



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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FEBRUARY 18, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten Spirituality in February

Understanding Grace

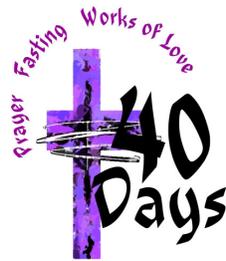
As Catholics, we believe that our souls are cleansed by grace. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter taught that "God shows no partiality, . . . and those "who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out. . . ." In grace, we are transformed by God when we freely accept His gift.



We will explore the mystery of Grace through literature and imagery on February 21, 2018 in Hoffman Center, 7:00-8:30 p.m. by

Cynthia Rostankowski, Ph.D.
 Associate Professor,
 Department of Humanities
 San José State University
 and St. Mary's Parishioner

This free event is sponsored by St. Mary's Parish Spirituality Council. All are welcome!



THIS WEEK...

www.stmaryslg.org/#calendar

- Sun. RCIA - Rite of Enrollment 11:15 a
- Feb. Malankara Mass 1 p
- 18 Eucharist Parent Child Meeting 1:30 p
Youth Choir Practice 4 p
- Mon. **President's Day - Parish Offices Closed**
- Feb. 55+ Group Lunch 12 p
- 19 Adoration and Rosary 6 p
Women's Support Group 6:30 p
- Tue. Small Christian Community 6:30 a
- Feb. Women's Spirituality Group 8 a
- 20 Prayer Group meeting 10 a
Centering Prayer 7 p
- Wed. Group Spiritual Direction Reading 9 a
- Feb. Organ Practice 4:30 p
- 21 Understanding Grace event 7 p
- Thu. Centering Prayer 3:30 p
- Feb. SMS Men's Club 5 p
- 22 Sanctity for Life Mass 7p
Sanctity for Life Reception after mass
- Fri. Men's Faith Sharing 6:30 a
- Feb. Bible Study 8 a
- 23 Adoration/Divine Mercy 3 p
- Sat. Reconciliation 3:30 p
- Feb. **ICF Crab Feed 6 p**
- 24
- Sun. **Pancake Breakfast 8:30 a**
- Feb. Playways 9 a
- 25 Elementary Faith Formation 9 & 11:15a
RCIA Penitential Rite 9 a
Malankara Mass 1 p
Youth Choir Practice 4 p

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

LENTEN CONTEMPLATIVE EVENING PRAYER

Tuesday, February 27
 7:00pm - 8:00 pm

Please join us for an evening of Scripture reflection, quiet contemplation, prayer, and music as we journey together as a community this Lent.

The evening will be led by parishioners Valerie Lozowicki, Denise Leffers and Jennifer Hurley.

All Are Welcome!



Welcome to St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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.

We appreciate your ongoing support and commitment to St. Mary Church. If you have ever forgotten your envelope, checkbook or to stop for cash you should consider signing up for **ConnectNow Giving** (online giving). In addition to recurring scheduled donations for Sunday and School collections, **ConnectNow Giving** offers one-time giving via the web, using a mobile app (iTunes) (Android) or via text. Most 2nd collection and special collections are also available as one-time gifts. *Need help getting set-up? Contact Teri Tucci — tstucci@stmaryslg.org or 408.354.3726 x137*



stmaryslg.org/donate

THANK YOU to those who have already signed up for online donations. If you would like to discontinue receiving envelopes please contact Jill at jmontanari@stmaryslg.org.

Memory Bricks

Memory Bricks are a great way to remember a special event, person or loved one in our community. When you purchase a brick your contributions fund our Parish and School buildings & grounds upkeep and improvements. Information and order form can be found on our website at stmaryslg.org/brick-order-form.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

End of Year Tax Statement

End of year Tax Statements have been sent January 31, 2018. If you haven't received it, you can request a copy from the Parish Office by emailing jmontanari@stmaryslg.org or calling Jill at 408-354-3726 x110

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.

For more information on Text Giving go to <https://stmaryslg.org/text>



Your ways,
O LORD,
make known to me;
teach me your paths.

-- Psalm 25:4



LENT BEGINS WITH ASHES

As most Catholics know, Lent is a penitential season that bids us walk with Jesus by focusing on his passion, death, and resurrection. The traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving keep us mindful of the paschal mystery so we can align ourselves more closely to the Christian way of life. When we follow these directives of Jesus, we realize what meaning they have for us when we practice them with selflessness and a true desire to develop our spiritual side.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. He knew only too well that those who followed ritual law for its own sake could easily miss the mark. For that reason, Jesus qualifies these practices as matters of personal conversion in order to grow

closer in our relationship to God.

We begin this time of penance in ashes—a biblical practice that symbolized one's desire to repent of sin. This year, Ash Wednesday fell on Valentine's Day—such a fitting way to recognize our need for the renewal of heart and mind. Many Catholics return to Church after a hiatus in order to receive blessed ashes on the forehead. Valentine's Day is a time to renew the love that spouses and loved ones share—to put aside differences and reconcile with each other.



