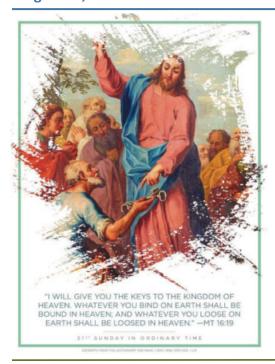
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Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm - In Person

Sunday Masses: 9:00am

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

Mon - Sat: 8:30 am Live-Stream & In Person

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The Lord condemns Shebna (the master of King Hezekiah's palace) for ignoring Isaiah's prophetic warning and gives to Eliakim the authority and honor that belonged to Shebna. What helps you stay focused on following God's commandments?

Second Reading:

Paul celebrates the wisdom and knowledge — the

mystery — of God. If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

Gospel:

In Peter confessing Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," Jesus gives him the authority to hold the keys to the kingdom of heaven. *How do you use authority in your life?*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 22:19-23;

Psalm 138;

Romans 11:33-36;

Matthew 16:13-20

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Our readings today reveal beautiful truths about our God, and they challenge us to look at the truth about ourselves as well.

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans describes the attributes of God in powerful, eloquent terms. "Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!"

It makes you want to stand up and cheer. Paul ends the passage with this with final shout of praise, "For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen." We can and should join in this chorus of praise.

But mere words are not enough — sentiment alone will not do for this perfect, all-loving and all-powerful God of ours. We must love Him with our whole being. We must make our very lives a grateful gift of love to Him. This is how we can truly give Him "glory forever."

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to the disciples. He leads up to it gently enough: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they offer varying responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them. "But who do you say that I am?" Peter gets the answer right: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. Surely, we would not hesitate to answer just as Peter did, that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God.

But do our lives truly reflect this answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to heaven, then we must say so — not just with words, but with our actions. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family life, my entertainment say so?

The gifts and blessings that God has given us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — are meant to be used in a manner that says "Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	8/27	21 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
Mon	8/28	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Mt 23:13-22
Tue	8/29	The Passion of St. John the Baptist 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wed	8/30	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32
Thu	8/31	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Fri	9/1	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Sat	9/2	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sun	9/3	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	8/28	8:30 am	Vincent Baxter Sr. (special intention)
Tue	8/29	8:30 am	Mary Doran †
Wed	8/30	8:30 am	Kingston Coffey (special intention)
Thu	8/31	8:30 am	Charles Reber †
Fri	9/1	8:30 am	Zoifa Dziewinska †
Sat 9/2		8:30 am	James and Karen Brown (wedding anniversary)
	5:00 pm	Helen Steiner †	
Sun 9/3	9:00 am	Frank & Amalia Filice †	
	9/3	11:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Frank H Filice †
		5:00 pm	Barbara Mescall †



Tuesday, August 29

The *Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist* complements the Solemnity of his birth, celebrated on 24 June. John is the cousin of Jesus. He was conceived when his parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, were elderly. Both his parents were descendants of priestly families. John's birth took place about six months prior to that of Christ, and coincides with the Gospel episode of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. The liturgical celebration of his martyrdom, which occurred between 31 and 32, has ancient origins. It was already celebrated in France in the 5th century, and in Rome the following century and can be traced to the dedication of a small basilica that dates back to the 5th century where he was buried in Sabaste in Samaria. Tradition holds it was on this day that his head was found. Pope Innocent II had it later transferred to Rome to the Church of Saint Sylvester in Capite. *Extracted from vaticannews.va*



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

"Who do you say that I am?" Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words, but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the son of the living God?

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Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention: August

FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Dear Lord,
Guide and direct the Holy Father,
our bishop, our pastor,
and those who minister in your name.
Give us the grace to boldly proclaim,
"You are the Christ!"
Amen.



FAITH IN ACTION



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

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:

George Bommarito; Janie Meacham; Vic LoBue, Jr.; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Carol Rakich; Frances Corpuz; Sharon Lyndon

For those who have recently died:

Wilfred Perez; Jackie Kendell; Willow Patel; Mary Torrisi; Ronald (Ron) Restifo; Julia Miller

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO REMEMBER SOMEONE

You can offer a Mass for a special intention or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Remember that there is no better gift than the gift of God's love and compassion as celebrated in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

www.stmaryslg.org/mass-intention-request

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary's! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Parish Office Conference Room. Please see us on the parish website at



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Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Sue Ahmadian at sue.ahmadian@gmail.com



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A GRATITUDE EXAMEN

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

What Gifts have You given me?
How have I Received love from others?
How is grace at work in Aspects of my life story?
Do I Trust You to continue to bless me?
Where have I missed Your movements?
Have I used my Talents at the service of other?
Do I see a purpose for my life Underway?
How can I have the Discipline to thank You daily?
Help me give Everything back to You!

