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Daily Masses

Monday - Friday

7:00 am
12:10 pm

Saturday

7:00 am

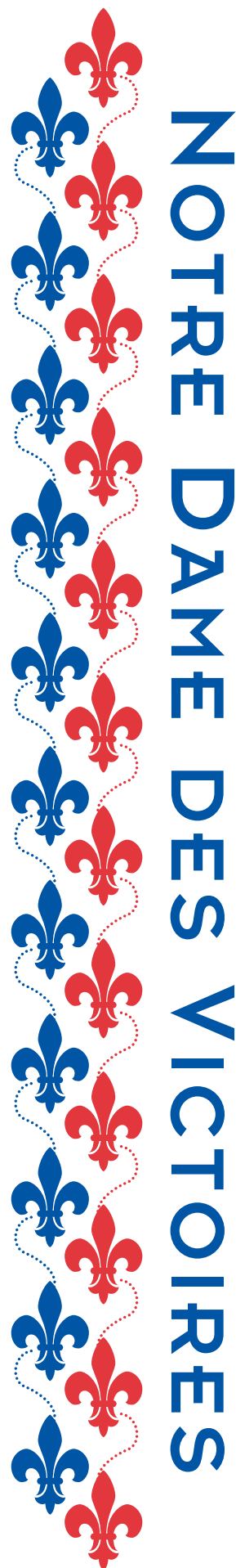
Sunday Masses:

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



The Epiphany of The Lord – January 7, 2024

LIKE THE WISE MEN WE TOO ARE CALLED TO JOURNEY TO JESUS

The wise men's journey of a thousand miles or more westwards from Persia, which could have taken three months, is really a symbol of the inward journey they made in their hearts, a journey from paganism to belief in Jesus as the Savior of the world. Indeed, not just the wise men but all of us are on a journey to get closer to Jesus our Savior. Our journey may not be from reading stars and consulting horoscopes, but we each are called to allow Jesus to be Lord of each part of our lives, not just when it suits us. We each have a journey to make to Jesus because none of us is yet fully converted and each of us has corners in our hearts and lives in need of Jesus' healing and redemption. Like wise men, we too are relying on the grace of God to lead us to the light of Jesus our Savior.

The wise men, through the grace of God, came to faith in Jesus. What about those who do not yet know that Jesus is the Savior? What about those who have not yet made that journey to Jesus? Can those who are not Christian get to heaven? Yes, they can. I think we can see part of the answer in the account of the wise men. By the grace of God, the wise men were led to Jesus. Even though they did not know Jesus they had a desire to meet Jesus. In their own way, with their beliefs, they lived as best they could, and this eventually led them to Jesus.

The wise men were not members of the Chosen People, yet God revealed to them that Jesus was born to show us that Jesus came not just for the Chosen People, the Jewish people, but that Jesus came to save all people.

The wise men went on a journey to Jesus, a journey from star reading to worshipping Jesus. We each are called to allow Jesus to be the Lord of each part of our lives, not just when it suits us. We each have a journey to make to Jesus because none of us is yet fully converted and each of us has corners in our hearts and lives in need of Jesus' healing and redemption. We pray that God may lead us like the wise men ever closer to his Son Jesus. We pray that all nations may come to know that Jesus is the one Savior, and that all nations may fall prostrate before Jesus.

.Fr. Tommy Lane



FRENCH CORNER

Chercheurs de Dieu

Jérusalem est la plus grande ville du pays, le centre du culte d'Israël, le lieu privilégié du Temple. Dans cette ville, l'étoile ne brille pas. Jérusalem préfère «ses ténèbres à la lumière, ses vieux parchemins à la Parole incarnée de Dieu.»

Bethléem par contre est le village du berger David, «la maison du pain», l'humble bourgade d'une vingtaine de familles où vivent des gens simple et ouvert à Dieu. Le Seigneur a choisi de naître et de s'incarner dans ce lieu simple et retiré.

Enfin, Matthieu compare les chercheurs de Dieu à ceux qui ne cherchent plus.

Les gens de Jérusalem croient qu'ils possèdent la vérité et depuis longtemps ils ont cessé de chercher. Les Mages représentent tous les gens en quête de lumière et de vérité.

