



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

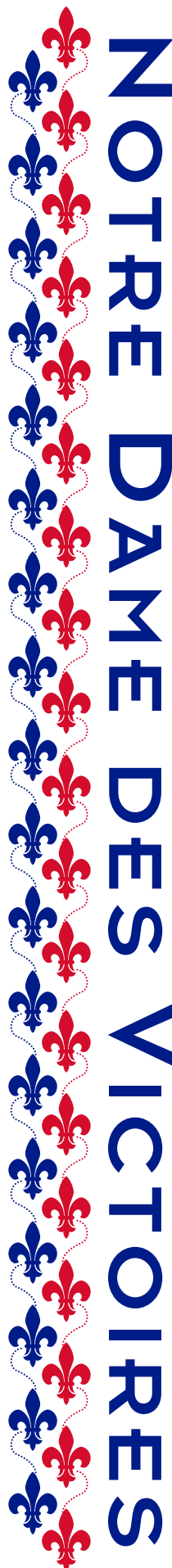
Eucharistic Adoration

(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



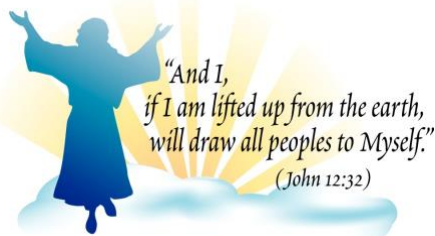
THE SANCTIFYING GRACE OF THE NEW COVENANT

How privileged we are to live in this time, the time of the New Covenant. We take it for granted. God offers us the possibility of close friendship with him and gives us his life, his grace, in superabundance. Under the Old Covenant, we would not even be his people since we are Gentiles, not Jewish people and we would be trying to find God in many different ways. His people had broken the first covenant written on the two stone tablets that Moses brought down Mount Sinai. But God has offered the New Covenant to all people, not just his Chosen People, the Jewish people. Thanks be to God for the New Covenant. We approach God today with confidence, assured of his love for us and his offer of life to us because of the New Covenant.

God offered us a new covenant, and the new covenant is written on our hearts with sanctifying grace through the Holy Spirit and we know the Lord through faith. Sanctifying grace remains with us when we receive it at baptism, and we receive sanctifying grace in superabundance because we receive grace each time we receive the sacraments. Because of sanctifying grace, we are in friendship with God. When we have sanctifying grace, we are in a “state of grace.” It means we are friends with God. If we commit serious sin, we lose sanctifying grace but when we turn to God again our friendship with God is restored along with sanctifying grace.

What is the source of this sanctifying grace of the new covenant? All grace comes from Jesus on the cross. Jesus is that grain of wheat that fell into the ground and died and produced much fruit and that fruit is the life of God in our souls, sanctifying grace. Jesus was foretelling the salvation and grace we would receive through his passion and death. All grace comes from the cross because Jesus was lifted up from the earth to draw us to himself, or like a grain of wheat, fell in the earth, died, and produced much fruit, the life of grace in our souls. Every time we receive the sacraments, their grace flows to us from Calvary.

Fr. Tommy Lane



FRENCH CORNER

Quand j'aurai été élevé de terre, j'attirerai à moi tous les hommes

Dieu veut renouveler son alliance avec nous. Nous sommes tous des pécheurs, un peu comme les pharisiens devant la femme adultère. Nous accusons facilement les autres mais lorsque le Christ nous invite à lancer la première pierre si nous sommes sans péché, nous nous éloignons la tête basse, en commençant par les plus vieux, sachant très bien que nous sommes aussi pécheurs que cette pauvre femme. C'est là notre condition humaine.

La reconnaissance de notre péché n'est donc pas un obstacle à la présence de Dieu parmi nous. Elle est la condition d'une nouvelle relation avec lui. Pendant la prière de consécration, le Christ proclame : «ceci est la coupe de mon sang, le sang de l'Alliance nouvelle et éternelle, qui sera versé pour vous et pour la multitude en rémission des péchés.»

La croix nous rappelle que nous sommes les fils et les filles de Dieu. Il est notre Père et il est toujours prêt à nous pardonner et à offrir sa vie pour nous. Il veut que nous ayons la vie en abondance.