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

SAINT OF THE WEEK: VENERABLE TERESA FARDELLA DE BLASI

Teresa Fardella was born on May 24, 1867, in New York to parents of Irish and Sicilian nobility. The family moved to Trapani, Italy when she was two years old. At age 11, her Irish mother passed away and Teresa was sent to an Italian boarding school that her aunt supervised. Early in life, Teresa had a deep faith and loved the Lord. She wanted to become a sister and consecrate her life to Jesus in service of the Church, but, at age 16, her father forced her into marriage instead. She became the wife of Italian military officer Raffaele De Blasi.

As her husband was assigned to different cities, Teresa lived her faith by focusing on serving the poor wherever they landed. Often, she would seek out children and adolescents living on the street and provide care for them, trying to lift them out of poverty.

In 1896, while living in Mantua, Italy, she organized her efforts and founded the Poor House of Saint Joseph, to help serve those in need there. A few years later she saw the need to form a women's religious order to staff and care for the Poor House. To meet this need, she founded the Poor Daughters of the Crowned Virgin. Although she was wealthy, Teresa found value in living alongside those she served and often forwent the luxuries she was originally accustomed to. She frequently proclaimed, "Love gives the courage to do all things well!"

Following her husband's death, she officially entered the religious institution she founded. She professed her vows as a Poor Daughter of the Crowned Virgin and finally was able to realize her dream of becoming a sister. She passed away in Trapani on August 26, 1957, at the age of 90 after a long life of charity and love for the poor. She was proclaimed Venerable by Pope Francis on November 9, 2017.

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In 2023, we will continue to highlight holy men and women from the Americas who are canonized or in the process of canonization. We hope their stories inspire your faith!

STEWARDSHIP - a Journey in Faith SERIES



Drayer

Stewardship of Prayer calls us to use our gifts of time in prayer. In our fast paced world, prayer life usually takes a back seat to our earthly responsibilities and obligations. However, putting prayer ahead of our daily activities can pave the way for a smoother ride in life's journey. Countless testimonies give witness to how prayer has helped people through seemingly insurmountable obstacles in their lives. These testimonies also give witness to the peace and serenity that come into peoples lives when prayer is a viable and constant part of their daily routine. We have said that stewardship is based on the teachings of the Lord. Look up the following: Mt. 7:7-8, Mt. 18:19-20, Rms. 12:12, Phil. 1:3-4, Phil. 4:6, Col. 4:2, 1Tim. 2:1-4, Jas. 5:13-16. See for yourself what the teachings of the Holy Bible say about prayer. A good steward follows the teachings of Christ.



Stewardship of Ministry calls us to use our talents to serve others. Our talents are gifts from God. Really think about that! All we need to do is look around and see for ourselves how each person we know is so uniquely different. While some people are great cooks, for instance, some people can't boil a pot of water. Some people are great scholars who become scientists, teachers, doctors, lawyers, engineers, astronauts and so on, but can these same people cook a nourishing meal or repair a broken piece of equipment or appliance or create a beautiful garden or nurse a sick child or mend a broken heart? Perhaps they can but the point is as stated in 1 Peter and paraphrased here, "we are all in possession of different gifts and we should put them to use to serve each other, each as we have

received them." Just ask people you see volunteering to serve others, what's in it for you? You will be astounded at the responses you get. Most will say they personally have received true joy in giving and a life filled with many graces. A good steward follows the teachings of the gospels and sacred scripture. Read the following if you have any doubt as to what is expected of us: Mt. 5:16, Mt. 10:42, Mt. 20:26-28, John 13:34-35, Ga. 6:10, 1Cor. 12:4-7, Ephesians 3:17-19, 4:1-2, 1Peter 4:10. Can the Lord's directives to us be any clearer?

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DSJ PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE FROM BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ

Our priests have been gathering monthly, dedicating their time to ongoing diocesan pastoral planning discussions. Our recent session focused on how to effectively communicate about the pastoral plan, even while the plan is a work in progress by emphasizing its goal of spiritual renewal for the diocese. We also explored the strategic priority of Youth and Young Adults. Facing the reality that 85% of Catholic youth drift away from their faith by age 17, we examined the highlevel recommendations from the planning action team, both at the diocesan and parish levels, for prioritizing and enhancing youth and young adult ministry. We ask for your continued prayers as the teams across the diocese prayerfully and diligently work on the pastoral plan for revitalizing our diocese.



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