




# All are Welcome

## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Eighth Sunday**  
in Ordinary Time

A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit.

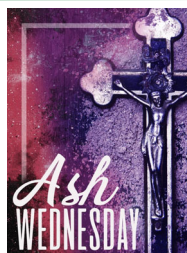
Luke 6:43-44

February 27, 2022

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**8:30AM** (in church & livestreamed)  
**& 7:00PM** (in church)

Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church.



### THE SEASON OF LENT

Associated with Jesus' temptation in the desert (**Mt 4:1-11, Mk 1:12-13, Lk 4:1-12**), the 40 days of Lent are the Church's penitential season. It is a time for introspection and self-evaluation, a time for each of us to express sorrow for sins and to ask for the grace of conversion. Today, as in the early Church, Lent is a special period of preparation for those seeking baptism at Easter, while those who are already baptized should prepare for the Easter renewal of baptismal promises. Traditionally, Catholics observe the Lenten season by participating in the activities of fasting, praying, and almsgiving (works of mercy).

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

- ◆ Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent
- ◆ Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- ◆ All Catholics who have received their first communion must receive holy communion at least once a year during the Easter season (the "Easter duty")
- ◆ Catholics are also obligated to confess any serious (mortal) sins at least once a year. The Lenten season is an ideal time in which to fulfill this obligation.



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with St. Mary and our community through our eNewsletter. Sign-up or view recent eNewsletters on our website at:  
[stmaryslg.org/enewsletter](http://stmaryslg.org/enewsletter)



Mass Live Streamed

**Sunday 9:00am and Daily Masses are Live Streamed on our website**

[stmaryslg.org/livestream-mass](http://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](http://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](http://stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass)

## REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

### First Reading Question:

Sirach teaches that much is revealed about someone in how they speak. How conscious are you about weighing your words with others?

### Second Reading:

Paul speaks of Jesus' resurrection taking away the "sting" and "victory" of death itself. In what ways have you experienced this reality in the death of loved ones in your life?

### Gospel:

Jesus challenges his disciples to exercise humility towards others and to bear good fruit with their lives. Can you cite examples of how you follow these commands of Jesus in your own life?

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## TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92;  
1 Corinthians 15:54-59;  
Luke 6:39-45

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## THANKS VERY MUCH

to all who have helped us reach 53% of our 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal goal of \$190,917. We're now more than halfway there! If you have not yet made your pledge, please join the other 136 parishioners (7.5%) in supporting this crucial campaign. We would like all pledge forms returned, regardless of the gift amount. Remember: every dollar over our goal will help us with our expenses during another difficult year. Mail/drop off your pledge or donate online at [dsj.org/ada](https://dsj.org/ada) or mail/drop off your pledge.

| Parish Goal          |              | # of Contributors |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>\$ 190,917.00</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>2,231</b>      |
|                      | Wk9          |                   |
|                      | Wk8          |                   |
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| <b>\$ 101,620.00</b> | Wk3          | <b>136</b>        |
| <b>\$ 86,310.00</b>  | Wk2          | <b>110</b>        |
| <b>\$ 68,935.00</b>  | Wk1          | <b>88</b>         |



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

|     |      |   |
|-----|------|---|
| Sun | 2/27 | <b>8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br>Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45       |
| Mon | 2/28 | 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27  |
| Tue | 3/1  | 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31  |
| Wed | 3/2  | <b>ASH WEDNESDAY: Fast and Abstinence</b><br>Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thu | 3/3  | <b>St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin</b><br>Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25                                     |
| Fri | 3/4  | <b>St. Casimir; Abstinence; World Day of Prayer</b><br>Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15                |
| Sat | 3/5  | Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  |
| Sun | 3/6  | <b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br>Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13                    |

## MASS INTENTIONS

|     |      |         |   |
|-----|------|---------|---|
| Mon | 2/28 | 8:30 am | Rick Cardenas +                         |
| Tue | 3/1  | 8:30 am | Bridget Eding +                         |
| Wed | 3/2  | 8:30 am | Rose Marie McSwiggin +                  |
| Thu | 3/3  | 8:30 am | Mary Sirvatka +                         |
| Fri | 3/4  | 8:30 am | George Coakley +                        |
| Sat | 3/5  | 8:30 am | Dani Nedom +                            |
|     |      | 5:00 pm | John Pearne, Jr +                       |
|     |      | 7:30 am | Liz Pearne ( <i>special intention</i> ) |
| Sun | 3/6  | 9:00 am | James Paul Trybus +                     |
|     |      | 5:00 pm |   |

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT

6:30pm - in church and livestreamed

### SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

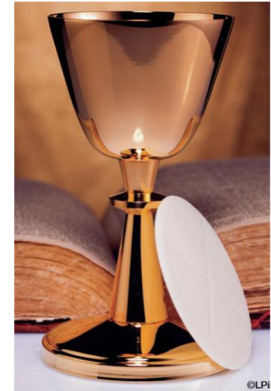
#### St. Katharine Drexel - March 3

With a family like hers, it's no wonder that St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 – March 3, 1955) grew up to become one of the first American-born saints.

