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**Monday - Friday**

7:00 am

**Sunday Masses:**

Vigil 5:15 pm (Sat.)

9:00 am

10:30 am (French)

12:15 pm

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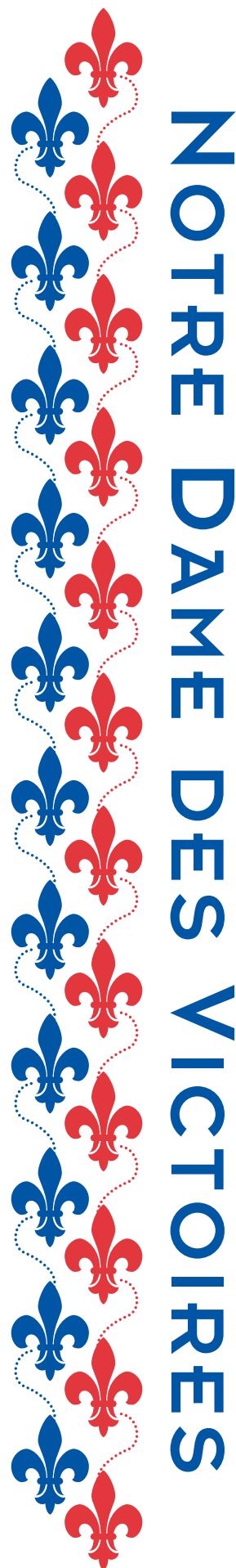
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# Third Sunday of Lent – March 3, 2024

## THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL

In the First Reading, God gives Moses and the Israelites the Ten Commandments. These are God's basic instruction manual for life. In Christ's Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5 through 7), that basic instruction manual is supplied with more details. The Ten Commandments forbid murder. The Sermon on the Mount commands you actually to love your enemy, turn the other cheek to him, and so on.

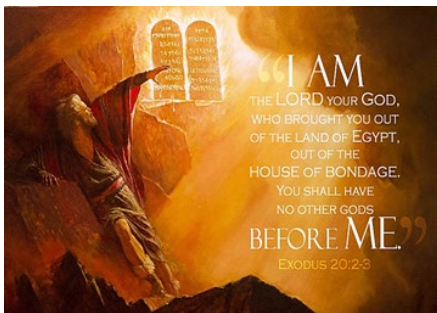
The rules of God's instruction manual for us are helpful; but, as we all have learned, it is hard to know in what circumstances they apply. Suppose you take the commandment about turning the other cheek to apply to someone who is beating his wife. If you apply it to mean that you should not try to stop him, you will simply be cooperating with his evil.

The trick is to see that the commandment about turning the other cheek has to be applied in the context of the broader rule: love your enemy. If you enable your enemy to become more evil, how have you loved him?

Elsewhere in the Gospel (John 2:15), Christ uses a whip to chase the moneychangers out of the Temple. In doing this he helps us understand how to apply the rules. In cases where turning the other cheek would make your enemy worse instead of better, loving your enemy requires helping him to stop his evil in some other way. And that is why the same Christ who gave the Sermon on the Mount drives out the moneychangers. If he had turned the other cheek to them, he would have been an enabler of their evil. Instead, it is good for them, as well as for others, that they stop the evil they were doing. And so, Christ uses force to get them to stop.

Here is the thing to notice, then. God's instruction manual for life is not limited just to the sets of rules in the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. There is a medieval saying: every act of Christ is a teaching for us (Omnis Christi actio nostra est instructio).\* Christ's life and actions, as they are set out in the Gospels, are our best help for seeing how to live our lives well. Our best instruction manual is Christ himself.

Eleonore Stump



## FRENCH CORNER

*Je suis le Seigneur ton Dieu, qui t'ai fait sortir du pays d'Égypte*

La première lecture d'aujourd'hui sur les dix commandements donne le ton à ce troisième dimanche du carême. Il est intéressant de constater que la liste des commandements mentionnés ne commence pas par une obligation, mais par le souvenir de ce que Dieu a fait pour son peuple. L'action de Dieu en faveur de son peuple est la base de la Loi donnée à Moïse et, pour donner suite à cette libération, les commandements invitent au respect que l'on doit avoir pour Dieu et pour les autres.

