



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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APRIL 15, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish and School

is proud to offer the opportunity to

Live Our Faith. Share Our Knowledge. Serve the Community



WE INVITE SCHOOL FAMILIES, PARISHIONERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
TO JOIN OUR FIRST EVER DAY OF SERVICE

Friday, May 4, 2018

"Faith in Action: Fulfilling our Mission"

7:30 am - Mass in the Church

8:00 am - Hospitality and fellowship in Hofmann Center

9:00 am - Poverty Simulation in Howley Hall

12:00 pm - Join us for a Solidarity Meal at Noon in Howley Hall

There is no cost to attend.

Poverty Simulation Track -A Person of Compassion:

Parishioners, we would love to have you participate in the Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS), facilitated by Step up Silicon Valley (Catholic Charities).

Participants role-play the lives of low-income families, from single parents trying to care for their children to senior citizens trying to maintain self-sufficiency on a fixed income (Social Security). The task of each family is to provide food, shelter, and other basic necessities during the simulation while interacting with various community resources staffed by St. Mary School and Parish faculty, staff, parent and parish leadership. At the conclusion of the simulation, a guest speaker will share experiences and struggles to obtain basic needs.

Please register for the Poverty Simulation or be a volunteer!

REGISTER BY APRIL 20

at <https://bit.ly/2HdN5Z1>

THIS WEEK...

www.stmaryslg.org/#calendar

Sun.	Playways 9 a
April	Elementary Faith Formation 9 & 11:15
15	Malankara Mass 1 p
	Youth Choir Practice 4 p
	WAV -Youth - 6 p
Mon.	55+ Group Lunch
April	Elementary Faith Formation 4 p
16	Adoration and Rosary 6 p
	Women's Support Group 6:30 p
	EDGE 7 p
Tue.	Small Christian Community 6:30 a
April	Women's Spirituality Group 8 a
17	Prayer Group Meeting 10 a
	Altar Server Training 3:30 p
	Centering Prayer 7 p
	RCIA 7 p
Wed.	Group Spiritual Direction 10 a
April	Altar Server Training 3:30 p
18	Organ Practice 4:30 p
	Adult Choir Practice 7 p
Thu.	St. Mary School Mass 8:45 a
April	Little Rock Scripture Study 9:30 a
19	Centering Prayer 3:30 p
	SM Men's Club 5p
Fri.	Men's Faith Sharing 6:30 a
April	Bible Study 8 a
20	Adoration Divine Mercy 3 p
Sat.	2nd Collection - Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund
April	Confirmation Retreat 1:30 p
21	Reconciliation 3:30 p
Sun.	2nd Collection - Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund
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22	Elementary Faith Formation 9 & 11:15
	Malankara Mass 1 p
	Youth Choir Practice 4 p
	WAV -Youth - 6 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

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.



ADA2018

We are over our goal of \$221,972!

All pledges over our goal will come back to support St. Mary Parish.

Thank you for your continued support of the ADA.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a "rule" that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called "Kentucky Dominicans," began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ's dying and rising in an inspiring way.

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>



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See the website for detailed reports
Questions - contact Fr. Rick, Teri Tucci or a member of our Finance Committee

2nd Collection April 21-22

Diocesan Priest RetirementFund

The Priest Retirement Fund offers a way for us to give back to our Catholic priests who have served us so faithfully. Your contribution will help priests live modestly and peacefully in retirement. Help us offer thanks for their years of devotion to God and our communities.



BINARY WORLD VIEW

Has it ever occurred to you that our perception corresponds to a binary system? We are accustomed to an on/off way of perceiving the external. Our civil, social, personal existence relies on it. We are either driving freely along the freeway of life or we are stopped at the red light on the country road. We are either sleeping or consciously awake, we are either at home or away, we are either at work or at rest.

When considering this matter of being made in the divine image of God, the source of this thought comes from Genesis 1:27 "God made them male and female, in the divine image he made them." This distinction exists to present the

tension found between the masculine and feminine as best symbolizing our ability to be co-creators with God. At the same time, it betrays a dualism that makes evident that we are not the first cause. This is illustrated also in Genesis—recall the fall from the Garden of Eden—when the created claimed equity with the creator.

