



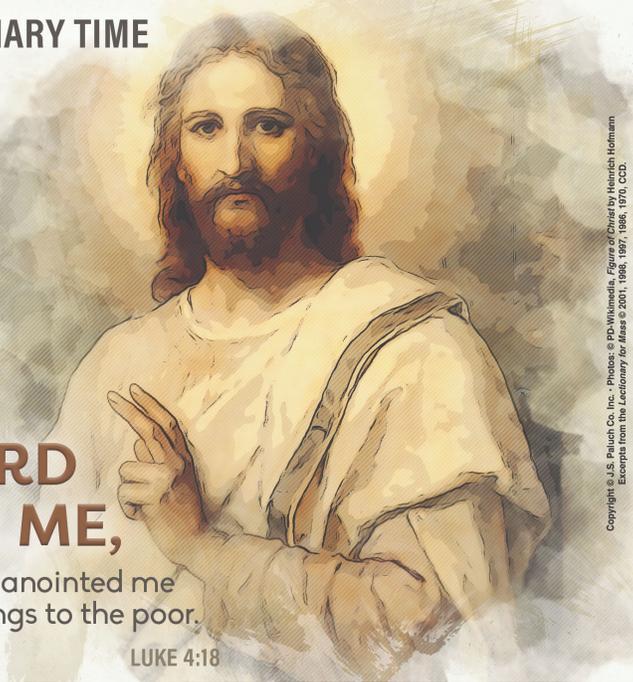
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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

JANUARY 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,

because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

LUKE 4:18



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Mass Live Streamed

Sunday 9:00am and Daily Masses are Live Streamed on our website
stmaryslg.org/livestream-mass

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm - In Person

Sunday Masses:

9:00am

Live-Stream & In Person

7:30am & 5:00pm - In Person

Daily Mass: 8:30 am

Live-Stream & In Person

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

SUNDAY DONATIONS

are best made online

stmaryslg.org/donate

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

ADORATION LIVE STREAMED

Thursdays at 7 pm

stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass



NEW DATE!
SUNDAY, MAY 15
REVS vs SEMS
Basketball Challenge

COVID PREVENTION REMINDERS

Please stay home if you are feeling ill or if you are dealing with a medical situation that may make you more vulnerable to disease, or have tested COVID positive, or have been exposed to a person who is COVID positive please attend the livestream Mass.

ATTENDING MASS IN PERSON AT ST. MARY

Face masks will be required of all adults and children over the age of 2. You will need to keep your face mask over your nose and mouth throughout the Mass, except for the time when you will be giving yourself Holy Communion.

The church doors will be kept open to allow for ventilation (*dress warmly*) and all will be asked to use hand sanitizer (*we encourage you to bring your own*).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

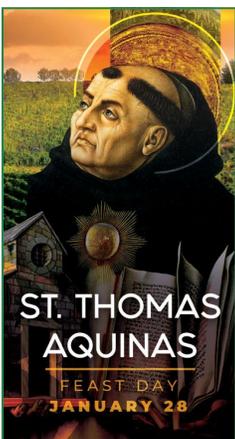
Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God’s constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God’s fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPI

TODAY’S READINGS

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10;
Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 12:12-30;
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. THOMAS AQUINAS - PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH - JANUARY 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologiae.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today. ©LPI

“I have called You by Name, You are Mine” ...

An invitation to join the journey.

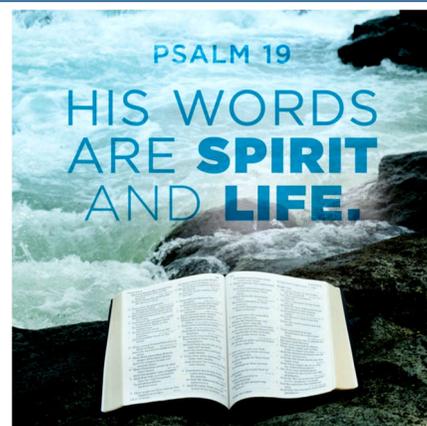
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Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? Conversion is a gradual process as well as a community and personal journey of faith that leads to a transformation of mind and spirit. The first step in the RCIA - *the Rite of Christian Initiation* process is the inquiry phase: a time to get your questions answered and think about whether or not this is for you.

