



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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JANUARY 8, 2017

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK...

www.stmaryslg.org/#calendar



- Sun. Coffee & Donuts all AM masses
- Jan. 8 Elementary Religious Ed 9 & 11:15 a
Playways 9 a
Malankara Mass 1 p
Youth Choir Practice 4 p
WAV 6p
- Mon. Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:15 a
- Jan. 9 Faith Formation 4p
Adoration & Evening Prayer 6 p
Women's Support Group 6:30 p
EDGE 7pm
- Tue. Small Christian Community 6:30 a
- Jan. 10 Thomas Merton: Inner Experience 9:30
Centering Prayer 7 p
RCIA 7 p
- Wed. Organ Practice 4:30 p
- Jan. 11 Adult Choir Practice 7 p
Women's Study Group 7:15pm
- Thu. Women's Spirituality Group 8 a
- Jan. 12 Centering Prayer 4 p
SMS Men's Club 5p
- Fri. Men's Faith Sharing 6:30 a
- Jan. 13 Bible Study 8 a
Adoration & Evening Prayer 3p
- Sat. Reconciliation 3:30 p
- Jan. 14
- Sun. Malankara Mass 1 p
- Jan. 15 Youth Choir Practice 4 p

**Our Experience in America:
 Christian, Muslim, Jewish**



Wednesday, January 25 at 7 pm at

Los Gatos Presbyterian Church
 16575 Shannon Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032

Six speakers:

 **Taqwa Sarapati, Stanford Chaplain for Islam**

Melanie Aron, Rabbi for the Jewish Community 

Christian Representation:

 **Mike Smith, Bishop from the Latter-day Saints**

Dave Watermulder, Reverend from Presbyterian Church 

 **Robert McKay, Chaplain for Seventh Day Adventist Church**

Fr. Rick Rodoni, Pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Church 

Welcome to St. Mary

For more detailed information about what is happening now and in the future at St. Mary go to our online calendar on our website or on the computer in the parish office. Registration Forms can be found online, in the vestibule of the church or in the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP

is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts of love of God and neighbor.

OUR GOAL is to fund our operations entirely through the Sunday Collection using gifts, bequests, fundraising to build our reserves for our capital needs — maintaining our buildings and grounds.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

We have already had a great start on what can be a relatively easy solution. **ONLINE GIVING.** *Why Online Giving?* It gives the parish a consistent and predictable revenue stream. This year, we would like to get every family using online giving. It's easy to do — **Sign Up NOW!**

stmaryslg.org/donate

THANK YOU to those who have already signed up.

If you were receiving envelopes please contact Lisa - llawson@stmaryslg.org to discontinue them. We currently have **164** Scheduled Giving users signed up to date!

Text Giving is now Available ... What does this mean?

If you have not yet signed up for ConnectNow Online Giving, or even if you have, we are now also providing the ability to text your donation to the Sunday Collection as well as Christmas, Easter and 2nd collections.

Number to text to: 14082605076

1. Text the amount you would like to give to your church's designated number (FOR OTHER THAN SUNDAY COLLECTION READ TIPS BELOW).
2. If you are a first time text-giving donor, or not signed up for ConnectNow Giving currently, you will be prompted to visit a secure URL.
3. Once you click the registration link, you will enter your credit or debit card information.
4. At this point your donation will process.
5. You will see a confirmation text showing your donation and registration were successful.

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR TEXT GIVING

- If you only text a monetary value, the funds are attributed to your church's Sunday Collection. (Ex: \$50 = will go to default fund- Sunday Collection)
- If you text "Funds" you will receive a reply text including a list of the fund names they can choose to donate to.
- If you text the amount + fund name— the funds will be attributed to that fund name. (Ex: \$10 Building)
- If the fund name you texted does not match— you will receive a message with a list of fund names for you to choose from. Respond with the number of the correlating fund.
- If you text "Help" you will receive a reply text that states: "To give enter the amount you want to give, such as 100. You can also give to a specific fund by typing it after your amount, such as 100 building fund".
- If you text "Reset" you will receive a reply text that states: "Saved card information successfully removed. Please register your card information again when making your next gift by texting an amount to this number."