We have two eyes, two ears, two nostrils, two hands, two arms, two legs, and two feet. There are two hemispheres to the brain each with distinct functions that work in parallel to form human intelligence. It would not be possible to imagine the image of God other wise. In all ways we are complex and peculiarly unusual, and our way of perceiving the world in a binary existence begins to make sense out of perceived reality—one that is more complex than a binary system can infinitely define as Descartes learned.

Our present age and milieu depends upon a systemic network of binary relationships. As one of the principle philosophical systems, the dialectic relates to a binary system with a

resulting synthesis. This idea may lead one to imagine that opposites attract or repel just as in nature with magnets and with human female and male. Synthesis is not the same as thesis or antithesis but rather the integration of a foundational change forged by the dialectic process. These changes are happening among us at rates that defy our capacity to learn though the process remains a philosophical approach to progress, teamwork, and community.

To make complexity simple in an organized and creative fashion requires critical thinking and leads us to a process or method for order to rise above and determine the next step. Being made in God's image and likeness compels us to be like God. God is neither male nor female nor can be reduced to a binary or dialectic simplicity. Even so, we are uniquely created and wonderfully conscious of the universe God sets in motion each day.

Age Well ~ Drive Smart Senior Driver Safety Seminar

Presented by the
California Highway Patrol

Take Control of Your Driving Future

Topics covered include:

- Myths about older drivers
- Tune up your driving skills
- Rules of the road
- Mobility options in the Public transportation system
- Confidential self assessments
- Compensating for age related changes
- Roles of nutrition, physical fitness, and medications

DATE: Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: St. Mary's Parish, Hofmann Ctr.
Los Gatos, CA

COST: FREE

DETAILS: Pre-registration is required to attend
RSVP: Jane Najour, at (408) 354-3726 x121
jnajour@stmaryslg.org Space is limited.
Snacks provided. Bring bag lunch suggested.



Support provided by:



FIRST COMMUNION CHOIRS!!!

Calling all 3rd-8th graders!

We need you for
First Communion Choir!

We will have 2 special First Communion masses for our Parish:

**Saturday, May 5, at 2:00 and
Saturday, May 12, at 2:00**

The choir will be led by Michelle Dreyband (leader of our Sunday evening mass musicians) and Jamie Woodhull (cantor at the 9:00 mass and sub for St. Mary's school music teacher).

Rehearsals will be held before both masses at 1pm each Saturday.

Questions: Contact Corliss Greene, Director of Music at 408-354-3726x 122, cgreene@stmaryslg.org (you can send your info via e-mail – please put "First Communion Choir" in subject line).



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



Faith
Formation

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

Shalom Sundays: Mental Health Matters!

Mental Health Ministry Network Invites You To:
Learn... Be Inspired... Connect

Santa Teresa Parish 794 Calero Ave, San Jose, 95123

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Mental Health 101

Speakers:

Kathy Forward
Executive Director
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Ruth Ann Auten, LMFT
Private Practitioner
Mental Health 101

Free!

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Suicide Prevention, Intervention, & Transformation

Speakers:

Rich Berryessa
Member of Santa Teresa Parish
*Finding God in All Things,
Even Mental Illness*

Mego Lien, MPH
QPR Suicide Prevention & Intervention
Santa Clara County Behavioral Health
The World is Better Off Without Me

All Are
Welcome!

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Grace and Mental Illness

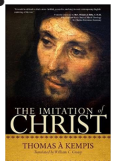
Speakers:

Lisa Ayala, LMFT
Holy Spirit Church
Blindsided & Then I Saw

Chris Miller
Youth Director, St. Christopher Church
My Graced Experience with Mental Illness

THE IMITATION OF CHRIST BY TOMAS A. KEMPIS

6 Wednesday Mornings
from 10 am to noon
April 18 thru May 23
St. Mary's
Conference Room



Come, join a group of like-minded journeyers for a weekly time of spiritual retreat. Focusing on words from The Imitation of Christ, (book is provided) we will read, contemplate, and journal, then have meaningful discussions in small groups. After the Bible, this devotional work is considered the most widely published and read worldwide. We will be working with a 2017 translation by William Creasy.

