

March 19, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Please keep in your prayers
Javier, Mateo,
Nicolas, Shoni, &
Natalie
who will be receiving their Sacraments of

their Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.



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stmaryslg.org/enewsletter



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

stmaryslg.org/live-stream-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 stmaryslg.org/donate

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

ADORATION LIVE STREAMED

Thursdays at 7 pm stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass

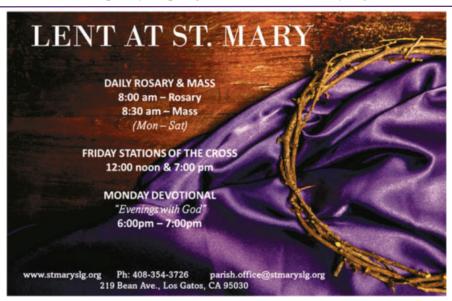
THANKS



with help from 192 parishioners (9%), we are at 70% of our ADA goal. We still need \$60,000 before we can start collecting a rebate for our own parish needs. Many parishes in the diocese have already gone over their goals and are busy collecting their rebates. Wouldn't it be great to join them? There are only three weeks left in the campaign. If you have not yet sent in your pledge, please do it as soon as possible.



Mail/drop off your pledge or donate online at dsj.org/ada.



OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Much to Samuel's surprise, the Lord instructed him to anoint the youngest of Jesse's sons, David, to be the next king of Israel. *When have you been surprised by God?*

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Ephesians: "Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." *What do you think pleases the Lord?*

Gospel:

Jesus' healing of the blind man created confusion, anger, and fear among some of the people witnessing this event. In a real sense, Jesus' healing exposed the blindness of others. How do we prevent ourselves from being blind to God's presence in this season of Lent?

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TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7,

10-13a; Psalm 23;

Ephesians 5:8-14;

John 9:1-41

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with contrasting images — God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness, allow us to see as God sees, and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in the way we live our daily lives.

The first reading, from the First Book of Samuel, recounts God's choice of a king for his people from among the sons of Jesse. Surprisingly, it was not the oldest or the strongest of the seven brothers that God chose to lead his people. It was the youngest, the least likely candidate by the world's standards, that God chose — "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." Our Heavenly Father is not impressed by our job title or athletic achievements or the number of Twitter followers we have. He is pleased by the condition of our hearts when they are conformed to Christ and by the way we use the time and gifts He has given us to serve others.

Our Second Reading, from Ephesians, begins, "... You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of our Baptism, we have the "light" of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it's easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ's light.

The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure, gives us a guide we can consult on a daily basis to help ensure that we really are living as "children of the light."

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ restores sight to a man born blind. The man says that Christ "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways in our use — or misuse — of time, talent, and treasure.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

Catholic Stewardship Consultants

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00pm in church

Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention March 2023: For Victims of Abuse

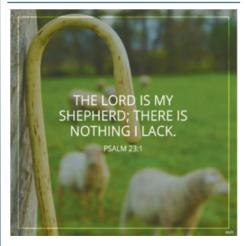
We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

3/19	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (<i>Laetare Sunday</i>) 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
3/20	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
3/21	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
3/22	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
3/23	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
3/24	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
3/25	The Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
3/26	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
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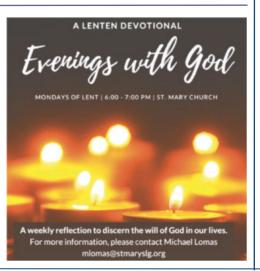
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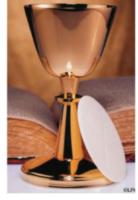
Mon	3/20	8:30 am	Suzanne Rennie †
Tue	3/21	8:30 am	Honora Dunkak †
Wed	3/22	8:30 am	Barbara Mescall †
Thu	3/23	8:30 am	Penny Davis (special intention)
Fri	3/24	8:30 am	Ralph Edgar Lovelace †
Sat	3/25	8:30 am	Michael Coffey †
		5:00 pm	Rosemary Dost †
Sun	3/26	9:00 am	Dominico Nguyen Van Tien †
		11:00 am	Jim Malander †
		5:00 pm	



EVERY FRIDAY Stations During LENT 12:00 NOON & 7:00PM IN CHURCH

The season of Lent is a wonderful time to silence and stillness where one can seek our God who speaks in the "whispering wind." In our modern world we are bombarded by events and noise, calendars and notifications. Sometimes it is difficult to understand God's will and hear God's gentle voice. This Lent we will be using the book, 10 Evenings with God, by Sr. Ilia Delio, to help us to explore the will of God not as an end in itself, but as the path to freedom; not the freedom of autonomy, but the freedom of love. Each short chapter ends with guiding questions designed to help us reflect upon our relationship with God.