La beauté du sacrement de réconciliation, c'est qu'il nous offre toujours l'occasion de renouveler notre alliance avec le Seigneur. La vieille expression «faire ses Pâques» voulait dire justement qu'au moins une fois dans l'année le chrétien en profitait pour rafraîchir et embellir sa relation avec Dieu.

Profitons des derniers jours du carême pour nous réconcilier et pour nous préparer à la grande fête de Pâques, en nous rappelant les paroles d'Ézéchiel : «Je vous donnerai un cœur nouveau, je mettrai en vous un esprit nouveau ; j'enlèverai votre cœur de pierre et je vous donnerai un cœur de chair. Je mettrai en vous mon propre Esprit, je vous ferai marcher selon mes lois, garder et pratiquer mes coutumes

Père Yvon-Michel Allard, S.V.D.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

It has been a very fun week at NDV! We welcomed our incoming TK/K classes for Taco Tuesday, 6th Grade toured City Hall, and our 8th Grade students received their high school acceptances! Please keep us in your prayers, and we will do the same.

God bless,
Sarah Currier, principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, March 16th

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

SUNDAY, March 17th

9:00 am Felicitas Baricar †

10:30 am Dorothy A. Rodriguez †

12:15 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY, March 18th

7:00 am Gladys R. Frontera - Needs

TUESDAY, March 19th

7:00 am Manuel Henry - Needs

WEDNESDAY, March 20th

7:00 am Nino Andrew - Needs

THURSDAY, March 21st

7:00 am Bish. Leonardus Dobbelaar, CM †

FRIDAY, March 22nd

7:00 am Gezahegne Gebrewold †

SATURDAY, March 23rd

5:15 pm Cecilia Cuyno †

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 Duboscq, 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.

HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

Saturday, March 23rd, 5:15 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 24th

7:30 am and 12:15 pm - Masses in English

9:00 am - Basque Mass (This Sunday Only)

10:30 am - French Mass

Blessed Palms are Distributed at all Masses.

March 28th Holy Thursday

6:30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration after Mass until 8:00 pm.

March 29th Good Friday

Noon - Celebration of the Passion and Death of the Lord:
Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross,
and Holy Communion; followed by Stations of the Cross and
individual confessions.

March 30th Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00 pm.

March 31st Easter Sunday

7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 12:15 pm - Masses in English

10:30 am - Mass in French

WHY ARE THE STATUES COVERED?

These last two weeks of Lent are called "Passiontide" - time to concentrate almost exclusively on the "Passion" of Jesus - His suffering and saving death on the Cross. So, the signs of joy and victory are covered so that we can meditate directly and purely on His Passion. Since the images of Mary and the Saints are reminders of the glory of Jesus - the Communion of the Saints and the power of their holiness and the comfort of their fraternity come from the Resurrection of Jesus and the giving of His Spirit - they are covered until we celebrate His Victory at Easter. From the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil, the Church turns her eyes in an intense and deep meditation on the Suffering Lord. As Lent draws to a close, we hold these last two weeks - Passion Week and Holy Week - as a time to go through the tragic events that brought about the Crucifixion. For the sorrows of Christ did not begin on Good Friday - they ended there. There were many sorrows before - Pharisees plotting; believers turning away; chief priests filled with hatred; cowardly Apostles, a denying Apostle, even a betraying Apostle. And so, we cover over the signs of victory. We even cover the Cross - so that we can see the sorrow of the Cross. We meditate on the Passion and Death of the Son of God - see how He loves us! "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."



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 coverage 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: \$6,207

Goal Balance: \$15,436

STEWARDSHIP CALLED TO SERVE

Fifth Sunday of Lent



As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus announces that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." All that He came to do on this earth was soon to be fulfilled. When we reflect on what Jesus says in this passage, He tells us a great deal about how we should be living as disciples of Christ. He clearly states, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting.

One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much greater — whether waking earlier to spend time in prayer, fasting from a favorite comfort every week or taking the time to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the

TV, just to name a few. We must continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

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 17 to March 24, 2024

Sunday	- Jer 31:31-34	- Heb 5:7-9	- Jn 12:20-33
Monday	- Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30 or 13:41c-62		- Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	- 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	- Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22	- Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Wednesday	- Dn 3:14-20, 91-9, 95		- Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	- Gn 17:3-9		- Jn 8:51-59
Friday	- Jer 20:10-13		- Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	- Ez 37:21-28		- Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	- Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16	- Is 50:4-7	- Phil 2:6-11
	- Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39		

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In the community
which bears her name



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