This group spiritual direction series is facilitated by Spirituality Council member Donna Lenahan.

Please sign up in advance by e-mail: djlenahan@aol.com or leave a phone message: 408-204-6565.



PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Virginia O'Rourke †
Herbert Schindler †

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Monica Aitken
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. Apr. 16	7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Apr. 17	7:30 am	Peter Chi Nguyen †
Wed. Apr. 18	7:30 am	Hanh Nguyen (Sp. Int.)
Thu. Apr. 19	7:30 am	Grania Tierney (Sp. Int.)
Fri. Apr. 20	7:30 am	Michael Crompton †
Sat. Apr. 21	7:30 am 5:00 pm	Pierina Ottoboni † Cesar Mayo †
Sun. Apr. 22	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:15 am 5:00 pm	Frank N. Fluce † Ian McIntyre † Lori Schmidt † William Daley †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 – 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Mary Conference

www.stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

*"Help Us Help Others in
our Community"*

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDIES - THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

With the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple and the enslavement of many in Judah on the horizon, the prophet Jeremiah spoke on God's behalf to condemn rampant idolatry in Judah, but his prophetic ministry was doubted and misunderstood, and his travails included imprisonment. His prophecies included a "New Covenant" written on the hearts of God's people (sometimes called the "Gospel before the Gospel"). The ministry of Jeremiah began during the reign of Josiah, the last good king of Judah, and continued during the reigns of the last four bad kings of Judah and the destruction of Jerusalem. This is an interesting study of the second longest book of the Old Testament with many elements displayed of the Israelites willfulness and kingly arrogance, and God's forbearance, mercy and justice, including the death throes of Jeremiah's people.

Eleven Thursday mornings 9:30 to 11:00 am. May 3, 17, and 31; then skipping to Sept. 13 and 27; Oct. 11 and 25; Nov. 8 and 29; Dec. 13, 2018, and Jan. 10, 2019.

The study format includes a 20 minute video teaching by Little Rock staff, followed by group discussions of study guide questions. (Little Rock commentary and study guide used. Facilitated by Tony Zadel.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY HERE AT ST. MARY

As Catholics, we seek healing and strength in the Eucharist every week in Mass. The ministry of Pastoral Care seeks to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot be with us for worship, whether temporarily or ongoing.



Suffering is present for those who are isolated by illness, injury or the effects of aging. Ministers of Pastoral Care are called to be a compassionate presence in imitation of Jesus' care of His people. The primary concern of the Pastoral Care Minister is to show the sick how much Christ and his Church is concerned for them.

If you know of someone who is in need of visits at home or you feel a calling to become a Eucharistic Minister to the homebound, sick or aging, please contact Jane Najour in the Pastoral Ministries Office at 408-354-3726 x121 or jnajour@stmaryslg.org.

It is our hope that St. Mary's parishioners will manifest faith and charity on behalf of our community for anyone seeking compassionate companionship.

A TIME FOR YOU – A RETREAT DAY FOR CAREGIVERS

April 21, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: Santa Teresa Parish

For anyone who is a caregiver, near or afar. A retreat day focused on compassion, self-care and balance while walking with someone who suffers. Receive practical and spiritual support, while enjoying a sacred time to renew, rejuvenate and replenish your mind, body and spirit. For more information and to register, call 650-428-3730. RSVP by April 17.

THE END OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING BEGINS WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more. Psalm 10:18

Please join us **after the 11:15 AM Liturgy on Sunday, May 6th in Hofmann Center**, to learn more about the evils of modern-day slavery and pray for an end to human trafficking, endorsed by Bishop McGrath and sponsored by International Justice Mission and the Catholic Network to End Human Trafficking.

