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February 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PRAYER

Sunday Mass	3:00pm (Saturday, Vigil) & Sunday - 9:00am & 3:00 pm	In church 9:00am In church & Live-Streamed
Daily Mass	Monday - Saturday at 9:30 AM	In church & Live-Streamed
Rosary	Monday - Saturday at 9:00 AM	In church & Live-Streamed
Stations of the Cross	Every Friday of Lent at 6:00 PM (Feb. 19 & 26, March 5, 12, 19 & 26)	In church & Live-Streamed
Confessions	Saturday from 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Pastoral Center Conference Room Or by appointment, contact Fr. Rick or Fr. Biju (Daniel)	
Adoration	Thursdays, at 7:00 PM	Live-Streamed

Sign Up for In-church services - stmaryslg.org/sign-up-for-mass
View all Live streamed services - stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass

ALMSGIVING

CRS Rice Bowl - Information and Online donation details on [page 4](#)

Lenten Layette Baby Program - Information and Online donations details on [page 5](#)

FASTING

Days to Fast	Ash Wednesday and Good Friday	<i>Ages 18-60</i>
Days to Abstain	Ash Wednesday & ALL Fridays during Lent	<i>Over Age 14</i>

Resources for your Lenten Journey
<https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/lenten-resources/>

NOTE: At this time the parish office is still not open for in-person meetings and assistance per the Diocesan & county health protocols. Please go to our website for forms, donations, Mass intentions and all other up-to-date information. You may also email or leave a message on staff voicemail which is checked regularly.



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view recent Newsletters
on our website at:
stmaryslg.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:

9:00am

Live-Stream & In Person Mass

3:00 pm

In Person Mass

Sign-up for Mass in Church

stmaryslg.org/sign-up-for-mass

Sunday Donations

are best made online at this time

stmaryslg.org/donate

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

Adoration is Live Streamed

Thursdays at 7 pm

stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass

Message from Fr. Rick



THE LENTEN JOURNEY

How is prayer during Lent any different from our attention to prayer during the rest of the year? Lent is an opportunity to be more mindful of repentance. For some this takes the form of devotional prayer such as praying the rosary or meditating on the Psalms each day—to become a living sacrifice of praise to God. These devotional practices help us to reflect more carefully on our relationship to God and one another with an eye toward selflessness. Such practices can help us realize a deeper understanding of our role in proclaiming the Good News.

When you fast, how does it differ from dieting? Many Catholics may see Lent as an opportunity to lose weight. The ancient practice of fasting makes one more mindful of our longing for God. Limiting consumption of certain food or drink helps us demonstrate our solidarity with others that are deprived of food when it's limited or insufficient. Fasting sharpens our sensibility and gratitude for the blessing of food and those who make it available to us from the work of their hands.

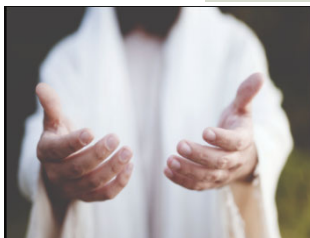
How often do you encounter others in need? What is our attitude toward such a person during this time of repentance? When we are able to reach out to others by contributing to their wellbeing, we are fulfilling the Gospel message; "Whenever you did this for the least of mine, you did it for me." The practice of giving generously allows us to identify with those who go without and helps us to recognize that any of us could find ourselves impoverished.

Lent is a period to meditate on the paschal mystery—Jesus' death and resurrection. What does it mean to rise from the dead? For Christians, we imagine death not so much as the end of existence or annihilation, rather we understand death as a transition from the life we know now to new life in Christ. Non-existence does not sit well with us even while we know that all things must pass. This kind of wisdom may be paradoxical, but the richness of our faith will help us avoid pitfalls and disappointments that are a result of our inattention to understanding how God is calling us to discipleship in Christ.

To reject idolatry in all its forms and to clear our minds of falsehoods and selfish pride will allow us to experience the love flowing from the living and eternal God. When any of us experience God's love then we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We hunger for what is truly eternal though we don't fully understand eternity. What Jesus offers is wisdom, not wealth or power. The call to understanding, solidarity, and identity with the poor is the path that leads to the encounter of the divine. The answers we seek can be found in our willingness to abandon ourselves to the Father of Jesus. What Jesus models requires us to draw on God's love so as to practice what we believe in faith by loving one another as Jesus loves us. May each of us make the best of this Lent by turning away from sin and embrace the gospel message.

