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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

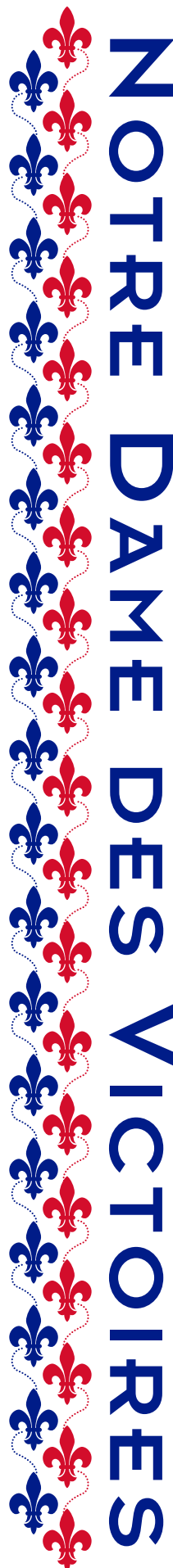
Eucharistic Adoration

(followed by Benediction)

First Friday of each month

10:00am - 12:00pm

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – March 24, 2024

THE PASSION OF JESUS SHOWS US UP AS SINNERS AND HEALS US

Who would have thought that the crowd that welcomed Jesus with such enthusiasm during his entry into Jerusalem would turn against him so quickly within days and demand his crucifixion and the release of Barabbas who had been condemned for murder? Their welcome and shouts for Jesus were superficial. Their support for him was only skin deep. It was easy to be part of a crowd that welcomed Jesus and it was easy to be part of a crowd that condemned him to death. It is easy to be part of the crowd. But in the account of the Passion, the crowd was not there for Jesus when he needed them most. The crowd did not go to the cross. The crowd abandoned Jesus. Only a few women and John went to the cross. So much for the crowd!

The Passion of Jesus moves us because it is we who have inflicted this suffering on Jesus. It was our sins that inflicted this suffering on Jesus. There is no past, present, or future for Jesus; he is outside of time. Remember the Jubilee 2000 motto, “Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever” (Heb 13:8) and when we sin, we crucify Jesus. We nail him again. The account of the Passion of Jesus moves us to flee from sin, to leave sin behind. That is why we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Holy Week. The Passion of Jesus shows us up for what we are, sinners who have crucified Jesus, and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we turn to Jesus again and ask for his mercy. And through the Passion of Jesus, we receive forgiveness, “through his wounds we are healed.” (Isa 53:5)

When we are hurt by things in our own life and hurt by what we see happening in the world around us and need answers, healing, and reassurance, let us turn to meditate on the Passion of Jesus and find the answer there, “through his wounds we are healed.” During the week ahead, meditate on the Passion of Jesus. Let it become a source of healing for you also. Do not waste this week. Spend this week with Jesus, meditating on his Passion. Come to the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. The crowd that welcomed Jesus with palms, turned against him just as quickly and abandoned him. Peter too turned from Jesus to save himself. Do we hear our conscience crowing anymore when we sin? See what we have done to Jesus. Flee from sin, and be healed, “through his wounds we are healed.”

Fr. Tommy Lane



FRENCH CORNER

Ayant aimé les siens, il les aima jusqu'au bout

Sur le calvaire, au milieu des souffrances atroces de la crucifixion, on lui lance des insultes. Il ne trouve personne pour le consoler. Il est trahi, renié et tous les disciples l'abandonnent. Seules quelques femmes de ses amies observent de loin. À la fin, le Christ a l'impression que Dieu lui-même l'a abandonné. Sur la croix, toutes les douleurs, toutes les larmes, toutes les angoisses de nos vies sont réunies et Dieu est solidaire de toutes les souffrances qui étouffent notre monde.

Comme vous avez remarqué, les lectures de ce dimanche nous présentent deux processions. La première conduit Jésus dans la ville de Jérusalem où il est accueilli avec enthousiasme (procession des rameaux). L'autre l'entraîne hors de la cité, condamné à la mort la plus atroce imaginée par les hommes. Dans la liturgie des rameaux, il est acclamé comme «Fils de David... qui vient au nom du Seigneur». Dans la procession de la passion, la foule lance des cris de haine envers celui qui est condamné à mort, malgré le fait qu'il «ait passé sa vie à faire du bien». Dans la première procession, les gens étendent leurs vêtements sur la route pour lui rendre hommage, dans la seconde on lui enlève ses vêtements et on le couvre de blessures, de ridicule et d'injures. C'est la dualité de la réponse que l'on donne à Dieu à travers l'histoire... Parfois, nous lui permettons d'entrer chez-nous et parfois nous le rejetons violemment hors de nos vies.

