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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MAY 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



To our Confirmandi: Congratulations & Blessings to all of you!



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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

11:00am & 5:00pm - In Person

Mon - Sat: 8:30 am

Live-Stream & In Person

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

SUNDAY DONATIONS

are best made online

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

ADORATION LIVE STREAMED

Thursdays at 7 pm

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REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Today's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life: "love one another as I have loved you." It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

We must look at the context in which Jesus makes this statement. It is the Last Supper. Judas has just stepped out discreetly to turn Jesus over to the authorities who will have Him bound, tortured, and crucified.

Furthermore, exactly how does He call us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

No wonder we find Paul and Barnabas "strengthening" and "exhorting" the early disciples in our First Reading by saying, "it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Notice they don't say "one or two" hardships or even "the occasional hardship". They say "many" hardships. So, it should not surprise us when we encounter challenges as we embrace stewardship, as a way of life. If it's demanding, we should take heart because it means we are doing it right!

Why is this? Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And amid those inevitable challenging moments this kind of life entails, we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way.

Consider these words from Revelation found in our Second Reading today. "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning or pain, for the old order has passed away... Behold, I make all things new."

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

— Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear in Acts how Paul and Barnabas formed Gentile-believing churches in cities of the eastern Roman Empire. *What do you think is needed today to build a strong faith community?*

Second Reading:

In John's final visions, he sees "a new Jerusalem" coming down from heaven. God is fully present with humanity and there is no more suffering and death. *How often do you think about the end-times?*

Gospel:

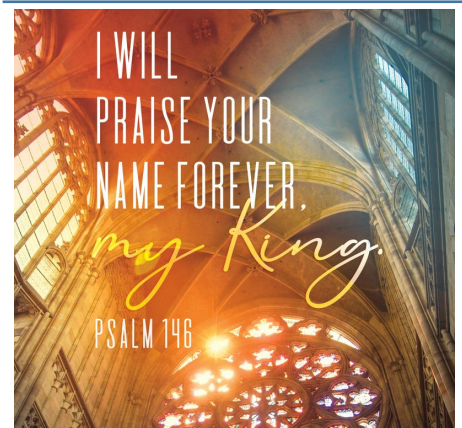
As Jesus discussed his impending death with the disciples, he presents them with "a new commandment: love one another." *In what ways are you challenged by this commandment?*



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	5/15	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER , St. Isidore Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Mon	5/16	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tue	5/17	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13b, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wed	5/18	St. John I, Pope and Martyr Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thu	5/19	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Fri	5/20	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Sat	5/21	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sun	5/22	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER , St. Rita of Cascia, Religious Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	5/16	8:30 am	Edna and Martin Burke †
Tue	5/17	8:30 am	Jack Stone (healing)
Wed	5/18	8:30 am	Fr. Mark Catalana †
Thu	5/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Fri	5/20	8:30 am	Zulma Aguiar (healing)
Sat	5/21	8:30 am	Honora Dunkak †
		5:00 pm	Mike Manley †
		9:00 am	Gail Stier †
Sun	5/22	11:00 am	Patricia Pelzzoni †
		5:00 pm	Joe Quilici †

NEW Mass Intention Request Online Program - you will now be able to see the dates that are available, select, schedule and pay for a Mass Intention. www.stmaryslg.org/mass-intention-request. FAQs are also on this page

REMINDER: Effective **March 6, 2022** the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day obligation concluded for all Catholics within the Diocese of San José

Anyone with a "serious reason" or "grave cause" is excused from the obligation. Catholics are encouraged to consult with their pastor if they are unsure about their personal situation. [View Bishop Oscar Cantú's Statement at dsj.org.](#)

PRAYER FOR OUR ARMED FORCES—Saturday, May 21

Almighty God and Father, look with love upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need. Give them health and stability and allow them to return to their loved ones whole and unshaken. Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times.

Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans who have given their best for the country they love. Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age. Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude.

Manifest your tender care to those in the Military Academies who prepare for future service and to those who serve our Nation far from home. Teach us to remember the sacrifices of those whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.

Bless and multiply the priests who minister to the faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Reward their generosity and keep them faithful.

Hear us as we present our prayers to You through Christ our Lord.

— Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA



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

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually **LOVING** each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.

FAITH IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Love Others

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

John 13:34

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes the Stewardship of mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like you.



For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Tony Cirone; Ron Mackin; Rosalia Russo; Sharon Lyndon; Trang Nguyen

For those who have recently died:
Michael Briare; Nancy Cariari; Mary Holmquist; Luciano Iacomini; Edward Malysz; Joe Quilici

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.



Members of the St. Mary Small Christian Community come together to reflect on the scriptures for a coming Sunday Mass using a process which connects our faith life with our lived experiences. While it is not

a bible study as such, it is prayerful process of looking at how our lives and our relationship to Jesus can be viewed and understood through the lens of the scriptures we hear and read each Sunday. **Meetings take place on the 1st Tuesday of the month in Parish Office Conference Room at 7:30am.** Contact the parish office for more info.

Are you looking for a way to deepen your relationship with God?
Consider the Centering Prayer Group at St. Mary



Centering Prayer is scripturally inspired:

"But when you pray, go to your private room, shut yourself in, and pray to your Father who is in that secret place."

~Matthew 6:6

Tuesdays 3:15pm - 4:15pm, Church

Email vlozowicki@gmail.com for more information.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for May is \$54,800.00

Your weekly offerings enable us to meet our monthly obligations and continue to support the many parish programs at St. Mary. Thank you for your faithful support.

