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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

AUGUST 28, 2022

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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“Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited.”
- Lk 14:8bc

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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

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Information about Faith Formation Registration & Class Schedules on page 5.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Sirach speaks of humility as a virtue to embrace. *Why do you think Jewish wisdom tradition often saw humility as an admirable human trait?*

Second Reading:

Hebrews speaks of the sacrificial blood of Jesus providing us with unprecedented direct access to God. *How do you share this good news with others?*

Gospel:

Jesus spoke to the “leading Pharisees” about the importance of humility and to freely give to those on the margins with no expectation of repayment. *When have you done so in your life?*

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TODAY’S READINGS

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29;
Psalm 68;
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a;
Luke 14:1, 7-14

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

If you look up the origins of the word “humility,” you will find that it is related to humus, dirt or earth. Gardeners and farmers know that it is a particularly rich kind of soil, composed by the decay of leaves and other organic material that has fallen on it. Too often we misunderstand it to mean not accepting compliments, relentlessly putting ourselves down, failing to accept our gifts in a positive way. None of this carries with it the meaning of being grounded in reality. Both our limits and our abilities, our grace and even our sin fall upon our lives to enrich us. In their different ways, Sirach and Jesus tell us to accept our lives, to be aware of who we are. Rather than presuming we deserve a higher-up place at the table, we ought to wait to be called to our rightful place, to be blessed with the joy of the righteous.

WHAT HUMILITY IS NOT

It’s easy to feel surrounded in our world. We have numerous technological means through which we can receive information (much of it put into circulation unfiltered). Ben Sira, author of the first reading, was in a similar situation: Israel was surrounded by much Greek philosophy and culture in addition to that of their Near-Eastern neighbors and their own. Hard to filter all that out and maintain their grounding in the covenant with God. However, Ben Sira manages to do that much-needed filtering for them, warning his students about pride (the sin of Eden). He promotes humility instead. It is an attitude of courtesy and respect to others, and not a mode of self-abasement. Rather, it refers to an awareness of one’s role in the world, offering appropriate respect always, deference only when called for, arrogance never. The mercy of God comes from this humility.

HOW TO BE HUMBLE

Ben Sira concludes that the ears listening to wisdom will rejoice. Jesus has such wisdom to offer today on the topic of humility. Those who hold position or riches would normally presume they were assured a good seat at the table. They are told “step back.” Instead, in the spirit of Ben Sira’s lesson on humility, they ought to wait to be invited up. Those schooled in the writings of Ben Sira may have nodded in agreement. Jesus then rips up the etiquette book. Do not to invite family and friends to your table, Jesus says, but welcome those who have no status, those who cannot repay you. In this way, Jesus makes the poor and outcast the ones who actually are able to exalt the humble. Luke’s world was as polytheistic and multicultural as Ben Sira’s, with plenty of outsiders and unclean folks to go around. Welcome these first, Jesus says, quite literally turning the table on his listeners!

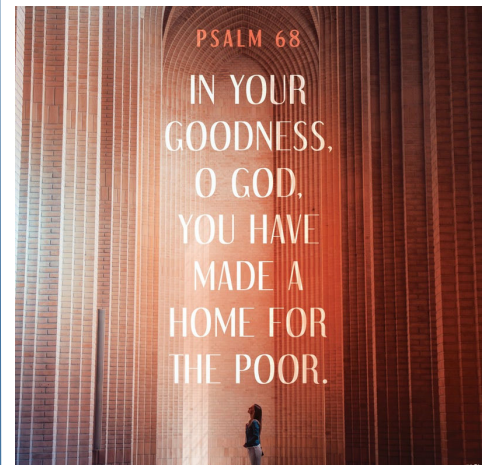
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| | | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| Sun | 8/28 | St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14 |
| Mon | 8/29 | The Passion of St. John the Baptist 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102 Mk 6:17-29 |
| Tue | 8/30 | 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37 |
| Wed | 8/31 | 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44 |
| Thu | 9/1 | 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11 |
| Fri | 9/2 | 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39 |
| Sat | 9/3 | St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5 |
| | | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| Sun | 9/4 | Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon | 8/29 | 8:30 am | Timothy Maciel (<i>healing</i>) |
| Tue | 8/30 | 8:30 am | Kingston Coffey (<i>birthday & healing</i>) |
| Wed | 8/31 | 8:30 am | Mr. and Mrs. Mark Richard (<i>special intention</i>) |
| Thu | 9/1 | 8:30 am | Bob Murtagh (<i>healing</i>) |
| Fri | 9/2 | 8:30 am | James and Karen Brown (<i>wedding anniversary</i>) |
| Sat | 9/3 | 8:30 am | Ethel and Nicholas Baxter † |
| | | 5:00 pm | Tom Noone (<i>healing</i>) |
| | | 9:00 am | Mary Crompton † |
| Sun | 9/4 | 11:00 am | Lou Ferrigno and family (<i>healing</i>) |
| | | 5:00 pm | Donald Vitelli † |

GIVING THE GIFT OF A MASS

Giving the gift of a Mass is an important tradition of our Catholic faith. Mass Intentions can be offered for almost any occasion - birthdays, get well, sympathy, anniversaries and general intentions - to let a loved one know that they will be remembered and prayed for during the Mass.

