

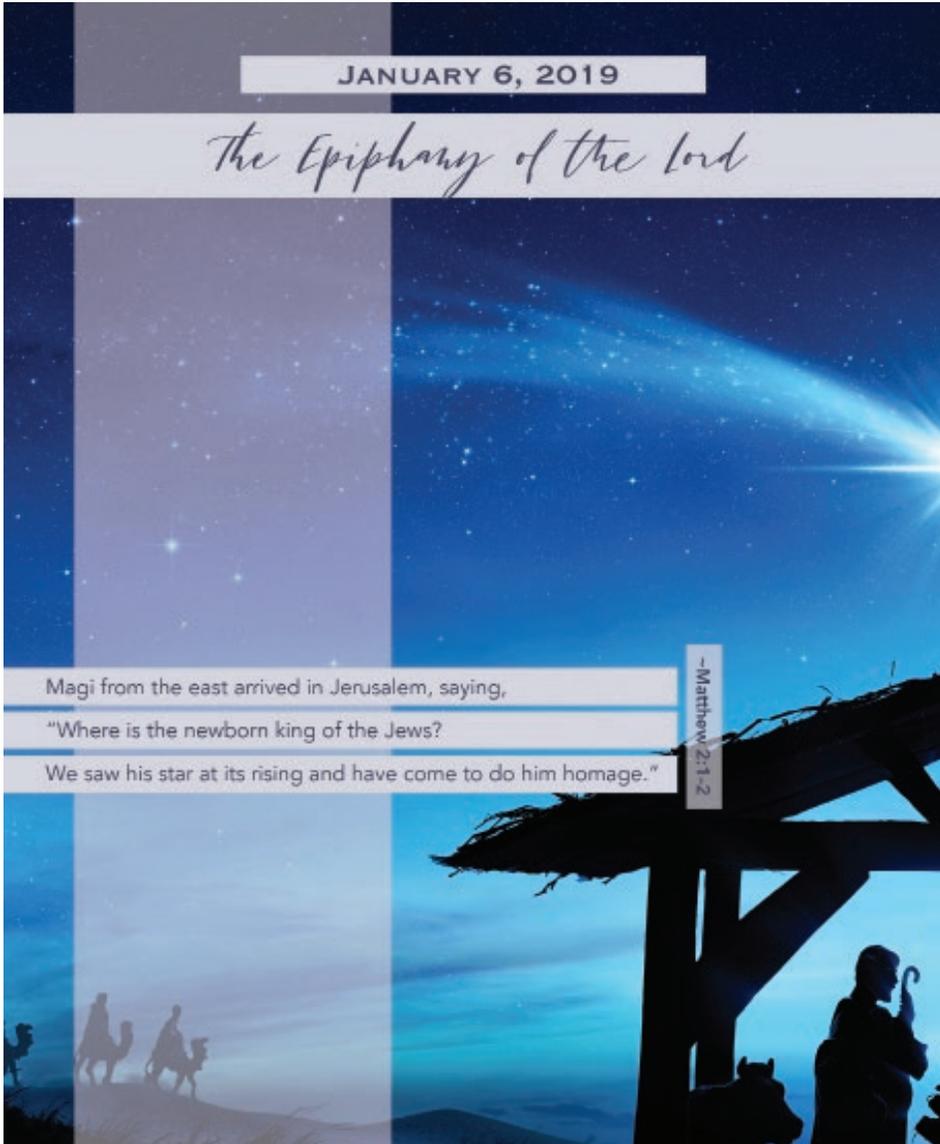


**ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
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JANUARY 6, 2019

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**THIS WEEK...**

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

- Sun. Second Collection - School Support
- Jan 6 **NO HOSPITALITY SUNDAY THIS MONTH** -  
 Elem. Faith Formation 9 & 11:15a  
 Playways 9a  
 Malankara Mass 1p  
 Youth Choir Practice 4p  
 WAV 6p
- Mon. Elem. Faith Formation 4p
- Jan 7 Adoration & Rosary 6p  
 Women's Support Group 6:30p  
 EDGE 7p
- Tue. Small Christian Community 6:30a
- Jan 8 Women's Spirituality Group 8a  
 Prayer Group Meeting 10a  
 Centering Prayer 7p  
 RCIA 7p
- Wed. World Religions Class 9:30a
- Jan 9 Organ Practice 4:30p  
 Choir Practice 7p
- Thu. Prayer Group 8a
- Jan 10 Little Rock Scripture Study 9:30a  
 Centering Prayer 3:30p
- Fri. Men's Faith Sharing Group 6:30a
- Jan 11 Adoration Divine Mercy 3p
- Sat. Reconciliation - 3:30p
- Jan 12
- Sun. Elem. Faith Formation 9 & 11:15a
- Jan 13 Playways 9a  
 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.



