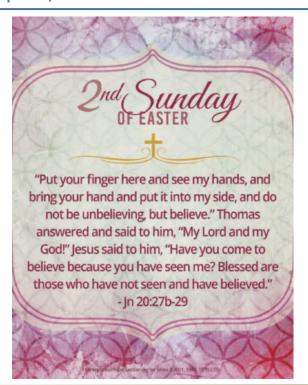
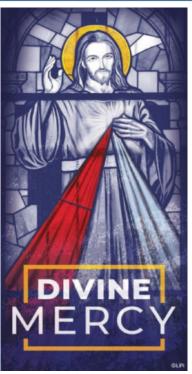
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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)





Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped in any way with our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. In the love that you displayed in your hard work and sacrifices, we saw the love of Jesus who destroyed our death and restored our life.

Special thanks to every member of the great crew responsible for the amazing decorations throughout this sacred time. Fr. Greg



RESOURCES FOR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY - SEE PAGE 2. EARTH DAY EVENTS AT ST. MARY - SEE PAGE 4.



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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 (Office Conference Room)

SUNDAY DONATIONS

are best made online stmaryslg.org/donate

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ADORATION LIVE STREAMED

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

OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

We hear how the original believers in the risen Jesus lived in peace and harmony in Jerusalem. What could you do to promote good-will and happiness in your community of friends or co-workers?

Second Reading:

Peter speaks of a "new birth" of "indescribable and glorious joy" that awaits all believers "in the

final time" (Jesus' Second Coming). How often do you think about your own resurrection from the dead?

Gospel:

The risen Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." *Do you consider yourself blessed in this regard?*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:42-47:

Psalm 118;

1 Peter 1:3-9;

John 20:19-31

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

The Christian steward approaches life with an "Easter vision" rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today's readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and remind us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, to heaven.

Certainly, it is challenging to live for heaven when the things of the earth — job stress, family crises, health troubles, political strife — loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle, Thomas, in our Gospel passage today — until he had an encounter with the merciful Savior. We all recall the famous line from Thomas, who was not present with the other Apostles during Jesus' first appearance after the Resurrection. Beaten down by the events of the last several days, Thomas refuses to believe that the others had indeed "seen the Lord" as they claimed.

Thomas stubbornly declares he would not believe their story about the Lord unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into His side. Yet, these doubts did not repel our Lord. They actually drew Him to Thomas in an extraordinary way. Our merciful Lord saw that beneath the hubris in Thomas' statement were pain and disappointment. Our Lord is mercy itself. And so He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his doubts and fears, and allowed Thomas to actually touch those Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to give in to doubts about our faith for whatever reason, all we need to do is seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments, through the encouragement of our Christian communities — and just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

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RESOURCES FOR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

HOW TO RECITE THE CHAPLET https://bit.ly/3zcJQKD

CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA https://bit.lv/3FX156B

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY IN SONG - Produced by Trish Short, as heard worldwide on EWTN - virtual rosary with prayers on the screen. Sung by Trish Short, Michael Bethea, and Crystal Yates. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKlOLyYs3Os

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET WITH FR. ROB GALEA, FRG MINISTRY (spoken) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHbF5xClwws

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	4/16	2 ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday of Divine Mercy) Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31	
Mon	4/17	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8	
Tue	4/18	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15	
Wed	4/19	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21	
Thu	4/20	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36	
Fri	4/21	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4,13-14; Jn 6:1-15	
Sat	4/22	EARTH DAY Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21	
Sun	4/23	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35	

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	4/17	8:30 am	Peter Chi Nguyen †
Tue	4/18	8:30 am	Andrew Kruep †
Wed	4/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Thu	4/20	8:30 am	
Fri	4/21	8:30 am	Hugo Castro †
Sat	4/22	8:30 am	
	4/22	5:00 pm	Mary K. Ray †
		9:00 am	Thea Lowenberg (birthday)
Sun	4/23	11:00 am	Shirlee Locicero †
		5:00 pm	Vic Langford †



EVENTS AT ST. MARY

April 22 and April 23: After Masses on Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am in the Courtyard.

Join us for finger food and refreshments on Saturday, coffee and donuts on Sunday, while learning how to live healthy and earth friendly lives. There will be information tables covering various aspects of living a healthy, earth friendly life within your home while saving money at the same time.

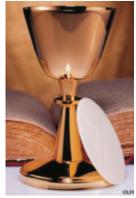


April 24 (Monday), 7:00pm, Hofmann Center: LAUDATO SÍ, FROM VISION TO PRACTICE

Prof. Paul Schutz, Santa Clara University, explains our Church's position on saving the planet and what our response as Catholics, should be - encouraging each other to action.