Dans ce récit symbolique, le chemin des sages d'Orient est parfois éclairé et parfois obscure. Ces chercheurs de Dieu ne se découragent pas pour autant et continuent leur exploration. Après avoir trouvé le Seigneur, ils lui rendent hommage. Ils retournent ensuite dans leur pays par une nouvelle route : le contact avec Dieu ouvre des voies inconnues et change notre façon de penser, d'agir et de vivre.

A travers ces comparaisons, Matthieu s'adresse à chacun et à chacune de nous. Il nous interroge sur notre attitude envers Dieu : Sommes-nous comme les sages d'Orient ou comme les habitants de Jérusalem?

Il arrive souvent dans nos vies un «signe» nous est donné, un signe qui nous provoque et nous interroge. Ce n'est pas nécessairement une étoile, mais peut-être une personne rencontrée; un livre qui nous tombe sous la main; un film qui nous traverse l'esprit et le cœur, un événement inattendu : une maladie grave, un enfant qui naît, une perte d'emploi, un nouveau travail ou une nouvelle responsabilité, etc.

En cette fête de l'Épiphanie, profitons de ces «signes» pour devenir, nous aussi, *des chercheurs de Dieu.*

Père Yvon-Michel Allard, S.V.D.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

NDV will be closed for Christmas and New Year from December 23, 2023 - January 8, 2023. We will keep you in our prayers and we hope you will keep us in yours.

God Bless,

Sarah Currier, principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, January 6th

5:15 pm Dan Copp †

SUNDAY, January 7th

9:00 am Paul Jee Wook Koo &

Sabina Og Seon Koo †

10:30 am People of the Parish

12:15 pm Ger & Margaret Hassett †

MONDAY, January 8th

9:00 am Adenekush Kassa †

TUESDAY, January 9th

7:00 am For Poor Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, January 10th

7:00 am For the Hungry

THURSDAY, January 11th

7:00 am Margaret LaCampagne †

FRIDAY, January 12th

7:00 am For Priestly Vocations

SATURDAY, January 13th

5:15 pm Temesgen Messaye - Needs

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.



A New Year's Prayer
Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders
of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

STEWARDSHIP CALLED TO SERVE

The Epiphany of The Lord

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah of Israel, Son of God, and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as the Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs" and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel).



SAVE THE DATE: NDV CRAB FEED ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 27. The NDV Crab Feed will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024 in Marist Hall (566 Bush Street). More details to follow in future bulletins. Volunteers are needed to help with the event! Please contact Glenn Matsuhara at matsusf@aol.com if you are available to volunteer for this fun event!



INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED FOR NOTRE DAME DES VICTOIRES

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone has appointed Rev. Andrew Spyrow as the Interim Administrator of Notre Dame des Victoires Church and School. Fr. Spyrow will begin his term on January 1, 2024. Let us welcome Fr. Spyrow with our prayers and support as he undertakes his NDV pastoral ministry. Bienvenue, Père Spyrow, a Église et École Notre Dame des Victoires!



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.**

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL 2023

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path" is the Spiritual Theme of this year's Appeal. Your generosity has a tremendous impact on many lives. It enables the Archdiocese to provide vital services to our local community and our greater Church. What happens if Notre Dame des Victoires exceeds its AAA Goal? If a parish exceeds its AAA Target, 100 percent of the excess will be returned directly to the parish. This is why the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is a great time to give additional gifts to support not only the mission of the Archdiocese of San Francisco but also our parish. Below are the results as of August 1, 2023.

AAA Goal for Notre Dame des Victoires: **\$22,795**

Total Paid to Date: **\$9,292**

Goal Balance: **\$13,503**

To make your donation in faith, please Click Here

<https://osvhub.com/ndvsf/giving/funds>

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

January 7 to January 14, 2024

Sunday	- Is 60:1-6	- Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	- Mt 2:1-12
Monday	- Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-19		- Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday	- 1 Sm 1:9-20		- Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	- 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20		- Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	- 1 Sm 4:1-11		- Mk 1:40-45
Friday	- 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a		- Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	- 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a		- Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	- 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19	- 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20	- Jn 1:35-42

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