



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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DECEMBER 23, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION

Monday, December 24, 2018
4:00 p Mass - Howley Hall
4:00 p Mass - Church
6:00 p Mass
10:00 p Mass *Adult Choir (w/ 30 min. prelude)*

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, December 25, 2018
7:30 a Mass
10:00 a Mass *The "Niners"*
Please note time changes
***note: NO 9:00 am, 11:15 am & 5 pm Mass**

Mary Mother of God (New Year's Day)

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 7:30 AM Mass



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.

THIS WEEK...

www.stmaryslg.org/#calendar

Sun. Playways 9a
Dec. Elem Faith Formation 9a & 11a
23 Malankara Mass 1p
Youth /choir Practice 4p

Mon. *Offices are CLOSED*
Dec. *See Christmas Mass Schedule*
24 *(to left)*

Tue. *Offices are CLOSED*
Dec. *See Christmas Mass Schedule*
25 *(to left)*

Wed. *Offices are CLOSED*
Dec.
26

Thu. *Offices are CLOSED*
Dec.
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Fri. *Offices are CLOSED*
Dec. Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30a
28 Adoration Divine Mercy 3p

Sat. *Offices are CLOSED*
Dec.
29

Sun. *Offices are CLOSED*
Dec.
30

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

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.

The Season of Giving

The blessing of the Advent season is upon us and soon it will be Christmas! St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception is grateful for your continued generosity. The season of giving is the perfect time to set up a one-time or recurring gift to benefit our mission. Donate online by visiting stmaryslg.org/donate. It's quick, easy, and secure!

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 Teri at tstucci@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.



FINANCE COUNCIL

PARISH LIFE

Thank you for your continued support to St. Mary Church. Our Sunday collections are currently \$30,174 behind our goal, as of Nov. 30th.

		Actual		Budget	Variance
October	\$	76,052	\$	88,563	(\$12,511)
November	\$	80,973	\$	86,048	(\$5,075)

We have been talking a lot about stewardship this fall. In addition to ongoing needs, we have the opportunity to participate in the long-term health and vibrancy of our parish through support of our endowment and consideration of estate gifts.

One of our parishioners has generously offered to match contributions made to our endowment up to \$20,000. This opportunity is available until December 31, 2018. So far we have received close to \$5,000. Please consider supporting the future of St. Mary's by participating in the endowment fund.

More information about the endowment through the Catholic Community Foundation can be found on our website - stmaryslg.org/parish-endowment.

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>

Wishlist

Lightweight Tables/Chairs for Howley Hall/Gym

Tables: ~\$4,500
Chairs: ~\$16,300

After many years of service our tables are breaking down, many of which are irreparable. The chairs are also showing their age and are in need of replacement.

The tables and chairs are used regularly for events by the church and school



NATIVITY

As the Advent Season draws to a close, the Christmas Season begins this Monday evening with Christmas Eve Mass at 4pm in the Church and Howley Hall with 6pm and 10pm on the same evening. On Christmas Day, we celebrate Mass at 7:30am and 10am. Many will be preparing for family gatherings and dinners, and anticipation of Christmas gifts will no doubt capture the imagination of children and the young at heart.

Parents know the miracle of birth as soon as they discover they will soon have a child. They know the miracle of new life and the promise this hold for their future as a family. Sharing in the process of bringing

new life into the world is the dream of many married couples. Those that realize this dream also acknowledge the gift that God offers them in their child and their responsibility as parents.

We are born into this world with the freedom that God creates in us. What we choose sets the course for our lives. When the angel Gabriel announces to Mary the promise of God's mercy and favor for her and the opportunity to make a reply, Mary says yes and presents herself as the maidservant of God. Once having answered yes to God, Mary's life is changed forever. As the first disciple of her son, she remains faithful to him all her life.

Choosing your calling will have profound consequences. Mary becomes the mother of our salvation, but she also must face the struggle of witnessing her son's arrest, conviction, and crucifixion. Nevertheless, she believes in the fulfillment of God's promise, and her example of faith becomes a model for us to follow—

particularly when we find ourselves in need. This is why we are so often mindful of St. Mary's intercession.