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, her mother passed away when she was only five weeks old. Her father, a renowned banker, remarried a wonderful woman, and together they raised St. Katherine Drexel and her two sisters in a life of privilege. Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor.

After her father's death, St. Katharine Drexel gave up her inheritance and instead devoted her life to the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. Mother Drexel, as she would become known as, established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, and together they opened a boarding school in Santa Fe, the first of 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states.

At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire from active ministry. She spent the next 20 years of her life in quiet yet intense prayer. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II. ©LPI



## 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

"From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." What we say reveals so much about who we are. It discloses what is really going on within us: our integrity, priorities, depth of conscience, level of compassion and understanding of mercy. People whose speech is judgmental or overly critical usually reveal an interior life that is angry, unsettled, defensive, and shallow. Our speech communicates our sense of right and wrong, the strength of our relationship with God and how we feel about our fellow human beings. We are also quick to point out the faults of others, concentrating on their shortcomings and wrongdoings before our own. Only God fully understands what is going on inside the human heart. Only God can see the depth of a human soul. Perhaps it would do us well to consider what may be happening inside our brothers and sisters and temper our critical speech of what we see occurring outside. Looking within will also help us identify our own sins and weakness so that we can be better positioned to offer the type of wisdom and compassionate guidance that can really be of help to our friends.



# FAITH IN ACTION

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

### Stewardship Fruitfulness

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." Luke 6:43*

Are you living Stewardship by using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:  
**Ron Mackin**

For those who have recently died:  
**Carol Bevans; Nancy Castro; Ann Fenolio; Marguerite Dullea; George Coakley**

*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.*



## ST MARY'S HANDCRAFT MINISTRY

We are a group of women sharing faith, patterns, yarns and laughs while making Prayer Shawls to comfort those experiencing illness and sorrow as well as baby items for newborns who may arrive in our world without a lot of support.

We meet at Hofmann Center the second Monday of the month from 10:30 to noon. We encourage anyone interested to please join us.

Yarn, needles, patters and instruction videos are available. If you know someone who would like a prayer shawl or a layette, please contact Jane Najour ([jnjour@stmaryslg.org](mailto:jnjour@stmaryslg.org) or 408 354-3726 ext.121). Donations of knitting supplies are happily accepted at the Pastoral Ministries office.

**Our next meeting Monday March 14th at 10:30 in Hofmann Center.**

Daily Inspiration for Your Lenten Journey  
[www.usccb.org/lent](http://www.usccb.org/lent)

**LENT 2022** | Reflect. Repent. Restore.



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!**

***Our Goal for March is \$63,698.00***

*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 Wednesday we begin the season of Lent. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to consider how we make use of the gifts of our time, talent and financial blessings. **During the 40 days of Lent each of us will embrace the traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;** each in our particular way. These disciplines are not merely reserved for the season of Lent however. As the people of God, all of us are called to practice these disciplines throughout the year. Make it a way of life, that's good stewardship!

## CRS RICE BOWL - LENT IS COMING!

Join our faith community - and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from **all doors of the church** from **February 27<sup>th</sup>**. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on global hunger and take action to help our sisters and brothers impacted by this injustice. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



## 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.*



## NEXT STEPS AT ST. MARY: THURSDAY, MARCH 10

### FACILITATORS & NOTE TAKERS

**We are looking for volunteers to lead small group discussions and to encourage and engage dialog and respectful listening.**  
**Thursday, March 10 at 5:00pm**

**The role of the Facilitator** is to lead, engage and create an environment for participants in small groups to share, listen and discern on the stirrings of the Holy Spirit regarding their experience of Church and their hopes and dreams for the Catholic Church.

**The role of the Note Taker** is to accurately record the sharing of the group discussions and assist in consolidating the information into a report that will be sent to the Diocese.

**To volunteer as a Facilitator or Note Taker please contact Michael Lomas at [mlomas@stmaryslg.org](mailto:mlomas@stmaryslg.org) or call him at 408-354-3726 x 123.** Training will take place on Thursday, March 10 at 5:00pm.

## IN-PERSON LISTENING SESSION : March 10, 6:30pm

You're being asked to participate because you are a valuable member of our Church! We warmly welcome you to join us for an in-person listening session at St. Mary where, guided by the Holy Spirit, we will reflect, share and listen to one another.

