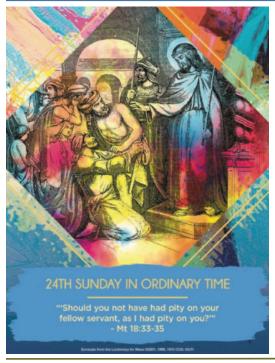
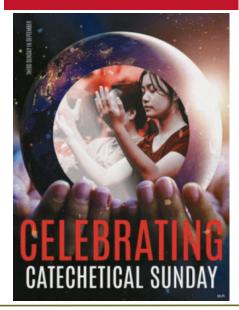


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WELCOME VANESSA! Parish Office Administrative Assistant

Vanessa Lleverino and her family have been part of the St. Mary Parish and community for the last 10 years as her 2 sons attend St. Mary School, Horacio (now Junior at Bellarmine, and alumni of St. Mary Parish School) and Diego 7th grade. Born and raised in Mexico City, Vanessa moved to the Bay Area 22 years ago. She has helped at the Country Fair every year. Vanessa is very happy to join the St. Mary office parish to keep helping the community that has been given too much love and support to her and her family in the last years!. In her free time she enjoys traveling with her family and watching her kids playing different sports thought out the year. *Please stop by the parish office to welcome Vanessa!*



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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

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Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm (Office Conference Room)

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ADORATION LIVE STREAMED

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Sirach teaches that the Lord desires us to be forgiving and merciful to each other. In doing so, the Lord will show us mercy and forgiveness in return. *To whom could you show mercy and forgiveness this week?*

Second Reading:

Paul instructed the Romans that Jesus was the Lord

of all — both the living and the dead. *How should this reality impact our daily living?*

Gospel:

Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant to teach the disciples the importance of compassion and forgiveness, especially toward those who sin against you. How do you deal with friends or co-workers who have wronged you?

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TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:30—28:7;

Psalm 103;

Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

As Christian stewards, we recognize that all we have and all that we are is gift from God, and we live our lives in a grateful response to such extravagant love. This calls for continuous conversion of heart. The practices of giving a portion of our time, our talents and our treasure are essential steps on the path to conversion. But they serve an even deeper purpose than helping us remember our good intentions. They open our minds and hearts to ever-deepening surrender to the Lord, Who has given us every good thing.

Today's readings call us to look inward to the state of our hearts, those aspects of ourselves that cannot quite be quantified or measured, but which are the deepest part of us — our thoughts and emotions.

Our first reading, from Sirach, addresses the complicated emotion of anger. "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight... Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?... If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins?" We have all been wounded by others at some point, some perhaps quite deeply. Our emotions are gifts from God. But we must steward them well, rather than allowing them to overcome us.

How do we do this? Sirach tells us. "Remember your last days, set enmity aside... Think of the commandments... remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults." We embrace the stewardship mindset — not brooding over hurts, but recalling all the gifts our good God has given us, all the love He continually pours out upon us, and we put our focus and trust in Him.

In other words, we live for God and not ourselves. What freedom this approach to life brings! All we have is a gift from the Lord. He loves us completely and we can rest in this truth. Knowing this, we need not cling to anger over injustices. God is Lord over all. St. Paul puts it this way in our second reading from Romans: "For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus gives us a provocative reminder of the true position we have before Him in light of all that He has done for us. He compares the kingdom of heaven to a "king who decided to settle accounts with his servants." In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgives the debt and lets him go free.

Doesn't that sound like each of us in relation to the King of Kings? The Father has given us life, and then sent His only Son to die for us to free us from our sin "debts" and make eternal life with Him possible for us. Like the servant in the parable, it is impossible to repay this debt. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves — our outward actions and our inner selves — and by treating our fellow debtors with the same compassion and forgiveness He has shown to us. In fact, Jesus rightfully and justly commands us to "forgive your brother from your heart."

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;

Sun 9/17 CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Mon 9/18 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tue 9/19 St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-3, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and

Wed 9/20 Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thu 9/21 ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Fri 9/22 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Sat 9/23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina (*Padre Pio*), Priest 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sun 9/24 **25**TH **SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	9/18	8:30 am	Clare Dinno †
Tue	9/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Wed	9/20	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Thu	9/21	8:30 am	Tiffanie & Andrew Chang (wedding anniversary)
Fri	9/22	8:30 am	William D. Doody †
Sat	9/23	8:30 am	Wilfred Christopher Cornelius Perez †
Sat		5:00 pm	Mollie Trieweiler †
	9/24	9:00 am	James Lyon †
Sun		11:00 am	Thuan Van Nguyen †
		5:00 pm	David & Rachelle Cuccias (wedding anniversary)

PADRE PIO: 7 FACTS ABOUT THE SAINT TO KNOW AND SHARE

- 1. Padre Pio was only 5 years old when he expressed a strong desire to serve God.
- 2. Padre Pio was only 15 when he entered the Capuchin Friars Minor as a novice.
- 3. On Sept. 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata while praying in a church. The wounds remained visible on his body for the rest of his life. The wounds were on his hands, feet and side, corresponding to the wounds suffered by Jesus during his crucifixion.
- 4. The blood from his stigmata smelled of floral perfume.
- 5. He had the gift of bilocation, that, being in two places at once.
- 6. Before dying at the age of 81, all his wounds healed without scars, just as he had foretold they would 50 years prior.
- 7. Beatified in 1999, St. Padre Pio was canonized on June 16, 2002, by the late Pope and now St. John Paul II. He is known among Catholics as St. Pio of Pietrelcina.