Parishioner Name Log Out

Give Now
» One Time Donations

Scheduled Giving
» Automatic Recurring Donations

My Account
» My Info, Pledge & History

My Scheduled Giving

Choose a Fund: Sunday Collection

Frequency: Weekly (Every Sunday)

Amount:

Start Date: 10/16/2011

Card Information

Card Type: Debit Card

Card Number:

Card Expiration: 1 / 2016 (month / year)

Card Holder Information

Name on Card:

Street Address:

Zip Code:

[Activate Schedule](#)

USE CHECK Click here to choose ACH or Credit Card option

Choose weekly, bimonthly, monthly

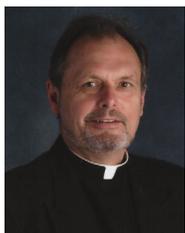
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If you are using Online Giving we have placed cards at the main Entrance of the church to drop in the collection basket showing you making your donation online.



**More information about
Ways to Give
can be found online at**

<https://www.stmaryslg.org/ways-to-give>



**NEW CHANCE
AND
OPPORTUNITY**

Each day as we started our morning’s peripatetic instruction in theology, my mentor would say, “It’s a new day, another chance, and another opportunity.” It was not always clear what would stand out as distinctly new about whatever other day, chance, or opportunity, still it was a positive approach that enlightened the mind and set me on guard for what new possibilities were there for me to discover. He helped me develop a passion for considering how abstract theological concepts are anchored in the primary building blocks for living what we believe—for living our faith. Such requires reflection, prayer, and action—the kind of faith that’s more like a verb than a noun. It takes many years to learn this and there is still much more to discover.

You will never know what you may find unless you are willing to participate in what is possible. There are plenty of gurus that will tell you to take more risks—truth is, no one knows what’s best to sacrifice in order to advance success. English maxims that make this claim like “nothing ventured, nothing gained” or “fortune favors the bold,” could be enough to inspire people to participate, but what happens next? The answer goes back to the triplet—reflection, prayer, and action. This is the wisdom of our Catholic tradition, and these disciplines lead to a lifelong development of faith, hope, and love.

Life is full of chance and opportunity. To realize what you can do does not end with whatever limitation you may imagine there are. Even so there are some who have determined that their character or intelligence is fixed. *Se la vie*. Still, the judeo/Christian ethic gives direction for placing less importance on the self-imposed limitations any may place upon others or on the self. Naturally, our faith speaks of the eternal possibilities for our transformation and transcendence—communally and

individually. What can anyone do after exhausting this abstraction?

Let me suggest that you consider grounding your life of faith in a community that loves and serves the Lord and one another in Los Gatos. The outcome of integrating theological concepts into actions really does bring together the abstract and the possible.

Accordingly, please consider attending the next Kid’s Saturday Barbecue. This is a new chance and another opportunity to share food with family and meet new friends. The Men’s Club will begin to hold Saturday barbecues beginning February—January’s start date was rained out. The next date in February will be announced, and these events are ideal ways to learn about the community of St. Mary in Los Gatos. Please contact Mark Secchia for more information at mark@secchia.com for new opportunity.



Greetings St. Mary’s Parish Moms!

I am delighted to be facilitating a new women’s group for the parish and school. This group is aimed at connecting faith-full mothers of school age children to share our common experiences, explore scripture, and develop our Catholic faith.

We will be meeting in the evening every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Our first introductory meeting is on Wednesday, January 11th from 7:15pm-8:30pm in the annex at church. January through May we will be discussing the book “Walking with Purpose: Seven Priorities that Make Life Work” by Lisa Brennkemeyer. This author and Catholic mother, has written a wonderful study that touches on many topics relevant to our busy lives as professionals and mothers such as:

- *Stop striving and rest in God’s unconditional love*
- *Create clarity in a cluttered home*
- *Find friendships that go below the surface*
- *Reach your child’s heart*
- *Discover your passion and purpose*

Books will be provided at our first meeting on the 11th for ten dollars. No need to prepare ahead of time. I hope you will join us! Please contact me with any questions.

Warmly,

Kate Raft
408-888-4840

VILLAGE HOUSE - AN INTERFAITH SHELTER OF HOPE
shelter@dsj.org

On December 8, 2015, the San José City Council eased regulations that allow churches to temporarily shelter the homeless for up to 35 days by removing permitting requirements.

Bishop McGrath recently asked all Catholic Parishes to consider opening their facilities to shelter the homeless during these winter months. The Episcopal Church in Almaden will open its doors as the first Warming House this year. They really need help staffing. Individual volunteers are needed, most urgently at The Episcopal Church in Almaden, which kicks off the January effort. St. Martin de Tours Church will host in February. See the volunteer page at: <http://www.villagehousesccca.com> or at www.eca-sj.org.