Perhaps this is the reason why both of these celebrations resonate with so many people. Ultimately, it is the desire to be made clean. Life's experiences can cause us become weary and relationship can grow stale. The residual of bad feelings towards others cause many to look for a path towards purification and reconciliation. These are not so

easy to find in darkness and self-isolation. That is why we remain hopeful in promise about which Jesus preached and the strength we find in the community that supports us in our endeavor to deepen our relationship to Christ and each other.

Accordingly, in order for us to find what often eludes us, we do well to allow ourselves the time to listen to and be inspired by the message of Jesus. In our willingness to arrive at our true heart's desire, we will likely be challenged to change our perspective by looking at the world through the eyes of faith. Better for us to begin with humility and strive to become what Jesus calls us to be—a people chosen and loved by God.

Jesus shows us that we can resist the falsehoods that lead to dead ends. Jesus lived his life with his sights on the horizon. God's kingdom is always before us, and in this season we are called again to walk the path that leads us to life.

We have each been blessed with many gifts and are called to reach out in faith to share those blessings with one another. Please be as generous as you can in contributing to the 2018 ADA. Sharing the Joy of the Gospel, Together in Christ. Consider making your pledge today!



Please join us
Sunday, February 25th
8:30am - 11:00am - Howley Hall



Bishop O'Dowd Council #3474
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
Pancakes, eggs, sausage and beverages.

Tickets \$7 adults and \$4 children under 12

Tickets can be purchased after mass
Feb. 10th & 11th, Feb. 17th & 18th

Your donation supports low-income mothers who have made the choice to end the cycle of addiction for themselves and their families.

The money raised at this event will benefit:
The Parisi House
parisihouse.com

Parisi
House on the Hill



FAITH FORMATION

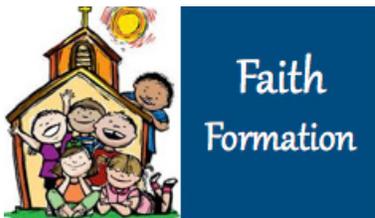
Baptism, Sacraments, Children of all Ages, Youth Ministry, Young Adult, Adult Education
www.stmaryslg.org/faith-formation

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



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

You can still sign up for Family Faith Formation Classes for all sessions: Pre-school through High School. You can register at stmaryslg.org/faith-formation-registration-form



Remember that Faith Formation is an on-going and life-long process and children should attend sessions every year to deepen their understanding, knowledge and relationship with Christ.

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Join us for our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation Of Adults) journey of faith that meets on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:15pm. During this year-long process we will explore themes of Spirituality, Sacraments, Prayer, The Mass, Social Justice, etc.

If interested, please contact Terri - ttrotter@stmaryslg.org

ENCOUNTER LENT



PRAY

to encounter Christ in your life and in every member of our human family.

FAST

to encounter the obstacles that keep you from serving God and your neighbor.

GIVE

to encounter God's love, and share it with our brothers and sisters in need.

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. **Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the entrances to church.** During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.
crsricebowls.org

The Light is On for You

This Lent the Diocese of San Jose will continue the evangelization campaign called "The Light is On for You." All the Catholic Churches in the County of Santa Clara will be open on Wednesdays 6-8PM for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "The Light is On for You" is part of our effort to reach out to Catholics who have been away from the Church. Consider inviting your friends and family to this sacrament of healing and mercy. Consider the sacrament for yourself. The first Wednesday will be the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday. For more details see www.dsj.org/light



40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign runs from Ash Wednesday, February 14th, through Palm Sunday, March 25th, 2018

. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful pro-life effort of volunteer Prayer Warriors . Email Christine.Ibanez@JDWCenter.org for more information. or the website at : www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/san-jose/

Lent and Holy Week Schedule THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Wednesdays during Lent - 6-8 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent - 6:30 p.m.

TRIDUUM--HOLY THURSDAY

March 29, 2018

No 7:30 a.m. Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

until 11:00 p.m. in Hofmann Center

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30, 2018

No 7:30 a.m. Mass

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Good Friday Services 7:00 p.m. - Tenebrae Prayer Service

EASTER VIGIL

March 31, 2018

No Confessions

No 7:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mass 8:15 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:15 a.m.

No 5:00 p.m. Mass

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Michael Crompton †
 Vincent Cushing †
 Helene Fitzsimmons †
 Mary Ann Kelly †
 Gary Schloh †

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Monica Aitken
 Emily Laddy
 Keith Small
 David Vega

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. Feb. 19	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Feb. 20	7:30 am	Marion Rafferty †
Wed. Feb. 21	7:30 am	Christopher Wright †
Thu. Feb. 22	7:00 pm	John Pearne Family (Sp. Int.)
Fri. Feb. 23	7:30 am	Reggie B. & Julie Pearne (Sp. Int.)
Sat. Feb. 24	7:30 am 5:00 pm	Robert Suda † Souls in Purgatory
Sun. Feb. 25	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:15am 5:00 pm	St. Mary Parishioners Joseph Preston † Joe & Joanne Romona † Carol Kappen †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Daily readings and mass times can also be found on our website:
www.stmaryslg.org/mass-times

We're always looking for a few enthusiastic musicians!!!