Le respect c'est plus qu'une question de bonnes manières, c'est un témoignage d'estime, d'intérêt et même d'amour. C'est aussi une condition essentielle pour que règne la paix dans la communauté. Le manque de respect conduit à l'injure, l'insulte, le mépris, l'intimidation, le ridicule, le rejet et l'exclusion. Est-ce que j'ai vraiment du respect pour Dieu, pour mes parents, pour la famille, pour les faibles, pour les étrangers, pour ce qui appartient aux autres.

La Loi du Seigneur est en notre faveur et non contre nous. Elle ne veut pas limiter notre liberté mais lui permettre de s'épanouir. Cette Loi du Seigneur touche au quotidien, au profane de la vie : la famille, les rapports sociaux, le monde du travail, la vie de tous les jours. Si la Loi nous empêche de profiter de la vie, c'est elle qui est mal interprétée!

Les commandements qui nous sont proposés aujourd'hui deviennent un chemin de liberté, de respect, de partage et de fraternité. Et le temple, la maison du Seigneur, est l'endroit où nous célébrons ce cadeau, ce don de Dieu. Il a donc droit à tout notre respect : «Ne faites pas de la maison de mon Père une maison de commerce.»

Père Yvon-Michel Allard, S.V.D.

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

Parishioners,

At NDV, we have many sports teams including: basketball, volleyball, track, cross country, and soccer! I am proud to announce that our 8th-grade boys' basketball team won the CYO championships last week! Go Dragons!

God bless,

Sarah Currier, principal



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SATURDAY, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

5:15 pm Marechet Belete - Health

**SUNDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 am Robert Webster †

10:30 am People of the Parish

12:15 pm Robert Lankford †

**MONDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Ignacio Ramirez Saldivar †

**TUESDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Patricia Danzer †

**WEDNESDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Intentions of Pope Francis

**THURSDAY, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Dorothy Rodriguez †

**FRIDAY, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am Adenekush Kassa †

**SATURDAY, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

5:15 pm Dorothy Rodriguez †

## WE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Amanuel Assefa, Cecille Bien, Odette Etchevery, 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

Third Sunday of Lent



Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God. He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple — the place to worship God and God alone. He drives out evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. This is what Jesus wants to do for us this Lenten season. He wants to remove all impurity and evil in our lives and hearts so that we may have a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us. He became a man to carry our burdens and wipe away our sins. He has given us boundless mercy, but we must do our part to seek it and commit to living a more faithful life as a disciple of Christ. With this knowledge, let us seek to be purified from our sins so that our hearts might be a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

This season of Lent is only halfway done — there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for Easter morning. But let us not waste another moment. Let us name our shortcomings, seek God's mercy, and invite Him to transform our hearts.



### **Modern-day Eucharistic miracles help those who have "lost God" find hope (and evidence) that Jesus is the Eucharist**

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**Saturday 3/9/2024** at 12:45 pm – English - 2:00 pm - Spanish

St. Pius Church - Men's Conference

1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061

**Sunday 3/10/2024** - Presentation after 6:00 pm mass

Our Lady of Angels Church

1721 Hillside Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010

**Open Sign Up for Lay Ministry.** If you would like to participate in any of our lay ministries (i.e., Eucharistic Minister, Hospitality, Lector, and/or Usher), or would be interested in volunteering in any other way within our NDV faith community, we would love to have you join us! Please sign up by March 11, 2024, either on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, online at <http://tinyurl.com/2dtxys7d>, or by calling the parish office at 415-397-0113 during normal weekday business hours. If you are already scheduled as a Lector, there is no need to sign up. Those who sign up will be contacted to attend a short training session (to be scheduled at a later date).



**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 overage 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: \$5,165

Goal Balance: \$16,478

### **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 |

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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**

**March 3 to March 10, 2024**

<b>Sunday</b>	- Ex 20:1-17	- 1 Cor 1:22-25	- Jn 2:13-25
<b>Monday</b>	- 2 Kgs 5:1-15b		- Lk 4:24-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	- Dn 3:25, 34-43		- Mt 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	- Dt 4:1, 5-9		- Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday</b>	- Jer 7:23-28		- Lk 11:14-23
<b>Friday</b>	- Hos 14:2-10		- Mk 12:28-34
<b>Saturday</b>	- Hos 6:1-6		- Lk 18:9-14
<b>Sunday</b>	- 2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23	- Eph 2:4-10	- Jn 3:14-21



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