



**ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
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DECEMBER 30, 2018

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## Los Gatos Community **Blood Drive**

Located at St. Mary's Church  
 219 Bean Avenue, Los Gatos

**Wednesday, January 2, 2019**  
**9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood,  
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**American Red Cross**

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### THIS WEEK...

[www.stmaryslg.org/#calendar](http://www.stmaryslg.org/#calendar)

- Sun. Malankara Mass 1p
- Dec. Youth Choir Practice 4p  
30
- Mon. *New Year's Eve*
- Dec. **OFFICES ARE CLOSED**  
31  
Adoration & Rosary 6p  
Women's Support Group 6:30p
- Tue. Mary, Mother of God - 7:30a Mass
- Jan. 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**  
**OFFICES ARE CLOSED**
- Wed. Red Cross Blood Drive 9:30a 
- Jan. 2 World Religions Class 9:30a  
Organ Practice 4:30p  
Choir Practice 7p
- Thu. Prayer Group 8a
- Jan. 3 Centering Prayer 3:30p
- Fri. Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30a
- Jan. 4 Adoration Divine Mercy 3p
- Sat. **Second Collection - School Support**
- Jan. 5 Reconciliation - 3:30p
- Sun. **Second Collection - School Support**
- Jan. 6 Elem. Faith Formation 9 & 11:15a  
Playways 9 & 11:15a  
Malankara Mass 1p  
Youth Choir Practice 4p  
WAV 6p

### 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.

## Did you know ...

To scan a QR code, you need a smartphone with a camera and, in some cases, a mobile app. An iPhone running iOS 11 (or later) comes with a built-in QR reader in its camera, and some Android phones also have native functionality. Other smartphones may require that you download a mobile app.

Donate Online



[stmaryslg.org/donate](http://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](mailto: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](http://stmaryslg.org/brick-order-form).



## 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>



**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.

**We are almost there - \$18,000.**

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](http://stmaryslg.org/parish-endowment).

**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



## New Chance and Opportunity

Each day as we started our morning's peripatetic instructions on lesson in life, 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 the day, chance, or opportunity, still it was a positive approach that enlightened the mind as I set upon what new possibilities were there to discover. He helped me develop a passion for considering how theological concepts

provide the basis for living our faith from one day to the next. Contemplation leads to prayer and prayer leads to action—a definition 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 to instruct you on what more risks you can take—truth is; you are your best chance for setting a course to advance your own success. English maxims like "nothing ventured, nothing gained" or "fortune favors the bold," might inspire people to participate, but what happens next is anyone's guess. The answer goes back to faith as a verb—reflection, prayer, and action. This is the wisdom of our Catholic tradition, and these disciplines lead to a lifelong

development of a virtuous life.

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, so be it. Still, the judeo/Christian ethic gives direction for placing less importance on the self by answering God's call to serve so as to transcend self imposed limitations. Naturally, our faith speaks of the eternal possibilities for our transformation and transcendence—communally and individually. There is no limit to following God's call.

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. The New Year presents us with a myriad of choice possibilities. Monsignor Mentasti would remark every New Year's Day Mass, "life is short, death is certain, and hell is forever. Think it over." Another pastor would say the same on New Year's Day except he changed one word—Heaven is forever. My mentor would say, "we're not here for a long time, we're here for a good time." Let's be open to new possibilities as we begin this New Year.

### 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](mailto:jillmontanari@gmail.com) or Liz Crites: [lizcrites@comcast.net](mailto: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!

**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.

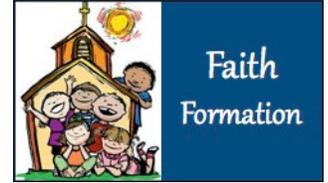


**There will be  
NO Hospitality Sunday  
for the month of January.  
We will resume  
in February 2019**



## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER  
FOR CLASSES!  
REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[stmaryslg.org/faith-formation](http://stmaryslg.org/faith-formation)**



For information and to register for Faith Formation classes for all ages go to our website at: [stmaryslg.org/faith-formation](http://stmaryslg.org/faith-formation).