If you would like to learn more about the RCIA process, please contact our **Pastoral Associate, Michael Lomas**, mlomas@stmaryslg.org or (408) 354-3726 x123

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

		THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sun	1/23	St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21	
Mon	1/24	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30	
Tue	1/25	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18	
Wed	1/26	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:1-20	
Thu	1/27	St. Angela Merici, Virgin 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25	
Fri	1/28	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34	
Sat	1/29	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41	
		FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
Sun	1/30	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15-17; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 ; Lk 4:21-30	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	1/24	8:30 am	David Anthony Piazza +
Tue	1/25	8:30 am	Reggie & Barbara Pearson (<i>special intention</i>)
Wed	1/26	8:30 am	Mary Pearne (<i>special intention</i>)
Thu	1/27	8:30 am	Jeff Torre (<i>special intention</i>)
Fri	1/28	8:30 am	Liz Pearne (<i>special intention</i>)
Sat	1/29	8:30 am	Grant Bishop, Sr. +
		5:00 pm	Dick Vitale (<i>special intention</i>)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

		7:30 am	Cy Ryan +
Sun	1/30	9:00 am	Ryan Schaeffer +
		5:00 pm	Rose Marie McSwiggin +

THE HOLY FATHER'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2022: FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

PRAYER FOR THE UNIVERSAL SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
 With You alone to guide us, Make Yourself at home in our hearts;
 Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
 We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
 Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



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

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission”

Each week through February, there will be questions based on the Synod. You are invited to reflect on them prayerfully – but it’s not a test! Beginning in late February, the Diocese will sponsor a series of listening sessions, allowing all of us to share our insights. The outcomes of those sharing sessions will be collated and sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops by June. The USCCB will incorporate the reports of all the dioceses into a final report which will go to the Vatican.

This Synod poses the following fundamental question: A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” How is this “journeying together” happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take to grow in our “journeying together”?

In responding to this question, we are invited to:

- **Recall our experiences:** What experiences of our local Church does this question call to mind?
- **Re-read these experiences in greater depth:** What joys did they bring? What difficulties and obstacles have they encountered? What wounds did they reveal? What insights have they elicited?
- **Gather the fruits to share:** Where in these experiences does the voice of the Holy Spirit resound? What is the Spirit asking of us? What are the points to be confirmed, the prospects for change, the steps to be taken? Where do we register a consensus? What paths are opening up for our local Church?

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

In the Church and society, we are side by side on the same road. *In our local Church, who are those who “walk together”? Who are those who seem further apart? How are we called to grow as companions? What groups or individuals are left on the margins?*

LISTENING

Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice. *How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore? How are the laity listened to, especially women and young people? What facilitates or inhibits our listening? How well do we listen to those on the peripheries? How is the contribution of consecrated men and women integrated? What are some limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those with different views than our own? What space is there for the voice of minorities, especially people who experience poverty, marginalization, or social exclusion?*

Further information and direction is forthcoming.



UPCOMING DIOCESAN MASSES

- January 29**
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE
5:00 pm - *Holy Cross Parish - 580 Jackson St, San Jose*
- February 11**
DIOCESAN WHITE MASS HONORING HEALTH CARE WORKERS
6:00pm - *Queen of Apostles Parish - 4911 Moorpark Avenue, San Jose*
- February 19**
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
10:00 am - *Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph - 80 South Market St., San Jose*

FAITH IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” 1 Corinthians 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.



For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Ana Hernandez; David Dinno; Kathy Tobin; Sharon Lyndon; Diane Marvin

For those who have recently died:
Terrance Daily; Rose Marie McSwiggin; John Rocchio; Elizabeth Floyd; Frances Guarino; Sylvester Palaniuk; Rich Saso; Gregory Shelton

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.