Join us on **March 10, 6:30 pm** at St. Mary for our **in-person Synod Listening Session**. Pope Francis invites us to be part of a Synod that begins with listening sessions in local churches and religious communities around the world and will culminate in a meeting of bishops in Rome in 2023.

Our listening session will follow a common goal and format established for all parishes in the Diocese of San Jose.

***In this intentional process of mutual listening, we want to involve everyone - young and old, in every role and ministry, even those who are not active.***

### GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR OUR LISTENING SESSION:

We will be considering these questions:

- Where and how do you personally experience Church today?
- What joys do you experience?
- What difficulties and obstacles have you encountered?
- What insights do you have?
- What is your dream or vision for our church in the future?
- Are there any aspects of the Church's evangelizing mission that you would like to see?
- How do you value the Church's social mission to care for the poor and marginalized, as well as its efforts to address poverty and social change?

### WHAT TO EXPECT AT ST. MARY LISTENING SESSION

- ◆ Plan to spend 2 hours together
- ◆ Small Groups - No matter how many people show up, we'll break into groups of no more than 10 people.
- ◆ Timing - From our initial welcoming with prayer to our final closing, we plan to spend 2 hours together.
- ◆ Respectful Sharing - A small group facilitator will guide the process for each small group.
- ◆ Each person will have 3 minutes of uninterrupted time to say what is important to them.
- ◆ We will reflect silently on what everyone says and then have an opportunity to speak, one at a time. Our emphasis will be on respectful listening to each other.

**To help us with meeting planning & logistics, REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED:**  
<https://stmarylosgatos.flocknote.com/signup/81896>

# ST. MARY SCHOOL

## Kindergartners enjoying a Change Challenge Consolation Prize - Pizza!

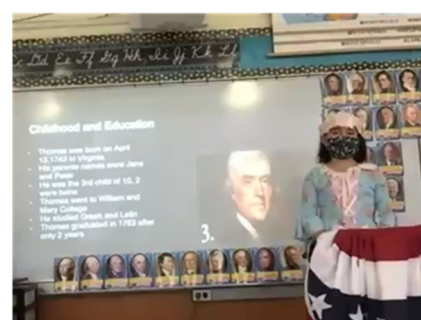
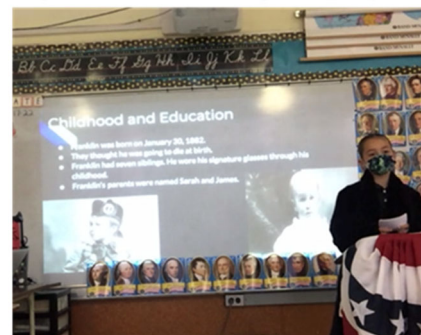


Sra. Vidriezca's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish class decorated the bulletin board for "Feliz día de San Valentin"



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In honor of President's day, the 3rd Grade presented their President reports, after spending many weeks researching and preparing.



Kathy Rosendin, Business Manager  
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## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### "FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION"

#### DISCERNING AND DECIDING

In a synodal style, we make decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community. What methods and processes do we use in decision-making? How can they be improved? How do we promote participation in decision-making within hierarchical structures? Do our decision-making methods help us to listen to the whole People of God? What is the relationship between consultation and



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decision-making, and how do we put these into practice? What tools and procedures do we use to promote transparency and accountability? How can we grow in communal spiritual discernment? For more information, visit the Diocesan website [www.dsj.org/universal-synod/](http://www.dsj.org/universal-synod/)

**FEBRUARY 26 - LENTEN 8-WEEK SPIRITUAL EXERCISES (ZOOM)** Starting on the 26th of February and will be offered by trained Spiritual Exercises directors from Most Holy Trinity Church, a Jesuit parish. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3sGhViB>. Applications are now being accepted. The deadline is Feb/18/2022. For registration, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/y5j2eml5>. Your contribution will help Most Holy Trinity support the Ignatian Spirituality Ministry (ISC).

**SATURDAY MARCH 5: MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING** - St. Thomas of Canterbury - 9 am- 5 pm Deacon Ed Shoener, President of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers, will be the instructor. Mass will follow class at 5:15pm with Deacon Ed sharing the homily. For more information, contact: Kathy Mattingly: (699) 222-9418 or by email at [kat@kajon.com](mailto:kat@kajon.com) To register - <https://bit.ly/3GUG7Ti>

**MAR. 14-16, LENTEN PARISH MISSION SERIES.** Hosted by: Saint Nicholas and Saint William Parish. Presented by Fr. Matthias of the Immaculate Heart, OCD. For details and to register: <https://bit.ly/3uOdRPU>



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