For more information contact Terri Trotter at [ttrotter@stmaryslg.org](mailto:ttrotter@stmaryslg.org).



Our Faith Formation classes will not meet for the next two weeks beginning December 23 through Dec. 31. We will resume classes on Sunday, January 6 and Monday, January 7. We wish all of our families a Blessed and Holy Christmas.

As we enter into the Christmas season let us remember all of the reasons that we have to give thanks to God for his many blessings and his many signs and symbols at this time of year:

**Fir Tree:** the pure green color of the fir tree remains green all year long, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind. All needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of our thoughts turning toward heaven

**Star:** The star is the heavenly sign of promise long ago, God promised a Savior for the world and the star is the fulfillment of that promise.

**Candle:** The candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness.

**Wreath:** The wreath symbolizes the eternal nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection.

**Holly Leaf:** The Holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by Jesus. The red berries represent blood that was shed by Jesus.

**Gift:** God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son as a gift.

**Candy Cane:** The J of the candy cane stands for Jesus; the crook of the candy cane represents the shepherd's staff, they who first heard the news of the birth of Jesus. The stripes of the candy cane remind us that by His stripes we were healed, the red represents the blood that was shed for us and the white represents the light of purity and resurrection and the hope that Jesus brought to us.

**Angel:** The angels were the ones that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth.

**Bell:** The lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell, it should bring people back to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return.

May we all experience the joy and peace of God's love this Christmas Season!

### 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](mailto: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 31 | 7:30 a | Volunteers           |
| Tue. Jan 1 | 7:30 a | Steven San Filippo † |
| Wed. Jan 2 | 7:30 a | Eleanor Loffredo †   |
| Thu. Jan 3 | 7:30 a | Margaret Pearne †    |
| Fri. Jan 4 | 7:30 a | Anna M. De La Rosa   |
| Sat. Jan 5 | 7:30 a | Fadhila Dizzio       |
|            | 5:00 p | Joyce Klose †        |
| Sun. Jan 6 | 7:30 a | John Pearne, Jr.     |
|            | 9:00 a | Mary Crompton †      |
|            | 11:15a | Robert Seipel †      |
|            | 5:00 p | Parishioners         |

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Monday:    | 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18                       |
| Tuesday:   | Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;<br>Lk 2:16-21        |
| Wednesday: | 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28                             |
| Thursday:  | 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34                    |
| Friday:    | 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42                           |
| Saturday:  | 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51                           |
| Sunday:    | Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;<br>Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 |

**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.



**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

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[www.smsg.org](http://www.smsg.org)

**2019-2020**

If you are interested in our Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten programs, please proceed to our web-site: [smsg.org](http://smsg.org), and follow ENROLLMENT instructions. When your student's application is complete, you will be contacted for an assessment time for our TK/Kindergarten 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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**FALL CLASSIC SPEECH TOURNAMENT**

Just under 100 elementary and middle school students from the local area flocked to our campus for the 2018 Fall Class Speech Tournament hosted by Rose Institute. Rose Institute provides the Public Speaking Program at St. Mary School on Mondays as an extra curricular.



**PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION**

Parish & Pastoral Ministries Offices: 408.354.3726 Fax: 408.354.9302

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|--------------------------|--|-------------------------|------|
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| 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

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|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|
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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](http://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/Kindergarten Assessments
- Jan. 27 - 9am, Catholic Schools Week Mass
- Jan. 27 - 10am - 1pm, All School Open House

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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 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am - 1:00pm**

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

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception School  
30 Lyndon Avenue | Los Gatos, CA 95030  
TK - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade | 408-354-3944 | [www.smsg.org](http://www.smsg.org) | [admissions@stmaryslg.org](mailto:admissions@stmaryslg.org)

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

Welcome



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](mailto:mjaraya@stmaryslg.org)*