Fr. Rick

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



FEBRUARY 28, 2021

*Jesus was transfigured
before them, and his clothes
became dazzling white.*

Mark 9:2-3

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Per the SCC Health Dept - 7/13/20
We are unable to open at this time.
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as possible.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

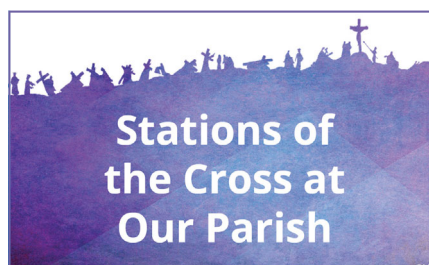
2/28 Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
3/1 Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
3/2 Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
3/3 Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
3/4 Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
3/5 Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
3/6 Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
3/7 Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	03/01	9:30 am	Family of John & Judy Aitkin (<i>special intention</i>)
Tue	03/02	9:30 am	Ted Sweatt +
Wed	03/03	9:30 am	Steve Helm +
Thu	03/04	9:30 am	Mary Jane Salinas +
Fri	03/05	9:30 am	Diani Nedom +
		9:30 am	Al Van Dalen +
Sat	03/06	5:00 pm	Nick Gionfriddo (<i>special intention</i>) Eugene Premo +
		9:00 am	Robert "Norbert" Czarny + Don Holden +
Sun	03/07	5:00 pm	Geno Castello +

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Lent
Wednesday:	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Casimir
Friday:	First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Day of Abstinence
Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Lent



EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

6:00 PM in Church & Live streamed

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26

Please sign up if you're planning to attend at

stmaryslg.org/sign-up-for-mass

Live stream service can be viewed at

stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God's call. We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence. God's call came through a cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him," This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?

FAITH IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

For those who are ill:

For those who have recently died:

Mary Jane Lucid, Geno Castello, James Dean, Al Van Dalen
Eugene Premo

Members of our Parish Family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



Parish Goal		# of Contributors
\$ 190,223.00	Total	297
	Wk9	
	Wk8	
	Wk7	
	Wk6	
\$ 17,745.00	Wk5	36
\$ 42,685.00	Wk4	67
\$ 48,720.00	Wk3	85
\$ 56,025.00	Wk2	70
\$ 38,905.00	Wk1	39
Pledged through Week #5		\$ 203,455.00
Percentage of Monetary Goal		107 %

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL GIFTS RECEIVED
ABOVE OUR GOAL COMES BACK TO OUR PARISH**



TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE

Scan the QR code and follow instructions on your phone or smart device.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Our Goal for March is \$58,824.00

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Your continued ONLINE support of
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<https://stmaryslg.org/online-giving>

HOW TO SET UP ONLINE GIVING

stmaryslg.org/getting-started-with-online-giving

If you are already using Online Giving and would like to make changes or update your payment information please go to:

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BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

View the video at <https://bit.ly/37PFega>

EMPTY YOUR CRS RICE BOWL - AND GIVE ONLINE!

To donate to our 2021 Rice Bowl Ministry go to:

stmaryslg.org/CRS-rice-bowl

Thank you!

Jane Najour - jnajor@stmaryslg.org

Final Collection End Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

2021 LENTEN BABY LAYETTE MINISTRY PROGRAM

Since 2003, St. Mary's has celebrated new life by preparing baby layettes for newborns during the Easter Season. The purpose of the collection is to provide items for newborn babies who otherwise would leave the hospital without basic necessities such as blankets, clothing and diapers.

This year we have gone virtual. Please donate online (<https://stmaryslg.org/lenen-layette>), or drop off a check in the Rectory door, mail slot during Lent.

Questions: Please email jnajor@stmaryslg.org or (408) 354-3726 x121

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What is Seasons of Hope (SoH)?
SoH is a faith-based bereavement discussion group for those who have lost a loved one. It offers attendees:

- a place to share their feelings of grief openly
- support from others experiencing the same path toward healing

Meeting Dates, Time, & Location
SoH will meet on the following Tuesdays:

• February 23	• March 16
• March 2	• March 23
• March 9	• March 30

Meetings will take place by Zoom invitation from 1:00PM to 2:30PM

Interested in participating? We kindly ask you to please register by calling Jane Najour - Pastoral Ministries (408) 354-3726 x121 or email: jnajor@stmaryslg.org

Stewardship Reflection on Lectionary Readings February 28, 2021 - Second Sunday of Lent

GN 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; PS 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; ROM 8:31b-34; MK 9:2-10

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It is a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

The First Reading from Genesis is the infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, to the Lord as a sacrifice. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. Because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord, he is blessed abundantly.

We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian

stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord — our time, our talents and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us?