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 vou. 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

Sometimes, like the Samaritan woman, we can scarcely believe that God would meet us here in this fallen world. The truth of what he speaks and the beauty of what he proclaims is like a well of spring water in a dry desert. Do we dare accept the gift?

GIVE THE GIFT OF A MASS

www.stmaryslg.org/mass-intentionrequest

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.

PARISH RECONCILIATION **SERVICE**

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00pm in church

FAITH IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into the hearts of his Stewards to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.



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

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Denise Ealy; Carol Rakich; Frances Corpuz

For those who have recently died:

Ron Mackin: Barbara Fernandez-Bermudez: Scott Simontis; Christopher Kovarik; Jani Lau; Mark Loeffler; Robert Cowden; David Dinno; Julio de Sical

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.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

EASTER BULLETIN **IS MAR. 26.**

Easter Flower Offering envelopes are available at the doors of the church and can be placed in the



offertory baskets at Mass or dropped off at the Parish Office. Please remember to write clearly the names of your loved ones. If would like their names to be printed in the Easter bulletin, please have your envelopes/donations in no later than Sunday, March 26. Thank you for your help in making our sanctuary even more beautiful this Easter.

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STEWARDSHIP

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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

20TH ANNUAL LENTEN LAYETTE

St. Mary's Parish and School are collecting donations to provide newborn baby items to 250 expecting mothers in

February 22 - March 26: Drop off donations in labeled baskets in the vestibule OR in yellow bins outside the School Office.

March 30 @ 9am: Volunteer to fill Baby Blessing Bags at 9am in Hoffman Center and join the potluck luncheon to follow. Sign up to volunteer and RSVP for luncheon now!

Requested Donations (Newborn sizes. New items only please.)

- Diapers & Baby Wipes
- Formula & Bottles
- Blankets & Burp Cloths
- Onesies & Footies
- Baby hats, bibs
- Comfort items (pacifiers, rattles)
- \$25 Gift Cards (Target, Amazon, Visa)
- Do you knit, crochet, or sew? Handmade blankets, hats, bibs are welcome!

Visit stmaryslg.org/lenten-layette to donate online, RSVP to volunteer, attend potluck luncheon.

SECOND OFFERING: MARCH 18 & 19 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



This year, the CRS Rice Bowl Stories of Hope take us to Honduras, Kenya and the Philippines, where we'll learn how people are overcoming the causes of

hunger and adapting to climate change.

To view the video and for more information, visit: https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/intro

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 2

Palms will be available at all Masses

VIGIL MASS - Saturday, April 1 - 5:00pm SUNDAY - 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY | APRIL 6 7:00 PM

No Rosary and 8:30am Mass

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER in church & livestreamed

ADORATION AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

After Mass in Hofmann Center till 10:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 7

No Rosary and 8:30am Mass

12:30pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

7:00pm TENEBRAE - a service of scripture & song

HOLY SATURDAY | APRIL 8 8:00 PM

No Rosary and 8:30am Mass. No Confessions & No Mass at 5:00pm

EASTER VIGIL

The Initiation of New Members into the Church

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 9

7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am No Mass at 5:00pm

OUR FACINATING FAITH: LENTEN DISCIPLINE ~ FASTING ~

The season of Lent is characterized by fasting and abstinence. I remember that when I was a child, my parents instilled in me the practice of give up eating sweets and abstaining from candy during Lent so I could share the bitterness of the suffering that Jesus endured for my sins. Eventually in our parish, the priest encouraged us to put aside the money saved from not buying candies in order to send it to poor children. Fasting and abstinence were not only ways to accompany Jesus in his suffering on the cross, but also means of encouraging and consoling him in his suffering children of today's world. The pastor taught me that fasting is not simply refraining from sweets and candy; fasting teaches me how to deny myself so that it is not I who live but Christ who lives in me. To fast means to deny myself certain things in order to give life to others, and thus, with my small sacrifice, to make the world a little better.