This is an opportunity for us to do something concrete to help women move out of homelessness, who want to help themselves. Thank you so much ... every single volunteer space helps.

For more information contact Jane Najour - jnajour@stmaryslg.org

ALL FAITHS HOUSE FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS

We have much to do this year. Our next project is in Santa Clara County. We are partnering with the City of San Jose as a contractor on a project; Vermont House, a Transitional Housing Shelter Renovation for disabled veterans.

This is truly a wonderful way your volunteer hours and annual funding can be put to work in our community that really needs your support.

For more information contact: Don Varney, Faith Relations Manager
Dvarney@HabitatEBSV.org Phone: 866-450-4432
Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley



FAITH FORMATION

Baptism, Sacraments, Children of all Ages, Youth Ministry, Young Adult, Adult Education
www.stmaryslg.org/faith-formation



To register, please go to our website under Faith Formation or email
Terri Trotter - ttrotter@stmaryslg.org

2017 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Registration forms for our 2017 Faith Formation preparation classes have been e-mailed out to all registered families. Please take time to look at the forms, fill them out and return to the Pastoral Ministries Office. If you do not receive these forms by e-mail you can register online through the website or they will be available for pick up in the Parish Office.

ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

The St. Mary's Spirituality Council would like you to **Save the Following Dates!**

- January 3rd-February 21, 2017 *The Inner Experience* by Thomas Merton: facilitator Donna Lenahan
- February 21, 2017 "Understanding Mary": facilitator Cynthia Rostankowski 7:00 p.m. in Hofmann Center
- April 4-May 30, 2017 *Jesus, A Pilgrimage* by Father James Martin: facilitator Donna Lenahan

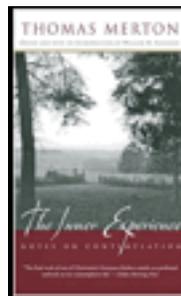
Please watch for further information via the parish website, flyers, bulletin and announcements during mass. We will be adding additional events as the year progresses. If you have any questions or suggestions for future offerings please contact Carrie Kaufmann at ckaufmann@msn.com.

Thomas Merton's
The Inner Experience

8 Tuesday Mornings
10 am to 12noon

January 3 thru February 21
St. Mary's Conference Room

Come, join a small group of like-minded people for a weekly time of retreat, a time of diving deeply into God working with the very last of Merton's writings. The fee is \$25.00 covering the book and handouts. Please take a brochure for more information. Facilitated by Donna Lenahan, a member of the Spirituality Council at St. Mary's. Sign up in advance is recommended. To sign up for this series, please contact her; e-mail: djlenahan@aol.com; phone: 408-354-9024



THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace! Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

MARRIED COUPLES:

This New Year resolve to make your marriage the best it can be by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is March 17-19, 2017 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewme.org or 408-782-1413.

2017 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

We offer faith formation here at St Mary from infancy through adults. Baptism Preparation for new parents, Sacrament preparation for children receiving First Reconciliation and Eucharist. Confirmation sessions for teens. Ongoing formation for children from preschool through high school on a weekly basis.

Interested in becoming Catholic or are you a returning Catholic? Join us for our RCIA process which helps adults become fully initiated members of our church.

Interested in joining our Mom's group or in adult spirituality? Interested in volunteering in one of our programs?

For more information on any of these programs or to volunteer, please contact Terri at ttrotter@stmaryslg.org



PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Antonio Pereira †
Leon Mardrossian †
Jeffery Dodge †
Will Ruml †



Pray for the Sick
Mary Crompton
Grania Tierney
Elizabeth Valenzuela

We pray for all parishioners who need healing of body, mind and spirit, that Jesus be a source of strength and comfort.

To place a name on this list (for three weeks), contact Pastoral Care, 354-3726 x121. You also are invited to write names in St. Mary's Book of Petitions and Prayers in front of Mary's statue in church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Jan. 9	7:30 am	Jim & Carol Fuquay †
Tue. Jan. 10	7:30 am	Gilroy Murzello †
Wed. Jan. 11	7:30 am	Ernie Frost †
Thu. Jan. 12	7:30 am	Rosemary Loughran (Sp. Int.)
Fri. Jan. 13	7:30 am	Gary Johnson †
Sat. Jan. 14	7:30 am 5:00 pm	Odette & Darryl Torre (Sp. Int.) St. Mary Parishioners
Sun. Jan. 15	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:15am 5:00 pm	John Pearne † Vivian Cote † Enrico Reyes † Teresa Olague †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1- 3; Jn 1:29-34

Daily readings and mass times can also be found on our website:

www.stmaryslg.org/mass-times

An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'

Note: some hearing aids will automatically access the system.