2ND COLLECTION - JAN 22 & 23

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This weekend our special collection supports the Church in Latin America. For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers make it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation, so that people can grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. To learn more, please visit

www.usccb.org/latin-america.

To Make a Gift Online, please visit :
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SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD 2022

On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. This year it will fall on **Sunday, January 23, 2022**.

Resources can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/sunday-word-god>



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God’s Gifts To Us

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE DECEMBER 2021 REPORT

Thank you to everyone who continue during this pandemic to support the mission and ministries of our parish. During the month of December, our Sunday Offertory collection (excluding Christmas) was \$64,062. We currently have a shortfall of \$77,044 for the current fiscal year. As you know, we are dependent on your practice of good stewardship to fulfill our parish mission. Thank you for sharing God’s gifts!

Thank you for your generosity in this year’s Christmas collection. As of January 10, our collection was \$55,537 (+\$14,854 from 2020).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for January is \$75,800.00

Your continued ONLINE support of St. Mary is much appreciated. THANK YOU to those who have already signed up for online donations.

TO MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT:

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Please consider setting up a recurring or one-time gift Online. Instructions can be found at

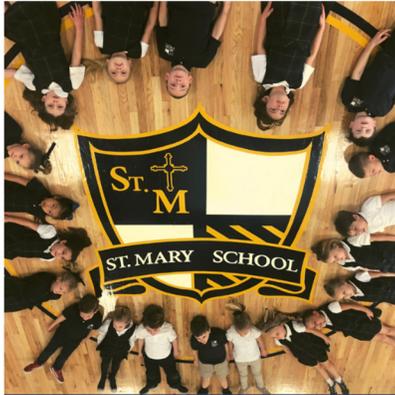
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This year’s theme is **“Growing Together in Faith.”** All parishioners will soon be receiving a letter and brochure concerning this year’s Annual Diocesan Appeal. By supporting the ministries and services of our diocese, the local church of San Jose, you will be encouraging a spirit of renewed hopefulness among our parishioners, as well as the entire Catholic community of Santa Clara County. ***Please give this appeal your most sincere and prayerful consideration, and help us reach our parish goal.***



ST. MARY SCHOOL



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Virtual Open House

Wednesday, February 2
2pm

You're Invited!

Please join us on Zoom to meet the teachers and learn about our TK, elementary and junior high programs. Student Council will lead panel discussions and a virtual tour video.

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Register at bit.ly/Febopenhouse



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goals
4th Graders wrote their academic and life goals for 2022 then engaged in peer editing for punctuation, spelling, and grammar



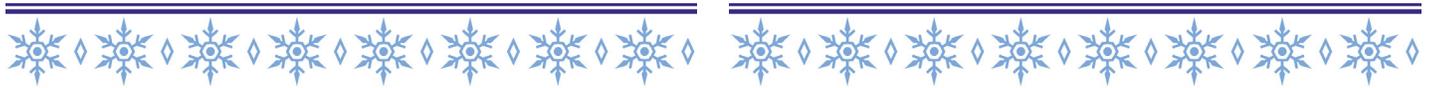
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AROUND THE DIOCESE

MEN'S DISCERNMENT WEEKEND, FEB 4-6, 2022: Is God calling you to the priesthood? In this retreat you will have the chance to explore the priesthood, listen to priest's vocation stories and learn about steps for discernment, values of priestly life and the structure of seminary formation during a weekend of prayer, discussions & fraternity. For more info: dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/retreats/mens-retreats. Contact vocations@dsj.org

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT WEEKEND, FEB 11-13, 2022: What does it mean to have a vocation and discern it? How do you know when you are called to marriage or consecrated life? We know you have these questions and we want to help you find some answers! The Diocese of San Jose Vocations Office invites young adult women aged 18-35 to a free retreat weekend! For more info: dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/retreats/womens-retreats. Contact vocations@dsj.org

A VIRTUAL IGNATIAN WORKSHOP: JAN. 25, 2022: The Spiritual Exercises and the 10 Commandments. Hosted by Most Holy Trinity, a Jesuit Parish. 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Please register for ZOOM ID at <https://tinyurl.com/y4seyrm8>



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