You are also invited to pray with us! Join us on **Wednesday, May 9th** for prayer and worship for the victims of trafficking. All are welcome!

Sacred Heart Church - Saratoga - Reception - 7:00 pm, Program - 7:30 pm

Please sign-up (for free) here - <http://bit.ly/BAPG18>

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www.smslg.org

SPRING APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2018-2019!

Applications! Campus tours!
Assessments! Shadow days!

Now's the time to look at Catholic education for your child(ren) and we are here to help you. The enrollment process is found on our school website,

www.smslg.org

Give the school office a call, 408-354-3944, if you are considering St. Mary School for your child(ren), grades TK through 8. Enrollment information is available on the St. Mary School website, www.smslg.org

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.



Important Dates

Apr. 19 - School Mass 8:45 am

Apr. 28 - PTG Spring Auction, SAVE THE DATE!



Father Rick met up with the 8th Graders during their memorable **Washington DC trip!** Of particular interest was their visit to DC's newest museum, the Museum of the Bible. At 430,000 square feet, it houses the largest assembly of biblical artifacts and texts.

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION

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

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

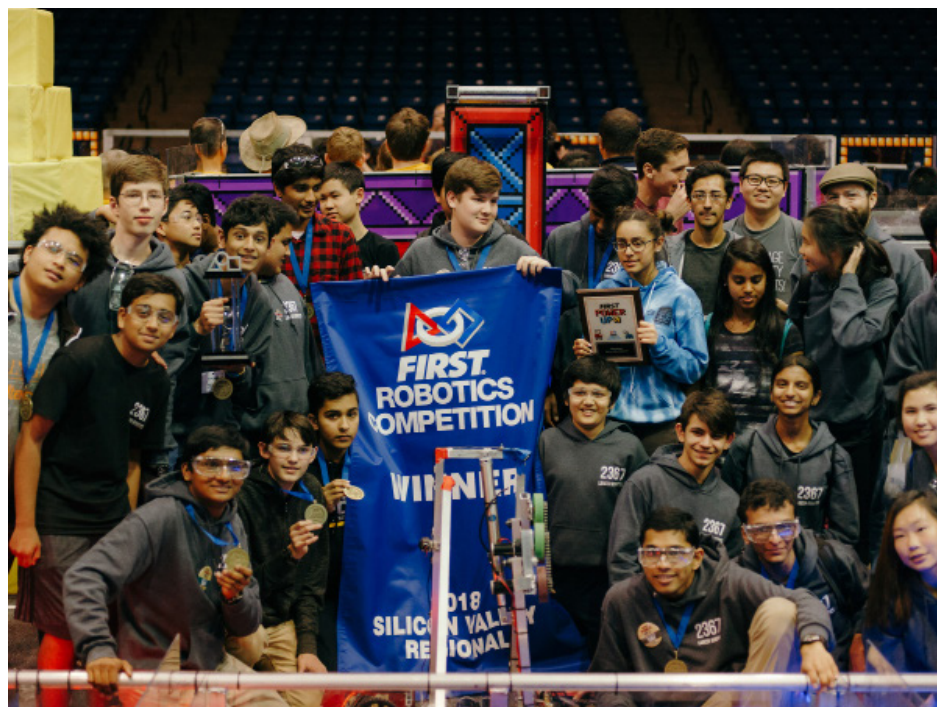
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MASS TIMES

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



St. Mary Class of 2015 graduate, Evan Abate (center, holding banner), celebrates with his Saint Francis High School Lancer robotics team after winning the championship at the Silicon Valley Regional FIRST Robotics Competition. Evan and his dad, Ed, worked tirelessly with Mrs. Delgado and Mrs. Dickerson to bring robotics to St. Mary School in 2014. Evan is co-captain of "Team 2367 Lancer Robotics" and is the driver for the winning robot. For the first time in school history, the SFHS team will be heading to the World Championships being held in Houston in April.

Please join with us and congratulate Evan and his team!