**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).

## 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>

## 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).



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



## Brave the Elements

The comforts of urban living make our lives easier and somewhat safer. Perhaps for that reason we may live better lives. Neighborhoods and towns are a living imprint that differentiate us as humans and create an anthropocentric environment most of us enjoy. We recreate the environment in our image to accommodate civility. For this reason, people form themselves into communities so as to ward off social crisis or dangers to everyone. In our era, with its uncertain progress, we will nevertheless likely seek to make life even more comfortable at the expense of the natural world.

Even so, many endeavor to brave the elements throughout the year; to get out from behind the monitor or laptop; to savor long periods of adventure with whatever hours of daylight available;

to put one's self outside the physical and psychological comfort zone; to experience the world first hand and to rejoice in the grandeur of nature. Albeit nice, it's not easy to be away from familiar surroundings; leaving behind what we know for what we can discover. Even if only for a little while, braving the elements can be a life changing experience especially when one is physically, mentally, and spiritually prepared for any eventuality.

One of the best ways to prepare is by making lists of all that is necessary for a successful adventure. Following a prescribed itinerary makes for an expected outcome with travel times and events that create a ready plan. Planning requires patience and time. The adage that comes to mind: "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Consequently, humility is essential to planning anything successful; not forgetting contingencies for the unexpected. It's the combination of humility and confidence and careful planning that make braving the elements possible. They allow for the possibility of seeing how things might be when you arrive at your destination. It's strange how what we imagine is never the way that it is and how sometimes we bring things

that weren't necessary. Adventures take on a life of their own and stand as a chapter of memory we don't soon forget. Sometimes these include having to brave the elements to survive and a chance to tell the tale.

We are pilgrims braving the elements together. We learn to live together to form community and create humane habitations. It requires humility, confidence, preparation, and vision. We may know the comfort of home once the journey ends. This is repeated over and over until we find our eternal home with God. That adventure awaits us all. Whatever willfulness directs us toward the horizon that is God will give way to grace and peace to which God has prepared for us.

*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.*

## Happy New Year 2019

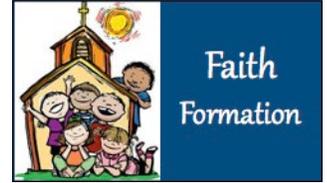


With gratitude the Christmas Giving Tree 2018 team would like to thank our St. Mary's community for the fabulous contribution of 1,047 gifts and gift cards for all our 12 Santa Clara County agencies. An extra special thank you goes out to Karen and Mike Camara, their 20th year volunteering for this program. Thank you for all their work in ensuring that this year's Giving Tree was a big success. Please know that you made many people lives brighter this Christmas season 



## 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. Jan 7	7:30 a	Helen Elliott †
Tue. Jan 8	7:30 a	Mary Crompton †
Wed. Jan 9	7:30 a	Ed Abate †
Thu. Jan 10	7:30 a	Herverto Chavez †
Fri. Jan 11	7:30 a	I.L.C.
Sat. Jan 12	7:30 a 5:00 p	Ricky Hoffman <i>Spec. Int.</i> Maryalice Sands †
Sun. Jan 13	7:30 a 9:00 a 11:15a 5:00 p	Michele Hoffman Dean Bartee † Paul Luu † Parishioners

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Mary Conference

www.stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul  
"Help Us Help Others in  
our Community"



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.

## 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!

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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 website: [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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**STOCKINGS FOR STUDENTS, #BUTTECOUNTYSTRONG**

St. Mary 7th Graders participated in a special Advent outreach, preparing Christmas stockings for fellow junior high students who had been displaced by the Camp Fire in Butte County. Families donated gift cards, stockings, card games, snacks and cozy socks; during a lunch period, students assembled them, adding a personal Christmas note.



**PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION**

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Teri Shepherd Tucci	Business Manager	tstucci@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](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

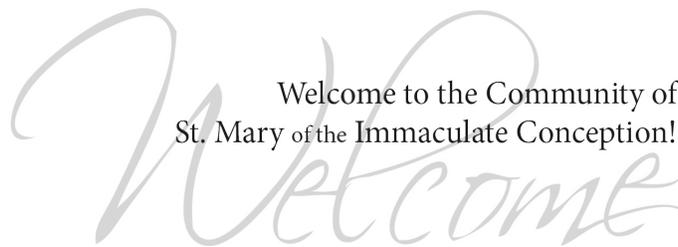
**St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception School, Los Gatos**

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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 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Meet our teachers, visit classrooms, Library and MakeSpace Rooms, and ask questions!

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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!



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)*