As we move from Advent to Christmas, from Christmas to the New Year, on to the Epiphany, and baptism of the Lord, let us keep in mind the story of Christ's birth and the faith Mary exhibits. God chose her, and God chooses us. We have the advantage of hearing the words of scriptures that make us aware of our own manner and character as we seek the way of Christian faith that will lead us to eternal life.

Our celebration of Christmas is sustained by our faith in Christ. We seek to become his disciples. May we listen to the call of God in our lives that will ultimately lead us to service, love and peace. These things are possible for us because all things are possible with God. On behalf of the staff and faculty of St. Mary Community, have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Please Note: Temporary Liturgical Adaptations are in place, again this year, as is requested by the Diocese of San Jose and the Public Health Officer of Santa Clara County. Please refer to the article "Liturgy, Cold and the Flu: Common Sense Practices" - <https://www.dsj.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Liturgy-Cold-and-Flu2.pdf> for more information.

Martha's Helpers - The Ministry of Comfort Here at St. Mary's

We are extremely fortunate to have helping hands who stand ready to provide the warmth, comfort, and nurturing of a post-funeral reception, just steps away from the church in Hofmann Center. These hands belong to the women and men of Martha's Helpers, a ministry founded in 1977 by Rita Fisher and eleven other women of the parish, who in response to one of Jesus' Beatitudes felt called to "comfort those who mourn" (Matthew 5:4).

What is it:

Martha's Helpers provides a simple, free, post-funeral reception with food provided by volunteers and about 5 onsite, day of volunteers who set the tables, set out the food, assist with any guest needs and clean up the buffet tables and kitchen off of Hofmann. We are hoping some of you might be interested in joining this ministry with us.

Ways to help:

*Provide one of our food/beverage needs - delivered to Hofmann the day of the funeral (details and quantities provided)

*Volunteer for 4 1/2 - 5 hours day of for set up, service and clean up.

*You might want to make a food item each time, or only once a year. You may wish to be a regular on site volunteer, or only once in a while. So many possibilities!

How:

We have a very easy streamlined website for all sign-ups and details for each reception and its needs.

When:

Just to give you an idea of the time commitment, since we've been doing this.....Some years we have had 10 funerals to serve in one year, others years, like this one, only 2. One of our goals is to increase awareness of this ministry provided by the parish.

It is such a simple and small way to be of service, yet a huge help to those who are mourning a loved one.

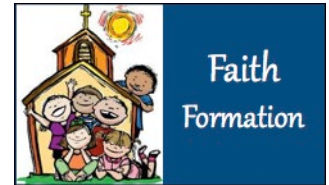
Who:

If you'd like to be added to our email list please email Jill Montanari: jillmontanari@gmail.com or Liz Crites: lizcrites@comcast.net. Once you are on the email list, you'll be notified when we have been asked provide a reception. You can sign up for bringing food and or being an onsite volunteer the day of for as many or as few funerals as you'd like. No forever commitment. Also, please feel free to share this information to anyone you think may be interested. Many hands make light work!



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER
FOR CLASSES!**
REGISTER ONLINE AT stmaryslg.org/fait-form.



For information and to register for Faith Formation classes for all ages go to our website at: stmaryslg.org/fait-form.

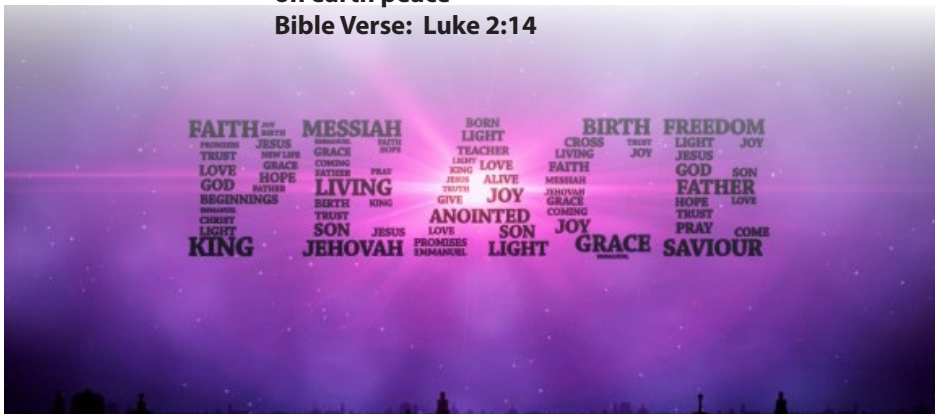
For more information contact Terri Trotter at ttrotter@stmaryslg.org.