Remember that there is no better gift than the gift of God's love and compassion as celebrated in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

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.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

To get restarted after two years of Covid restrictions, the study group will begin with the Gospel of John as presented by video by Rev. Donald Senior, C.P., S.T.P. (and the editor of the well known Catholic Study Bible). Study sessions will begin with one or two 25-minute videos followed by a group sharing and discussion. We will meet from 9:30am - 11:00am beginning on Sept 8 in the Conference Room in the Parish office and then on approximately every other Tuesday. Please check the parish calendar. Facilitator will be Tony Zadel - 408-353-3014. Drop in for one or any session.



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

"Humble yourself the more, the greater you are." These words from Sirach are packed with wisdom. Who we become, and the success we achieve, is due not only to our own merits but also to God's grace. Without God, we cease to be. This is a simple fact. If we ever feel entitled to honor, superior treatment, or privileges, then we are deluding ourselves. The person who truly understands and is responsible for their well-being and success will quickly become a servant of others. We tend to forget how important service is. Being generous and kind, especially to those who cannot repay us, is the hallmark of the Christian life. Are we willing to put ourselves last? An easy way to seek an answer is to determine how much value you place on sitting in the seat you occupy today or the space you choose to park your car. Would you offer these to someone else?

FAITH IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship Giving

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a Stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally



Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Doris Sanford; Wesley Hogan; Angela Filsram; Alex Marvin; Sean Murphy; Sharon Lyndon

For those who have recently died:

Kristie Driscoll; Maria Pimentel; Monsignor Lou Andre; Mauro Refuerzo; Fonnier Rucker; Maria Morua

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.

Please call or drop by the parish office to add someone to the list of prayers for the sick or recently deceased.

THANK YOU FOR THE TOILETRIES FOR THE UNHOUSED & POOR

The response to the recent request for toiletries for the unhoused was bountiful and much appreciated!

The larger sized toiletries were delivered to the recently renovated Catholic Worker Casa da Clara which houses homeless families in our community... No doubt, come spring, there will be another campaign for the trial / sample size toiletries for the unhoused in our local community.

Grateful to those for sharing from one's bounty for those of lesser means - St Vincent de Paul Society & St Mary's Seniors Group.

THE 988 LIFELINE

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States.

988 is now active across the United States. This new, shorter phone number will make it easier for people to remember and access mental health crisis services.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for August is \$65,500.00

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.

**OUR SUNDAY PLATE COLLECTION
for July 2022 was \$61,073.00**

To make an online gift:

stmaryslg.org/online-giving

Please consider setting up a recurring or one-time gift

Online. Instructions can be found at

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

MISSION APPEAL - August 27 & 28

DIOCESE OF MIAO, INDIA



Deacon Rory Desmond of the Diocese of Miao will be visiting our parish next week to make a mission appeal for the missionary work in the Diocese of Miao, India. This diocese is in North East India. Miao is a new missionary church in a region bordering Tibet, China and Myanmar (Burma).

The Catholic Faith has only been in this area for the last forty years and for the first fifteen years of its existence the church was underground and persecuted. This region of the Himalayas is extremely isolated and underdeveloped. The people here are a Mongolian Tribal people who are embracing the Catholic Faith eagerly and in growing numbers. Most of the population lives in scattered isolated villages. The only reliable schools, clinics and social services are those provided by the Catholic Church. The region has little or no infrastructure or development and the Church is the only provider of reliable education and health services and public health projects such as clean drinking water wells. Until the Church provided schools and teachers none of the tribal people had any access to education.

For more information, please visit www.miaodiocese.com or On YouTube at <https://bit.ly/3JJr16n>. To make an online gift, please visit giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/stmaryslg Scroll down to "MISSION CO-OP" fund.

ST. MARY SCHOOL



COUGARS CORNER

Our After School Care Program is designed to provide a safe and enriching environment for all students. Please call/stop by the office for more details!



IMPORTANT DATES

Welcome back families and students! It's so great to see everyone back on campus! Please find listed below important dates coming up:

- ♦ **Monday, September 5th - No school in observance of Labor Day**
- ♦ **Friday, September 9th - Picture Day!**



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

stmaryslg.org/faith-formation-registration-form



Become a Catechist

Volunteers needed! Do you have a desire to pass on our Catholic faith to the next generation and willing to follow a lesson plan? Then you can be a catechist! We need you! Please reach out to me today.

We especially need help with our Playways program that we are hoping to bring back this year. Also, if you have a middle school or high school student at home, this could be a great opportunity for them, especially if they need service hours.