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POPE FRANCIS' 10 SUGGESTIONS FOR LENT http://bit.ly/3KygMEb

USCCB - LENT CALENDAR - Daily Inspiration for Your Lenten Journey | February 22 - April 6 https://www.usccb.org/resources/2023-daily-lent-calendarbilingual

New LENT REFLECTION BOOKLET 2023 - Centered on the Word www.bit.ly/ONELenten2023 (slides are also available)

New HALLOW - The Complete Guide to the Catholic Season of Lent https://hallow.com/lent/

PRAYING LENT - an Online Ministry of Creighton **University -** February 22 - April 6

Daily Prayer with a link to the readings of the day, a brief meditation, a link to the Daily Reflection for that day and Intercessions from the Liturgy of the Hours.

https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/ Lent/

IGNATIAN LENT RESOURCES https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/

New BISHOP BARRON REFLECTS ON THE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (video) https:// www.wofdigital.org/videos/stations-compilation-1-14

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET WITH FR. ROB GALEA, FRG Ministry (spoken) https://bit.ly/2QzVJqZ

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET WITH FR. ROB GALEA, FRG Ministry (Sung) https://bit.ly/39wBBgi

THE ROSARY OF ST. JOSEPH WITH SCOTT HANN (video) https://bit.ly/2OYJ0Op

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR AUTISTIC PEOPLE http://autismconsecrated.com/stack/stations-of-the-cross

A SCRIPTURAL WAY OF THE CROSS FOR LENT https://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-humandevelopment/upload/cchd-scriptural-way-of-the-cross.pdf

Resources for your Lenten Journey is also available on our website - stmaryslg.org and in our e-newsletter. To sign up for our weekly e-Newsletters, visit **stmaryslg.org/enewsletter**

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HOLY WEEK PERSONAL RETREAT: MARCH 31 @ 8:00 AM - APRIL 9 @ 5:00 PM Our Lady of Santa Clara Retreat Ceter - Cupertino. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. Register at http://bit.ly/3ZNWRWY

YOUNG PARENTS & NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT, APRIL 1ST, 9AM – 10PM: Hosted at St. John Vianney for Young Families and Newly Married Couples. We will hear from inspiring speakers like Jackie & Bobbie Angel of Ascension Press, as well as Fr. Joe Kim. The retreat will be a chance for you to learn more about your faith as we grow into our 30's and 40's, free of distractions. That means... yes, there will be childcare! For more info visit: tinyurl.com/aprilfirstretreat

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND RETREAT: APRIL 21-23 Your marriage is stable, and your faith is solid, but you still yearn for greater fulfillment? Do you desire to continue to grow closer to your spouse and Christ? Be More: A Marriage Formation Retreat step honestly into the trust, intimacy, joy and passion of your marriage. Retreat dates are April 21-23 held at Our Lady of Santa Clara Retreat Center in Cupertino. Retreat Directors: Ryan & Mary-Rose Verret, co-founders of Witness to Love. Visit olscretreat.org/marriage-retreats

CHURCH ON FIRE: FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 7PM QUEEN OF APOSTLES CHURCH, 4911 Moorpark Ave., San Jose. To register or for more info: www.qofa.org/church-on-fire



DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT, DYR, JUNE 12-16, 2023 at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe. Registration at www.dsj.org/youth.

INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY: The academic year begins September 2023. The ILM offers a 3-year course of study for lay leaders in the Church. Responding to their baptismal call, ILM graduates return to their parish to serve in various leadership roles in Liturgy, Catechetics, Social Justice, Pastoral Care, and others. Visit <a href="design: design: design:

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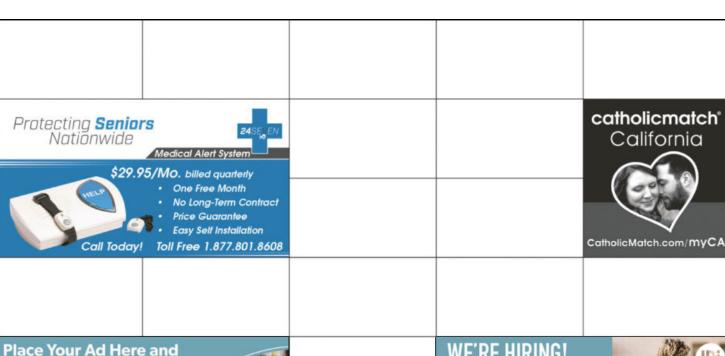
LISBON If you are interested in volunteering and working on the diocesan planning team contact Sandra Torres **sandra.torres@dsj.org**. Visit the official WYD Lisbon website for information - **lisboa2023.org/en**

SEPT. 10-21, HOLY LAND - 11 DAY PILGRIMAGE Organized by St. Christopher Parish. saintchris.com/ pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2023

SEPT. 20 - OCT. 3, FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL - 13 DAY PILGRIMAGE.

Organized by Saint Anthony Parish. churchstanthony.com/

OCT. 2-17, HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - 11-DAY PILGRIMAGE Organized by Saint Mary's Parish - Gilroy. dsj.org/event/holy-land-pilgrimage-2/



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