St. Mary's choir is always on the lookout for folks who love to sing! Our membership is made up of every type of musician... from beginner to "years of practice". The only requirement is to come to rehearsals on Wednesday nights (September – May) and sing with us on Sunday mornings at the 11:15 mass. For inquiries, call Corliss Greene, at 408-354-3726, ext. 122, or e-mail at cgreene@stmaryslg.org.



We'd also love to take this opportunity to welcome Chloe Leinwand as the Music Admin for our department. Chloe has cantored for St. Mary's for years, and will now be working in our office as well. A wonderful addition to our team! Welcome, Chloe!

This year our Lenten Layette drive runs from February 24 - March 11

Please chose a colorful bunny card from our spring trees located in the back of church. Bunny card and baby items purchased are due back by March 19th. Thank you for your generous support!



Since it's inception in 2003, St. Mary's parishioners have donated thousands of baby layettes to low income newborns in Santa Clara County. Each baby layette contains a dozen basic items needed to care for a new baby.

Please contact Barbara Brothers (408) 356-6848 or Jan Amaral at (408) 460-5027 with any questions.


COLUMBIETTES BISHOP O'DOWD COUNCIL #3474
 AN AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 3474, Presents

Annual Tea and Fashion Show Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018, 12:00pm to 2:30pm
 (Doors Open at 11:30am for seating and raffle ticket purchases)

Location: St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Howley Hall)
 219 Bean Ave, Los Gatos, CA 95030
Cost: \$35.00 Per Person

Lent is a time to give alms and be charitable
 Proceeds benefit the Columbettes 3474 Charities including:
 Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Grateful Garment Project, GHS Women's Center, St. Juan Diego Society Women's Center

Fashion show sponsored by CHICO'S Old Town in Los Gatos
Menu includes: Assorted tea, scones, tea sandwiches, salad, and dessert
 Great variety of items for raffle plus door prize (Raffle Tip: Bring your address labels to stick on your raffle tickets)

For additional information and to purchase your ticket contact Columbettes 3474 sales and advertisement chair:
 Diane Dalton at (408) 781-8333 (Cell) or dianemdalton@comcast.net

Italian Catholic Federation Br. 184 - Los Gatos
Crab Feed Scholarship Fundraiser
 Saturday, February 24, 2018
 St. Mary's Howley Hall
 219 Bean Ave, Los Gatos

Fabulous Raffle Prizes
 Live Auction item
 Silent Auction Items

\$50 per person
 6:00 - 7:00 pm No Host Bar & Appetizers
 7:00 pm Crab Feed

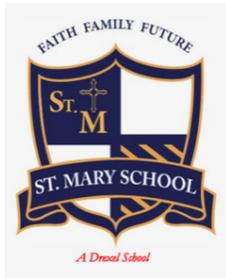
Menu: Cold Cracked Crab (You can special order Chicken)
 Bring your own "Crab Utensils & Butter Warmers"
 Linguine and Clam Sauce
 Salad - Bread - Dessert - Wine - Coffee


 Don't forget your check book or credit cards!



FOR ADS

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www.smslg.org

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2018-2019!

We are accepting applications for all grades, Transitional Kindergarten - 8th Grade. Our Extended Care Program provides after-school supervised care until 6:00pm. Enrollment information is available on the St. Mary School website, www.smslg.org. For more information, call the school office, 408-354-3944.

St. Mary School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in the admission of students, the administration of educational policies, scholarships, loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION

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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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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*

Important Dates

- Feb. 19-23 - NO SCHOOL, Winter Break
- Mar. 15 - 17 - Spring Musical, Rogers and Hammerstein's "Sound of Music"
- Mar. 19 - 8:45am, Prayer Service Honoring Fathers - Church
- Mar. 29 - 11:00am, Holy Thursday Prayer Service - Church

Galileo Camps - Register by February 28 and save \$25 off per week!

Galileo Camps are offered for kids aged Pre-K through 8th Grade. Here at St. Mary School, Camp Galileo will be hosting Pre-K through entering 5th graders with imagination sparking themes - from adventures on the famous Route 66 and out in space, to innovating on the move or inside the human body - all engineered to inspire. Camps run June 11 through July 27. Learn more at www.galileo-camps.com



Annual Handicapables Luncheon



Dr. Karloff and 7th Grade students and parents shared their faith, their joy, their gifts, talent and kinship with our Handicapables guests on February 3rd. They transformed Hofmann Center into a Valentine-strewn space full of good cheer. Mass, presided by Father Biju, brought everyone together!