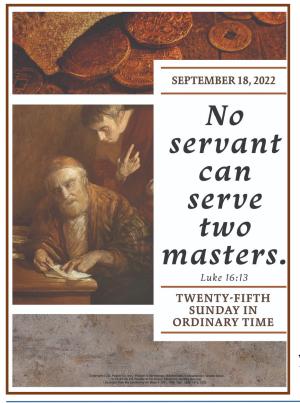
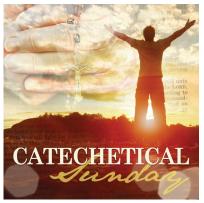


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SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





"This is my body given for you" Luke 22:19

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday this Sunday, and the theme is: "This is my body given for you". Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for

their ministry.



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

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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 Live-Stream & In Person

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The prophet Amos warns those who exploit the poor and the vulnerable will be harshly condemned by the Lord. *In what ways do you defend those marginalized in our society?*

Second Reading:

Paul teaches Timothy to be open, generous, and inclusive in his prayer life. *How would you find this spiritual advice a challenge in your life?*

Gospel:

In the parable of the dishonest steward, Jesus praises the steward for resolving his dilemma, in the end, with prudence. With his parable, Jesus teaches his disciples an important lesson on the dangers of monetary wealth. *How do you avoid the trap of choosing money over God?*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Amos 8:4-7:

Psalm 113;

1 Timothy 2:1-8;

Luke 16:1-13

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, Wealth, Riches and Money, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

"Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)." This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	9/18	25 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Catechetical Sunday Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
Mon	9/19	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-4b, 5; Lk 8:16-18
Tue	9/20	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wed	9/21	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thu	9/22	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Fri	9/23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Mass Intentions

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

9/24 Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

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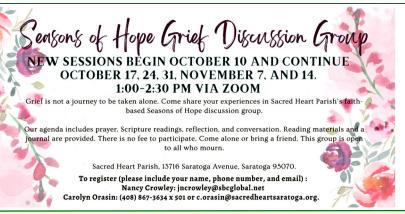
National Migration Week

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Sun

9/25

Mon	9/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Tue	9/20	8:30 am	Rosie Foley †
Wed	9/21	8:30 am	Carol Yanz (birthday)
Thu	9/22	8:30 am	Dominic Norcia †
Fri	9/23	8:30 am	Tranquilina Nini Romilla †
Sat	9/24	8:30 am	The Coffey Family (healing)
		5:00 pm	David & Rachelle Cuccias (wedding anniversary)
Sun	9/25	9:00 am	Enrico Reyes †
		11:00 am	Nancy Ottoboni †
		5:00 pm	Marguerite Duella †



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 Thursday. 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

Human beings are often very clever when managing money and making a profit. Sometimes, we place so much of our sense of security in money that we lower ourselves to deceit and fraud. Our need to produce a profit can easily lead to economic injustice and exploitation. Money is necessary to conduct the business of our lives. However, it cannot become the god we serve. Being smart, savvy, and creative with financial wealth can be good. Being smart, savvy, and creative with living out our relationship with God is even better. Our hearts have to find a home somewhere. Jesus reminds us of a choice we must make: God or mammon. We need to be cautious about "selling our souls" to what cannot fully satisfy us and falling into the traps of lust, gluttony, pride, and greed. Instead, we can better direct our efforts and our talents to the management of God's kingdom, which in the end is the only thing that matters. Any ideas on how we can use the talents and skills God gave us to make for a better world?

FAITH IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Living Stewardship

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." Luke 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Living Stewardship by giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.



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

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

For those who have recently died:

Sr. Joan Derry; Fonnie 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.



For additional resources, visit

https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/ social-ministries/mental-health/

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:



Listen to the Voice of Creation

The Burning Bush

◆ 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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for September is \$65,500.00

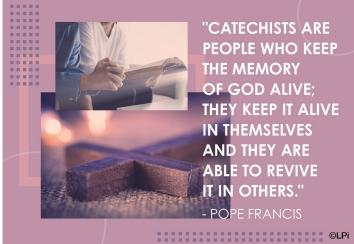
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FAITH FORMATION



Playways & Elementrary Faith Formation - Pre-K through 5^{th} Grade - SUNDAY - 10:00am

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 3:30pm with Mass at 5pm.

stmaryslg.org/faith-formation-registration-form

Questions re Faith Formation or OCIA, contact MICHAEL LOMAS

mlomas@stmaryslg.org or call 408-354-3726 x 123



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) is the normal way for unbaptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to become a Catholic. Upcoming inquiry session conversations:

Sunday, September 18, 2022 Topic: What is Faith?

