

All are ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph





NOTE: Staff is on Christmas Vacation beginning Monday, Dec. 21st and returning (i.e., becoming available) January 4, 2021. At this time we assume the offices will still not be open for in-person meeting and assistance when we return unless there are changes made to the diocesan & county health protocols.



Keep Up-To-Date with St. Mary's and our community through our eNewsletter.

> Sign-up or view recent eNewsletters on our website at:

stmaryslq.org/enewsletter



Sunday and Daily Mass are now Live Streamed on our Website stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass

Daily Mass: 9:30 am

Sunday Mass: 8am Live-Stream only 9am

Sign-up for Outdoor Mass stmaryslg.org/sign-up-for-mass

Sunday Donations are best made online at this time stmaryslq.org/donate

Envelopes can be mailed or dropped in the mail slot at the rectory

Adoration is Live Streamed Thursdays at 7 pm stmaryslq.org/live-stream-mass



We have returned to the Purple Tier in Santa Clara County which means we are unable to have indoor mass at this time.

Sign-ups to attend outdoor mass is available online: stmaryslg.org/sign-up-for-mass.

IMPORTANT: *sign-up for mass closes on previous day of scheduled mass at 7 am. If you are unable to make mass please cancel your reservation asap. If you are unable to cancel yourself, please leave a message on the Parish Office voicemail so we can make the seats available.

stmaryslg.org/mass-times

stmaryslg.org/enewsletter

You can also sign-up here for eNewsletters if you are not already receiving them

Masses are Live-Streamed Monday - Saturday at 9:30 am and on Sunday at 9 am stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass

MASS INTENTIONS

| Мо | 12/28 | 9:30a | Mr. & Mrs. Jose Reis † |
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| Tu | 12/29 | 9:30a | Joseph Mardesich, Jr. † |
| We | 12/30 | 9:30a | Peter Chi Nguyen † |
| Thu | u 12/31 | 9:30a | Wanda Catalana † |
| Fri | 01/01 | 9:30a | Parishioners of St. Mary |
| Sa | 01/02 | 9:30a | Parishioners of St. Mary |
| | | 3:00p | Parishioners of St. Mary |
| Su | 01/03 | 8:00a | Parishioners of St. Mary |
| | | 9:00a | Parishioners of St. Mary |
| | | 3:00p | Parishioners of St. Mary |

We Pray For

Those who are ill:

Those who have recently died:

GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS Our Goal for December is \$94,524 (includes Christmas)

Your continued ONLINE support of St. Mary is greatly appreciated!

stmaryslg.org/donate

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8: Mt:13-18 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18 Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



How to set-up Online Giving https://www.stmaryslg.org/getting-started-with-online-giving

Second flip If you are already using Online Giving and would like to make changes

How to Change your Account Details for Online Giving https://www.stmaryslg.org/how-to-change-online-giving-details

How to Edit a Recurring Gift https://www.stmaryslg.org/edit-a-recurring-gift-online-giving

> Stock Transfer stmaryslg.org/stock-transfers

Our Financial Report for 2019-2020 is available on our website stmaryslg.org/stewardship

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or Psalm 105. Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

FEAST OF FAITH

Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom. –*Corinna Laughlin, Copyright* © J. S. Paluch Co.

CHILDREN OF ETERNITY

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy. -St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

You Can Help Your Marriage...

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January Virtual Marriage Program beginning with a weekend on January 14-17, 2021 call 408-605-4998, email: **SanJose@RetroCA.com** or visit the web site at <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u>

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

Parish Office CLOSED: Per the SCC Health Dept - 7/13/20 We are unable to open again. We continue to respond to your emails and voice messages as soon as possible.

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