Dieu qu'en regardant la croix : il est «fils», il est «roi», mais pas comme les hommes se l'imaginent... Il est tout amour, il est l'amour absolu, qui meurt pour «les autres»... Ce roi est le serviteur sans privilège et sans domination, qui «est venu pour servir et non pour être servi».

Père Yvon-Michel Allard, S.V.D.

FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

This week, we began construction on a grotto modeled after the one in Lourdes, France, where Mary appeared to St. Bernadette. We are most grateful to the Buhr Family for the generous donation made in honor of their mother, who made this project possible.

God bless,
Sarah Currier, principal



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, March 23rd

5:15 pm Cecilia Cuyno †

SUNDAY, March 24th

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am Bernard Oyharcabal †, Henri Bonson †, Marie J. Bonson † et Jeanne Michelena †

10:30 am Yeshashwork Wehib †

12:15 pm Tesfayesus Asrat †

MONDAY, March 25th

7:00 am Bronia & Stan Karwowski

TUESDAY, March 26th

7:00 am Dorothy Rodriguez †

WEDNESDAY, March 27th

7:00 am Tewabech Dobale †

THURSDAY, March 28th

6:30 pm Rex & Hedwige Fernandez †

FRIDAY, March 29th

Noon Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Death

1:30 pm Station of the Cross

2:00 pm Confessions

SATURDAY, March 30th

8:00 pm Teferi Tafesse †

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: \$7,207

Goal Balance: \$14,436

STEWARDSHIP CALLED TO SERVE

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. As we read about the climax of Christ's mission here on earth, we are reminded that He is the Perfect Steward, a model for us all on our stewardship journey.

Our First Reading, from the prophet Isaiah, portrays a suffering servant. The suffering servant, in many ways, foreshadows what Jesus endured during His passion. Even though He didn't deserve such tortures, He humbly submitted to them. His mission as a steward was to fulfill His Father's mission. We, too, play a unique role in our Father's mission by bringing souls to Christ. It simply begins with the witness of our lives.

Today's Gospel shares the account of Jesus' last days on earth, and how He lives them says a great deal about how we should be living ours as faithful stewards. Jesus does many things in these last days, and they all revolve around prayer and service — two, trademark actions of a good and faithful Catholic. He hosts a Passover meal in which He gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. He intensely prays to His Father. Lastly, He submits to humiliation, torture, and death for our sake, calling out to God the Father in His weakest moments. We might not be called to the same type of prayer and service, but we are all called to commit time in daily prayer with our Lord and to serve our families, churches, and neighbors.

As we embark on this Holy week, let us take some time to reflect on the life of Christ as He is our model Steward, and may we strive to imitate Him daily.

Catholic Charities Family Housing Assistance for families in San Francisco and San Mateo County is helping a local family settle into housing. We are supporting a mother and her two children, a 3-year-old girl, and a 9-year-old boy, with ongoing case management and monthly rental subsidies to stay housed as the family gradually transitions to independent living.

Help this young family make their house a home: we are seeking two new beds for the children; as well as kitchen cutlery, cleaning supplies, and a microwave.

To donate any of these items, please contact Darlene Wilson at volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.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

March 24 to March 31, 2024

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		
Monday	- Is 42:1-7		- Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	- Is 49:1-6		- Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	- Is 50:4-9a		- Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	- Ex 12:1-8, 11-14	- 1 Cor 11:23-26	- Jn 13:1-15
Friday	- Is 52:13—53:12	- Heb 4:14- 16; 5:7-9	- Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday	- Gn 1:1—2:2	- Gn 22:1-18	- Ex 14:15—15:1
	- Is 54:5-14	- Is 55:1-11	
	- Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4	- Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28	- Rom 6:3-11
	- Mk 16:1-7		
Sunday	- Acts 10:34a, 37-43	- Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b-8	- Jn 20:1-9
	- Mk 16:1-7 or an afternoon Mass	- Lk 24:13-35	

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