers during Catholic Schools Week! We had a wonderful time celebrating our community, especially at mass, and we are grateful for your support.

God bless,

Sarah Currier, principal



**Mass Intentions for the Week**

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

5:15 pm Frantisek Policky †

## SUNDAY, February 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Gabriel Prieto, Jr. †

10:30 am People of the Parish

12:15 pm Phuong Quan - Health

## MONDAY, February 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Ephrem Asfaw †

## TUESDAY, February 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am Ayele Tafesse †

## WEDNESDAY, February 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00 am Gezahegne GebreWold †

## THURSDAY, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 am Arthur Brazel †

## FRIDAY, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 am Belete & Mertenesh Family

## SATURDAY, February 24<sup>th</sup>

5:15 pm Jim Lehane †

## 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

### First Sunday of Lent

Today's readings remind us why we partake in this 40-day Lenten journey — to prepare our hearts for the resurrection of Christ on Easter.

St. Peter reminds us in our Second Reading of the blessings we receive from Christ's passion, death, and resurrection — "Christ suffered for sins once... that he might lead you to God." And again, "[Baptism] is... an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

To receive the blessings more readily from Christ's passion, death, and resurrection, we too are called to endure 40 days "in the desert." In our Gospel, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where He was tempted by Satan. Jesus was called to face trials and to confront evil. During this time, He committed to intense prayer and fasting. It was not necessary for Jesus to go into the desert so that He might be purified, but rather, to endure the temptations of man for our sake. He was fully man, and experienced temptations just like us, yet responded to them perfectly, never falling into sin.

We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by Whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. And we will be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer.

Let us strive to purify our hearts so that we might be ready to receive the glorious gift of Christ and partake in the riches that pour forth from this Gift.

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 Camazzo, 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 18 to February 25, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	- Gn 9:8-15	- 1 Pt 3:18-22	- Mk 1:12-15
<b>Monday</b>	- Lv 19:1-2, 11-18		- Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Is 55:10-11		- Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Jon 3:1-10		- Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	- 1 Pt 5:1-4		- Mt 16:13-19
<b>Friday</b>	- Ez 18:21-28		- Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	- Dt 26:16-19		- Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday</b>	- Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18	- Rom 8:31b-34	- Mk 9:2-10



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