How strong is your faith? How would you define it? When you pray, do you believe God hears you? In first acknowledging that faith is a gift, we will explore and identify ways in which to nurture and practice one's faith. In doing so we begin to understand its relationship to science, rational thought, and our human experience.

Sunday, September 25, 2022

Topic: The Holy Trinity

When you think about God to you picture the Blessed Trinity? When you pray, do you tend to pray to the Father, to the Son, or to the Holy Spirit? We will examine examples of the Trinity revealed in Scripture and in the life of the Church, while reflecting on our relationship with each person of the Trinity.

Time: 12:00 to 1:00 PM Location: Parish Conference Room

ST. MARY SCHOOL

Welcome our new Music Teacher!

Originally from New York, Mrs. Dickens has sung with the New York Oratorio Society at Carnegie Hall and the Tree Lighting at Rockefeller Center, and was a soloist for the UN Chorus. Mrs. Dickens holds a BA in Music and Mathematics from Binghamton University. She was most recently Music Director and Cantor at St. Joseph Church of Cupertino, and teaches private voice, piano and violin lessons. She has taught children's vocal workshops for Montalvo Center for the Arts, and has directed Joyful Noise! children's choirs at First Congregational Church, Union Interdenominational Church and Congregation Beth David. In her own words: "When I teach music my goal is to help inspire students to embrace their gifts with joy and a grateful heart. I help them develop good technique, and cultivate a joy for music as they work to reach goals. My focus is to provide a positive musical and spiritual foundation for healthy singing and playing, while helping them find their voices to pray. Plus we have fun along the way".





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AROUND THE DIOCESE

LETTER FROM BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ ON CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 1: As we continue our journey as a local Church here in our Diocese of San Jose, we are working to increase support for pregnant and parenting women, their children, and families and protect the sanctity of every human life at every stage. Read full letter at dsj.org

MASS SUPPORTING MOTHER'S AND CHILDREN & WORKSHOP ON PROP 1: Please join Bishop Cantú on Oct 8 at 8:30 AM at St. Frances Cabrini Parish and pray for pregnant and parenting women and children as we build and promote the culture of life in our society. Fr. Angelbert Chikere will lead a Workshop on Proposition 1 after Mass with guest Christopher J. Bakes, Esq.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 22-24

Becoming Eucharistic People/Convirtiéndonos en un Pueblo Eucarístico. Register at https://bit.ly/3wGfXSm

MASS IN SOLIDARITY WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: Please join Bishop Cantú on Oct 8 at 5:00 PM at Holy Cross Parish. All are invited!

MARRIED COUPLES: Looking for a romantic get-away? Whether you've been married just a few years or over 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is one of the best and most affordable marriage enrichments available anywhere. Take the time you need for each other and give yourselves the marriage you deserve and God desires for all couples to have. The next local experience is October 28-30 at St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista. For more information or to register visit www.org. For questions, call Ken & Claranne Schirle at 408-782-1413

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

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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR WYD-2023 LISBON PILGRIMAGE! Join the Diocese of San Jose Delegation. View the preliminary itinerary and learn more about this pilgrimage and complete your registration and deposit at www.dsj.org/wyed2023



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.

Men's Weekend: October 6 - 9
Women's Weekend: October 20 - 23
For more information and to register visit
sanjosecursillo.org

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

- 1. Please add this prayer to your prayer list: We pray that families and friends experiencing the loss of a loved one by suicide may find healing and comfort, we pray to the Lord.
- 2. Remember to call 988 for you or anyone who is having mental challenges rather than 911. You can also call the National Suicide Number provided by the Diocese of San Jose: 1-855-278-4204
- 3. Please use the term/s "Died by or died from suicide" rather than "committed suicide". Mental Health Ministers feel that the word "committed connotates a deliberate, rational intent, such as committed a robbery. As Fr. Rolheiser states in his pamphlet, "Suicide is an illness."** IBID p.3

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING: ADULTS WHO WORK WITH YOUTH 9/20 AND 9/21. Adult Mental Health First Aid, 9/23. Participants will learn to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Attendees of Blended In-Person training is required to complete a 2-hr online self-study

Contact peggy.cho@hhs.sccgov.org for registration.

session prior to the instructor-led session.

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