FREE ADMISSION

RSVP: vlozowicki@comcast.net



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.

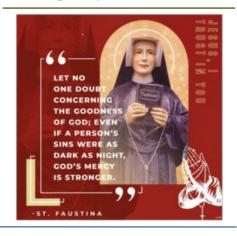
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Doubting Thomas is a mood, and we've all had it. We hang our every hope on this sign, that proof. We challenge God: "Make me believe." To each of us he extends his wounded hand, to each of us he shows his pierced side. He will always meet us in our unbelief. ©LPi

POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: APRIL

For a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



FAITH IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you." John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.



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:

Peter Roszkowski; Norma Bridget Ocampo; Ron Mackin; Christopher Kovarik; Jani Lau; Hugo Castro

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.



Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on May 5 -7, 2023 call 408-605-4998, email: SanJose@RetroCA.com or visit HelpOurMarriage.org



MEN'S & WOMEN'S UPCOMING CURSILLO

RETREATS: The Diocese of San Jose has two upcoming Cursillo retreat's that will be held at St. Clare's Retreat Center in Soquel, CA. Cursillo is a Catholic based short course in Christianity. The Men's weekend is April 20-23, 2023 and the Women's weekend is May 4-7, 2023. Come and enjoy beautiful scenery, music, daily Mass, reflections, prayers and speakers discussing how theology reflects in your everyday life. For information and online application please visit sanjosecursillo.org/cursillo-weekend/make-my-weekend or contact Amy Blalock Castillo 408-687-9140 or drop by the parish office during office hours.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for April is \$80,000.00

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APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Though we work tirelessly year-round to create safe environments for our children, let us put a special emphasis this April to promote child abuse prevention in our parishes and schools.

Every April, child and youth serving organizations, including Catholic Dioceses, parishes, and schools, join the national movement to recognize and lift-up the immeasurable significance of Child Abuse Prevention. The Catholic Church embraces this opportunity as a time to highlight the importance of protecting children from abuse and to raise awareness that child abuse is preventable, as we reaffirm our work to help create and nurture safer childhoods locally and nationwide.

<u>dsj.org/protecting-gods-children/family-safety-resources/</u> child-abuse-prevention/

April 30th - Blue Sunday National Day of Prayer: Churches of all faiths are asked to join together on this day of prayer to demonstrate support for children and families who have been affected by child abuse.

CAMINO SERRA -JUN 23 - JUL 1

Walk in the footsteps of St Junipero Serra along the beautiful California Coast and be forever transformed through a unique encounter with God, others, and



self! The Camino will go from Mission Santa Clara to the tomb of St Junipero Serra at Mission Carmel for the celebration of his feast day. Visit caminoserra.com/

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

Answer:

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.

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CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER Prayer to Begin the Day

Lord God, may everything we do
begin with your inspiration
and continue with your help,
so that all of our work today will bring us closer you.
Guide us in our work today,
that we may do it not for ourselves alone,
but for the common good of all.
We ask this in your name. Amen.
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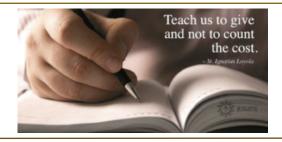
TREAGURES FROM OUR TRADITION MYSTAGOGY

One of the great Easter traditions is "mystagogy," an ancient word meaning "reflection on the mysteries." It is a style of catechesis, or passing on the faith. People who have shared an experience, in this case those who have been baptized at Easter, are urged to recall their experience, reflect on its meaning, and apply their insights to their new way of life.

There is an aspect of an experience that is simply not available until you've had it. For example, you may think you know weddings inside out; you've been to dozens, seen hundreds in the movies or on television, but until you've said "I do" to another, there is a certain knowledge unavailable to you. Those who go down into the waters of baptism as adults have similar experiences; they have all taken baths before, but not like this one! Mystagogy helps such persons to uncover the deep meaning of the experience, their sense of a new beginning, of God's abundant love, of forgiveness, of community.

It takes time for the power of the Easter Vigil to work its wonders for us. Those who are newly baptized are called "neophytes," meaning "newly planted." The tender buds of spring need care and nurturing, and our new brothers and sisters need your prayer and your faithful example.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH VEN. CORNELIA PEACOCK CONNELLY (1809-1879)

Cornelia Peacock was born in Philadelphia on January 15, 1809. At 22, she married an Episcopalian minister, Pierce Connelly, and four years later, the young couple with their two children became Roman Catholics.