"When the Church cares for the sick, she serves Christ himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body"

Decree of Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, 7 December, 1972

Pastoral & Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick and the Homebound Workshop

Calling all those who are currently visiting, or are interested becoming a visitor to the sick and the homebound with a compassionate spirit and the Eucharist.

Presenter: Fr. Robert McKay

Diocese of San Jose, Coordinator of Parish Health Care Ministry

Saturday, February 11, 2017, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Hofmann Center

"We believe in the communion of Saints"

For more information and registration please contact Jane: (408) 354-3726 x121

stmaryslg.org/events/ministers-to-the-sick-homebound-workshop

LOVE MADE VISIBLE

Work of Human Hands

In Spring 2014 a small group of women gathered at the parish to begin a new segment of Pastoral Care – a Prayer Shawl Ministry. What emerged incorporated all these goals and more – a small faith-sharing group was born. As patterns and yarn were shared, prayers and hopes were also shared. In the first year 50 Prayer Shawls were sent forth from this ministry to comfort and support parishioners and friends. Is this a ministry that you might be interested in? Currently the group meets at St. Mary's once a month (second Monday of the month) for an hour and a half (10:15 - 11:45 am). We welcome all individuals. Amongst the group "how to" videos are available to borrow as well as pattern and instruction books; most of the shawl making is done at home. We come together for support and community as well as to develop expressions of art and love through yarn and handcrafts. If you are interested in being part of the effort, but cannot attend meetings, please contact Jane Najour (jnajour@stmaryslg.org or 408 354-3726 ext 121) and she can forward your name and contact information to the group.

If you would like to receive a prayer shawl for a parishioner or loved one of a parishioner please contact Jane. She will forward your request to the group of knitters. Donations of yarn and supplies are happily accepted at the Pastoral Ministries office.

DIVORCED? SEPARATED?

If you are divorced or separated and interested in being part of a new support group in our area, we would like to hear from you! Please contact Lisa, in the parish office, via email — llawson@stmaryslg.org or call 408.354.3726 x110 and leave your name and contact information.



FOR ADS

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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

- Jan. 10 - Children/Adolescents & the Realities of Technology, 6:30pm, Library
- Jan. 13 - NO SCHOOL - Faculty In-Service
- Jan. 16 - NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr. Holiday
- Jan. 17-19 - Peter Pan Auditions/Callbacks 3:30-5:30pm, Junior High Bldg., Rm. 6
- Jan. 24 - TK/K Information Night, 7pm, Library

TK/K INFO NIGHT

COME SEE WHY WE LOVE ST. MARY SCHOOL!



Join us for a Parent Information Night about our Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Programs

Tuesday, January 24th
7:00PM
in the Abby Sobrato Junior High Library



St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception School
30 Lyndon Avenue
Los Gatos
408.354.3944
WASC/WCEA Accredited

For more information, contact Mrs. Monica Hernandez, Program Director mherandez@stmaryslg.org
St. Mary School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in the admission of students, the administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION

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Jane Najour	Coordinator of Pastoral Ministries	jnajour@stmaryslg.org	x121
Ellie Harris	Youth Ministry	mharris@stmaryslg.org	x129
Corliss Greene	Director of Music	cgreene@stmaryslg.org	x122
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Teri Shepherd Tucci	Business Manager	tstucci@stmaryslg.org	x137

If it is an emergency and you need to reach a priest call 408.482.8021

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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Cecile Mantecon	Vice Principal	cmantecon@stmaryslg.org	x148
Sheryl Becker	Office Manager	sbecker@stmaryslg.org	x132
Kathy Rosendin	Administrative Assistant	krosendin@stmaryslg.org	x118

MASS TIMES

Daily: Mon - Sat 7:30 am Saturday (Vigil): 5 pm Sunday: 7:30, 9 & 11:15 am and 5 pm
Reconciliation: 3:30 pm on Saturdays Rosary prayed after 7:30am daily mass

*The presiders' schedule can be found on our website at:
www.stmaryslg.org/mass_times*

At the 4pm mass on Christmas Eve some of our students beautifully presented the story of Christmas - *An Unexpected Christmas*