4th Sunday in Advent.... Christ is coming

Our students have been exploring the theme of Advent in their classes. Advent means coming. It is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. We really celebrate a three-fold coming---the coming of Christ as an infant at Christmas, the coming of Christ in our daily lives, and the second coming of Christ. It is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas by working on changing something that has prevented us from following the path of Christ. As we continue to wait in joyful hope may we be grateful for the many gifts in our lives.

What do we remember each week of Advent?

- Week 1: HOPE:** Reminds us that Jesus is coming.
Bible Verse: Romans 15:12-13
- Week 2: FAITH:** Reminds us to prepare the way of the Lord
Bible Verse: Luke 3:4-6
- Week 3: JOY:** Reminds us of the joy at the coming of the birth of Jesus
Bible Verse: Luke 2:10
- Week 4: PEACE:** Reminds us "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace"
Bible Verse: Luke 2:14



Ministry to the Sick - Volunteer Opportunities

Can you volunteer to be a Eucharistic Minister to the sick? We need volunteers to join the Sunday Morning Team at The Terraces. The lead minister at each location draws up a schedule at the start of the year so there is a lot of flexibility for members to switch dates as needed. Please prayerfully consider if you might be able to serve. Training and support provided. Contact Jane if interested. jnajour@stmaryslg.org

Interfaith Work Day at Sacred Heart An Opportunity for Interfaith Service January 20, 2-5 p.m.

Join others from the Interfaith community for a work day at Sacred Heart Community Service on Sunday, January 20.

No children under 9 - NO EXCEPTIONS. 9-13 with adult only, 14-17 permission slip required.

Donations of warm coats, blankets, rain gear, tents, & tarps are also needed. You may bring them along with you, or drop them off at Shir Hadash the week of January 13.

Date: 01/20/2019 (Sun.)
Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm PST
Location: Sacred Heart Community Service 1381 S 1st St, San Jose, CA 95110

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Doris Dias†
Carole Keily†
Rene Marchand †
Lee Reik †
Vincent Seid†

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Monica Aitken
Larry Beck

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 Dec 24	7:30 a	Volunteers
	4:00 p	Celeste & Tony Pereria †
	Church	
	4:00p	Conrad LeClair †
	Hall	
6:00 p	Terri Boskovich †	
	10:00 p Kyle Farr †	
Tue. Dec 25	7:30 a	Volunteer
	10:30 a	Paul Luu †
Wed Dec 26	7:30 a	Volunteers
Thu. Dec 27	7:30 a	Volunteers
Fri. Dec 28	7:30 a	Volunteers
Sat. Dec 29	7:30 a	Volunteers
	5:00 p	Cesar Mayo †
Sun Dec 30	7:30 a	Fred San Juan †
	9:00 a	Volunteers
	11:15a	Joseph Mardesich, Jr. †
	5:00 p	Suzanne "Suzi" Schaffert †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Wednesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday:	1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Mary Conference

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

"Help Us Help Others in
our Community"



National Donor Sabbath Month.

The Holidays are upon us. This is a time to reflect on and have gratitude for all of the blessings that we have received throughout the year. While many of us are looking forward to celebrating with our loved ones, thousands of people in our community who are on the transplant wait list will be wondering if this might be their last holiday. Organ and tissue donors can give the most precious gift, the Gift of Life.



Organ and tissue donation offers the hope to heal lives and is a generous act supported by Pope Francis and the Catholic church. Your decision to register as a donor gives hope to the thousands who are waiting for a second chance at life. Among them are parents hoping to see their children grow up and kids looking forward to pursuing their dreams, but their future looks uncertain. Be a miracle to someone in need; register as a donor at DonorNetworkWest.org or at the DMV and share your decision with your loved ones.



Diocese of San Jose

Office of the Bishop

December 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

From Christ who was, who is and who is to come, grace light and peace be with you!

The coming of the end of the year coincides with our annual observance of Advent and Christmas. As we look back to a year that in so many ways has been terribly sad and disappointing, still we are full of hope in view of what is yet to come. This hope is founded in *Who* is to come: our Lord Jesus Christ.