Contact Michael Lomas
mlomas@stmaryslg.org

Playways & Elementary Faith Formation

PRE K - 5TH GRADE

Sunday at 10:00 AM

We encourage you to attend either the 9AM or 11AM Mass together as a family. We will also be offering once a month family faith formation days and parent formation days.

 **EDGE**

6TH-8TH GRADE

Sunday evenings, twice a month after the 5PM Mass

Confirmation

9TH - 12TH GRADE

Twice a month on Sundays at 3:30 PM with Mass at 5PM.



AROUND THE DIOCESE



**Listen to the
Voice of Creation**
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Bishop Cantu has enrolled the Diocese of San Jose to be a part of Pope Francis' Laudato Si Action Platform. Families, schools and parishes can learn more and sign up at Stewards of Our Common Home - dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/stewardship-of-our-common-home-2/.

The Diocesan Stewards of Our Common Home team, invite you, the diocesan community, to a series of events celebrating the Season of Creation:

- ◆ Tuesday, September 13 at 7pm - Earth on Your Plate Presentation, by Mohan Gurunathan. Learn why diet change is essential to saving our planet. **Registration needed** and link will be emailed. <https://bit.ly/3JZSSPV>
- ◆ Saturday morning, September 17 - California Coastal Cleanup Day. Register with the CA Coastal Commission and participate in the cleanup of a local waterway. <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>
- ◆ Thursday, September 22 at 7 PM - Virtual Introduction to the Laudato Si Action Platform. Learn how Catholics locally and around the US are living Pope Francis' call for environmental and social justice action at all levels of the Catholic Church. **Registration needed** and link will be emailed. <https://bit.ly/3K00K3G>

**CARING FOR THE WHOLE PERSON ONLINE
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Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Zoom.

For more info <https://wholeperson.care/>

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC) – NOVEMBER 10-12, 2022

NCYC held on the West Coast! Join in a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. NCYC is the premiere Catholic youth event on a national scale that gathers people from all across America for a life-changing encounter with Christ. For information visit www.dsj.org/ncyc. For registration details email Mary at marv.jewell@dsj.org.

CALLING ALL YOUTH PASSIONATE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

Are you concerned about the environment and what is happening in our communities, the state, and the world? We need youth leaders interested to part of a group to raising awareness and educating your peers regarding our environment. Youth will work with fellow SOCH committee members to brainstorm, plan and environmental projects for peers and diocesan communities. Email Michelle Nealon - michellenealon@earthlink.net

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR WYD-2023 LISBON

PILGRIMAGE! Join the Diocese of San Jose Delegation. Complete your registration and deposit at www.dsj.org/wyed2023 View the preliminary itinerary and learn more about this pilgrimage. The delegation will gather with young people, from all over the world, and Pope Francis celebrating youth, an expression of the universal Church and intense moments of evangelization for the youth of the world.

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION INVITES YOU

- ◆ **SEPT 9TH, 7:00PM**, "Stories & Song" concert with 3 well-known Catholic composers - **Jesse Manibusan, Sarah Hart & Steve Angrisano**.
- ◆ **SEPT 10TH, 9:00AM-1:00PM A WOMEN'S RETREAT WITH SARAH HART:** This retreat will take an in-depth look at the lives of eight women of scripture, four from the Old Testament and four from the New Testament. We see the experiences of women from thousands of years ago meet our own modern day journey. Lunch will be served.
- ◆ **SEPT 10TH 1:30-3:30 YOUTH RALLY WITH STEVE ANGRISANO.** This is an opportunity for youth from all over the Diocese of San Jose to come to meet each other and to grow in faith.

All events are free of charge. To register for the Youth Rally or Retreat, email Amy Stacke: astacke@resparish.org

GROWING YOUR FAITH

A great opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus is coming this Fall. Consider going on a Catholic Cursillo weekend. Described as a short course on Christianity, Cursillo combines prayer, learning, heartfelt talks, discussions, good food and fun. You'll meet people like you who desire a stronger Catholic Faith. Leaders and speakers have a passion for the Faith. A Catholic priest rounds out the team for each weekend giving some of the talks and celebrating Mass each day.



San Jose Cursillo

Men's Weekend: October 6 - 9 | Women's Weekend: October 20 - 23

For more information and to register visit sanjosecursillo.org

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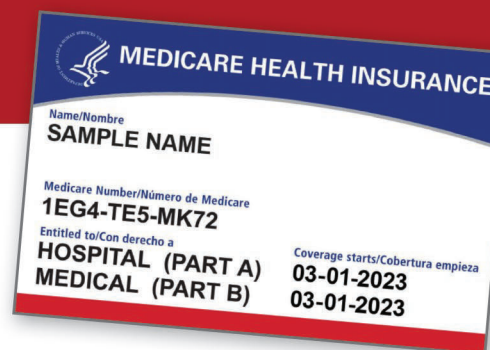
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8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week from October 1 to March 31.

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