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

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

A GRATITUDE EXAMEN

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of its power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives.

What **G**ifts have You given me?

How have I **R**eceived love from others?

How is grace at work in **A**spects of my life story?

Do I **T**rust You to continue to bless me?

Where have I missed Your movements?

Have I used my **T**alents at the service of other?

Do I see a purpose for my life **U**nderway?

How can I have the **D**iscipline to thank You daily?

Help me give **E**verything back to You!

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We have now reached 112.5% above our ADA goal (\$214,889 pledged) Please remember that every dollar pledged and paid above our diocesan goal of \$190,917.00 will be returned to our parish. Pledges and redemptions continue till December 31, 2022.

Thank you again to all who have participated in this year's ADA campaign. [dsj.org/ways-to-give/annual-diocesan-appeal/](https://bit.ly/ada-campaign)

ATTEND THE INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY

Do you have a call to the ministry of leadership within your community? Do you currently participate in some form of pastoral ministry? Do you want to learn and get the skills to serve better your community? Explore attending the ILM this year. The ILM is accepting nominations for the academic year 2022-2023, classes begin September 2022. Please find more about the ILM and how to apply at https://bit.ly/ilm_eng



FAITH FORMATION



DYR 2022 YOUTH REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

- Friday, April 8, 2022 and closes on Monday, May 27, 2022 at 8:00pm or as space permits.
- Registration is available in both English and Spanish languages.
- The cost to attend the Diocesan Youth Retreat (DYR) is \$525.00. There is a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit included.
- The Diocesan Youth Retreat (DYR) is open to all outgoing eighth (8th) through graduating twelfth (12th) graders of the 2021-2022 academic school year.

For more info and to register:

<https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/yva/youth/dyr/>



CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERTS

Oppose AB 2223 – Tell Legislators Vague Language of Perinatal Death is Bad Law

The California Catholic Conference opposes AB 2223 unless amended to redefine or substitute the term “perinatal death” to definitively exclude infant death due to abuse or neglect.

Support AB 2717 – Build Strong Bonds for Incarcerated Moms and Their Kids

Because of the uniquely crucial relationship of mothers to their children for their health and wellbeing, it is in the best interests of the state to promote strong bonds and secure attachment between incarcerated moms and their kids. Offering parenting classes, therapy, and additional specialized visitation will help improve the outcomes for incarcerated mothers and their families.

Support SB 1083 - Help Homeless Families Find a Safe Place to Sleep

There are 8,000 homeless families in California, and more than 5,000 homeless pregnant women sleeping on the streets of LA County alone. While the hotel voucher program has helped get families off the streets during the pandemic, 16 days is not enough time to find permanent housing. Some families simply return to sleeping in cars, on the streets, or get split up into shelters. And throughout California shelters, priority housing is not given to homeless pregnant women until they are at least 7 months pregnant. Homeless families deserve a safe place to sleep at night while they find a more permanent solution.

Oppose SB 1142 - Don't Make California an Abortion Destination for Out of State

This bill should also be rejected because paying for every ancillary expense of a woman who has an abortion without ensuring adequate services for parenting women is reproductive coercion. This bill prejudices one choice, abortion, over the choice of birth and parenting, serving to coerce marginalized, economically challenged women to have abortions they do not want.

For a full list of California Catholic Conference Legislative Action Alerts - <https://cacatholic.org/action-alerts>



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- Crayons, colored pencils, markers, pastels, and watercolor acceptable

HOW TO ENTER
DEADLINE MAY 20

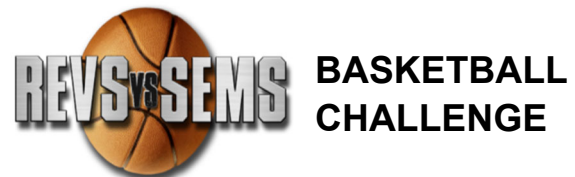
- Submit artwork in flat envelope labeled "St. Mary's Country Fair Art Contest" to school or parish office. **DO NOT FOLD**
- On back of artwork, please include: name, school, grade in 2022-2023 school year, phone number and age.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF THE DIACONATE: MAY 21 9:30AM. With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God the Roman Catholic Diocese of San José announce Kenneth D. Wright's Ordination to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by the Most Reverend Oscar Cantú. The ordination will be livestreamed on [facebook/diocesesanjose](https://www.facebook.com/diocesesanjose).

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST: SATURDAY, MAY 28, 9:30AM
Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph. With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Roman Catholic Diocese of San José joyfully announces the Ordination of Rev. Mr. Manuel Barrios and Rev. Mr. Joseph Nguyen to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by the Most Reverend Oscar Cantú, STD Bishop of San José.



Come cheer on your favorite priests and seminarians in the 2022 Revs vs Sems Basketball Challenge!

When: Sunday, May 15, 6pm Doors open | 7pm Tip-off

Where: St. Francis High School

Tickets: \$5 general

All proceeds from the game benefit Seminarian Formation.

Online Tickets www.givecentral.org/dsj-RevSemBB22

JULY 30: Calling high school or college students to play soccer with our sisters, postulants, priests, and seminarians for the **2nd Annual Vocation Soccer Cup** on July 30th at *Archbishop Mitty High School in San Jose*. Register to play at dsj.org/soccer.... Registration deadline is May 31st.



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