In early 1840, still grieving the death of her third child, a baby daughter, Cornelia made her first retreat of three days. God touched her deeply and her interior life was profoundly changed. Her growing attachment to God was tested that very year. In February, her beloved two-year-old, John Henry, was

scalded in a tragic accident and died in Cornelia's arms. From this anguish was born in her a lifelong devotion to Mary as Mother of Sorrows.

In October of that same year another heartbreak came: Pierce told her he felt called to the priesthood. Cornelia was pregnant with their fifth child, and urged her husband to consider his proposal yet again, but added characteristically that if God asked it of her, she would make the sacrifice—and with all her heart. In 1845 Pierce was ordained in Rome. Cornelia, hoping to join the Society of the Sacred Heart, went with two of her children to stay with the sisters in Rome.

In 1846 Cornelia and three companions arrived in Derby, England and the Society of the Holy Child began. To her great sorrow she was ordered to send her children away to boarding schools. Many other deprivations filled her Society's small beginning, yet a spirit of joy and peace prevailed; Cornelia was able to inspire in her sisters something of her own serenity in adversity. Soon they were running schools for the poor, holding day, night and Sunday classes to accommodate the young factory workers, giving retreats and helping in the parish. Cornelia continued to lead a thriving congregation and educate children and adults all over England.

She died in England in 1870 and was declared Venerable on June 13, 1992. The Sisters of the Holy Child continue her apostolic ministry of spiritual mercy in 14 countries around the world.

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SCIENCE WITH MRS. FREITAS

Students are investigating Earth's Place in the Universe! They also did three different experiments on gravitational pull today!



TK LANGUAGE ARTS

Letter Recognition and Beginning Sound of Letter Zz is the focus this week in Language Arts! Letter Recognition and Beginning Sounds are the stepping stones for an emergent reader.



SUMMER WITH CAMP GALILEO

Innovation, friendship and fun Camp Galileo for K - 10th Graders! Camp Galileo is coming to St Mary's this summer! Optional extended care. Learn more: www.galileo-camps.com or call (800) 854-3684.

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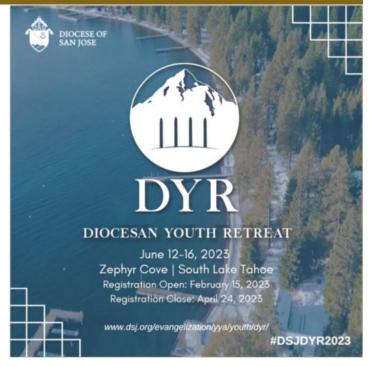
MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND RETREAT:

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

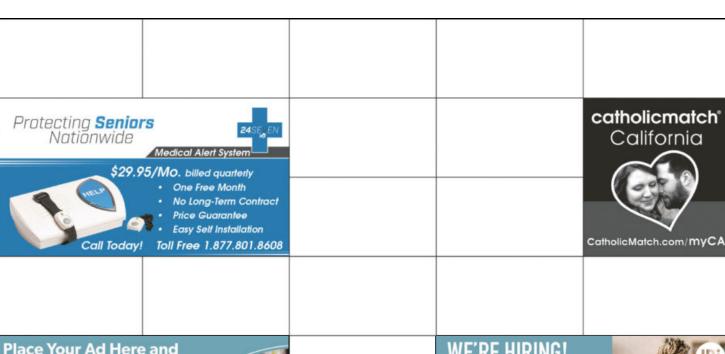
CHURCH ON FIRE: FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 7PM QUEEN OF APOSTLES CHURCH, 4911 Moorpark Ave., San Jose. To register or for more info: www.qofa.org/church-on-fire

40 HOURS FOR THE LORD: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS: Join the Diocese of San Jose Vocations Office and Bishop Oscar Cantu for a prayer vigil April 28-30, 2023 for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our diocese. All are welcome to attend for any length of time to pray at St. Maria Goretti Parish. It will begin Friday, April 28 at 6pm with an Opening Mass and the Closing Mass with Bishop Oscar Cantu will be on Sunday, April 30. Sign up for an hour of Adoration at dsj.org/40 hours.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS APRIL 28 @ 4:00 PM - APRIL 30 @ 2:00 PM: This program offers a weekend of support to women, men & couples whose lives have been impacted by pregnancy loss, abortion or miscarriage. The weekend includes 2 nights lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. All information is confidential. For more information please text or call 408.444.5472 or email Becky Morales hope@realoptions.net.



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 dsj.org/evangelization/institute-for-leadership-inministry/ for more info or speak with Fr. Greg.



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