The weeks leading to Christmas encourage us to be one with the prophets who foretold the Lord's coming as they fervently hoped for an end to the bondage and captivity that so often marked the life of the people of Israel. Even now, we live in this same hope as we so often sing "O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel." We rejoice, for we are confident that, in spite of all things, God is with us.

Advent also serves to help us prepare to celebrate the Lord's Birth, surrounded by the love of Mary and Joseph, the song of angels and shepherds' witness. We look fondly to that first Christmas as the reason for our celebration so many years later.

These weeks before Christmas challenge us to see and welcome the Lord who breaks into each of our lives as surely as He entered the life and history of humanity long ago in Bethlehem.

Where do we recognize the Lord today? Do we allow ourselves to hear His voice speaking to us through the Scriptures? Do we encounter His loving care for us in the sacraments, most especially in the Eucharist? Do we know Him in one another and in the poor and needy who knock on the doors of our lives? Today, in December 2018, parents and young children, not so unlike the Holy Family, are seeking asylum from the violence that threatens them. They come to the borders of this nation in the hope that just as the Holy Family found safety in Egypt, so these families will find the welcome that we might reserve for Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Looking forward to Christmas and the New Year, we cannot erase the mistakes and tragedies of the past, but we can surely recommit ourselves and our Church to a renewed faithfulness to the Lord Whose Birth we prepare to celebrate with joy and love.

May this ancient prayer be on our lips and in our hearts: "Jesus, living in Mary, come and live in us."

With every best wish and kind regard, We remain,

Sincerely yours,

Patrick J. McGrath
Bishop of San Jose

Oscar Cantú
Bishop of San Jose

FOR ADS

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www.smslg.org

2019-2020

If you are interested in our Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten programs, please proceed to our web-site: smslg.org, and follow ENROLLMENT instructions. When your student's application is complete, you will be contacted for an assessment time for our TK/Kinder Testing Day, January 12. The **TK-Kinder Parent Information Night** on January 8 will be a great opportunity to learn more, and meet the teachers. Call the school office with any questions: 408-354-3944.

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass and Sisters of the Holy Names Reception

Our 5th Graders presented a very special Mass in honor of our school and parish's feast day. We had a number of the Sisters of the Holy Names attend, and they renewed their vows. A reception followed for the sisters, and Kindergarten students recited poems and sang Christmas carols. What a special morning!



PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION

Parish & Pastoral Ministries Offices: 408.354.3726 Fax: 408.354.9302

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Ellie Busmire	Youth Ministry	ebusmire@stmaryslg.org	x129
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Mary Jane Araya	Parish Administrative Asst.	mjaraya@stmaryslg.org	x110
Teri Shepherd Tucci	Business Manager	tsucci@stmaryslg.org	x137
Coco	Parish Cat & Mouser		

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

Parish Office hours: M-Th 8 a - 4 p (Closed 12 - 1 for lunch)

Open 8:30a - 11:30a Hospitality Sunday -1st Sunday of the Month

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

School Office: 408.354.3944 Fax: 408.395.9151

Monica Hernandez	Interim Principal	mhernandez@stmaryslg.org	x119
Lynne Dickerson	Vice Principal	ldickerson@stmaryslg.org	x161
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

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

- Jan. 7 - School resumes after Christmas break
- Jan. 8 - TK-Kinder Parent Information Night, 7pm, Library
- Jan. 12 - TK/Kinder Assessments
- Jan. 27 - 9am, Catholic Schools Week Mass
- Jan. 27 - 10am - 1pm, All School Open House

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception School, Los Gatos




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ALL-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!

JOIN US for an introduction to our Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Elementary and Junior High Programs

Sunday, January 27th, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Meet our teachers, visit classrooms, Library and MakerSpace Rooms, and ask questions!

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception School
30 Lyndon Avenue | Los Gatos, CA 95030
TK - 8th Grade | 408-354-3944 | www.smslg.org | admissions@stmaryslg.org

Welcome to the Community of
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception!



What would you like to know about our community? We would love to connect with you.

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ How would you like us to reach you:

Phone: _____ ☐ Email ☐ Phone

Drop this information in our collection basket or email to Mary Jane - mjaraya@stmaryslg.org