As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

*Stewardship Reflections by
Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

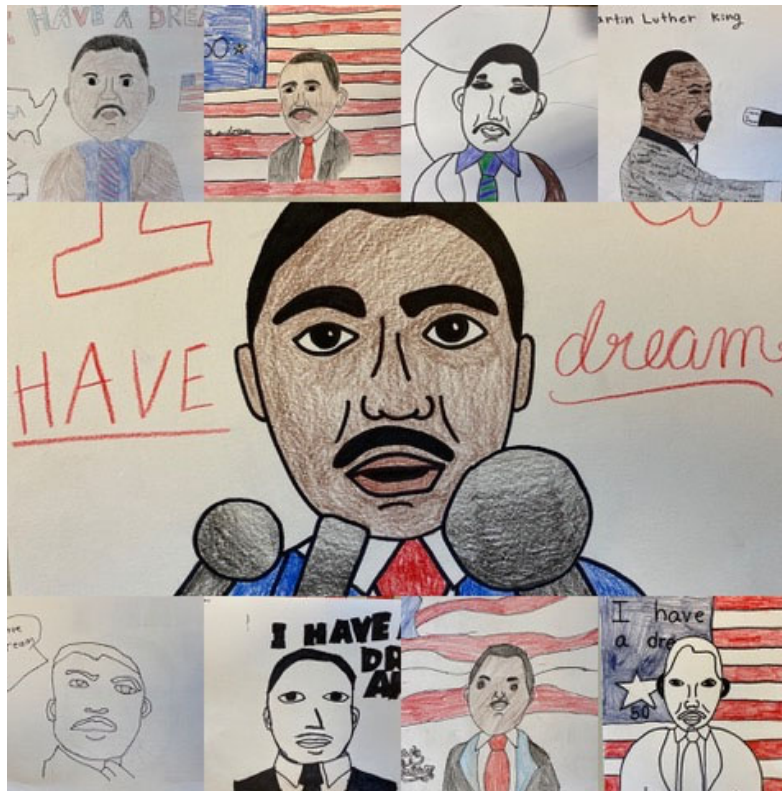


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5th - 8th Grade Art

We are so fortunate to have such a creative teacher providing a variety of art lessons to our upper grade students, frequently associated with holidays and current events. Here are a few examples of our students' work!



Registration is open for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year!

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Visit our website to learn more, or call the school office, as Registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year!

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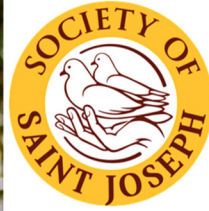
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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Feast of Saint Joseph Virtual Novena



We are in the year
of Saint Joseph!

Join us as we come together virtually in nine days of prayer leading up to the Feast of Saint Joseph.

Daily: Wednesday, March 10 – Thursday, March 18

8:00 AM – 8:10 AM

Each morning's reflection and prayer is dedicated to the members of the Society of Saint Joseph and their special prayer intentions. We hope you will join us in praying for this special group of people who have dedicated a gift in their estate plan for our local Church.

This event is public and open to everyone - invite your friends!

Join Using

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89389989850>

OR

**Call-in Number: (408) 638-0968
& Meeting ID: 893 8998 9850**

Grief Boot Camp 2021 *Into the Desert*

Grief can be difficult to navigate. In today's environment, it can be overwhelming. We invite you to intentionally block out an hour on Monday evenings to join us and share the journey. Come one week or every week.

Mondays, March 8th - March 29th | 7:00-8:00 PM

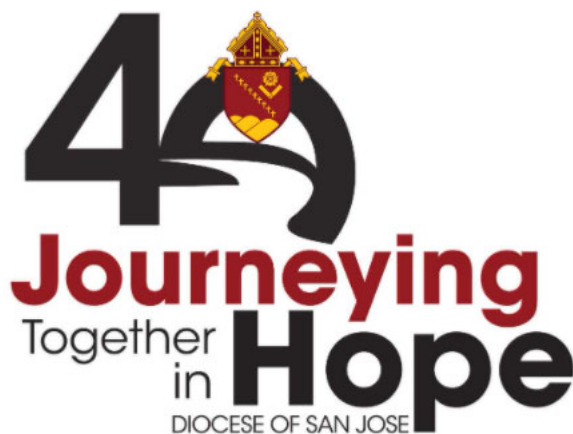
Facilitator: Candee Lucas, CFCS San Jose Aftercare Coordinator

ZOOM Meeting ID: 936 5020 2617



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DIOCESE JUBILEE CELEBRATION – UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

Mar. 18, 2021: Anniversary Mass

May 1, 2021: Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker Mass

Aug. 11, 2021: Feast of Saint Clare Mass

Nov. 21, 2021: Closing Mass

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