Extracted from <u>ncregister.com/blog/who-is-padre-pio</u>



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

Our personal relationship with Christ is important, yes — but thank God, that is not all there is to being a Christian. We depend upon the support, the encouragement, and even the correction of the rest of the Body of Christ.

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Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention: September

For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Dear Lord,
Anoint those who serve as catechists,
those who tell your story of
determined love for your people.
Be with our catechists in their
classrooms, inspire the hearts of those
in their care, ignite a new generation
disciples for you!

Amen.

FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of PRAYER

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

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Janie Meacham; Vic LoBue, Jr.; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Carol Rakich; Frances Corpuz; Sharon Lyndon

For those who have recently died:

Marie Antonowicz; Ronald Caselli; Cathy Stannard; John Connolly; Marcus Bannon; Phyllis Hickey; Beverley Ann Curtis; Wilfred Perez

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

The REFUGEE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM, a division of Catholic Charities of Santa Clara

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, resettles Unaccompanied Refugee Minors into Resource



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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



stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

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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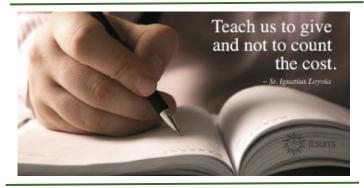
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ALTAR SERVER INTEREST SURVEY

Our parish is currently considering the reactivation of the altar server ministry. If you have children who are interested in becoming altar servers, please sign and return the altar server interest survey available in the vestibule of the church or at the parish office. Please be sure to read the information on the form <u>carefully</u> before signing and returning the form. Form is available in the parish office.





The study group will continue with its program of a study of the Gospels by continuing to use the video presentations "Jesus and the Gospels" by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson of Emory

University. Study sessions will consist of one or two video lectures followed by a group sharing and discussion.

Meeting times will be 9:30 to 11:00 AM on every other Thursday beginning 21 September. Study sessions will be in the St. Mary Conference room. *Please check the parish calendar*. Drop in on any of the sessions. Facilitator is Tony Zadel, (408) 353-3014.



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

BLESSED JUAN BAUTISTA & BLESSED JACINTO DE LOS ÁNGELES



Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles were both born the same year, in 1660, in the town of San Francisco Cajonos in Oaxaca, Mexico. The boys grew up together in their Zapotec tribal community with de los Ángeles descending from a long line of tribal chiefs. The boys were raised Catholic and were altar servers in their youth. Both married, had children, and actively participated in their Catholic faiths.

In 1700 when both were about 40 years old, while doing their rounds as fiscales, they learned that a local man named José Flores would be holding a ritual featuring native idols in his home. The men alerted the Dominican priests to whom they reported and were instructed by the priests to intervene. During the ceremony, Bautista, de los Ángeles, and some of the Dominicans disrupted the ritual and surprised those participating. As the men were well known in the community, many of the participants covered their faces and ran from the home, not wanting to be identified. The fiscales and

Dominican priests confiscated the idols and other items used in the ritual.

The next day word of retaliation against Bautista and de los Ángeles caused them to seek refuge and hide in the Dominican friary. That evening, a mob of angry men stormed the church with weapons and threatened to kill everyone inside if the two men weren't handed over to them. When the Dominican priests refused, the mob burnt down Bautista's nearby home and threatened to burn down the entire church and friary with everyone inside if their demands were not met.

Both men decided to give themselves over to the mob to end the brutality and save the lives of everyone else. Before leaving they asked the priests to hear their confessions and administer the Eucharist to them. They then went out to confront the mob and were abducted while yelling back to the priests "Fathers — commend us to God!"

The Dominicans recovered their bodies and buried them at Villa Alta. In 1889 both men's bodies were moved to the Oaxaca Archdiocesan cathedral. In 2001, theologians confirmed that Bautista and de los Ángeles were murdered in hatred of the faith and Saint Pope John Paul II approved their cause and beatification on August 1, 2002, during his apostolic visit to Mexico.

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STEWARDSHIP - a Journey in Faith Series



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"The Power of Giving" - "Appear not before the Lord empty-handed, for all that you offer is in fulfillment of the precepts. The just man's offering enriches the altar and rises as a sweet odor before the Most High. The just man's sacrifice is most pleasing, nor will it ever be forgotten. In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as He has given to you generously, according to your means. For the Lord is One who always repays and He will give back to you sevenfold."

Book of Sirach 35:4-10

One part of the stewardship journey is to share our financial blessings. However, this is the part that challenges the most stalwart of souls. Our tendency is to gather and save for that proverbial 'rainy day'. The Lord tells us in Isaiah, 'be not afraid' so, how can we not trust? The beautiful reading from the Book of Sirach holds such promise... 'the just man's sacrifice is most pleasing', 'it will never be forgotten', 'the Lord is one who always repays' and 'he will give back to you sevenfold.' Do we not trust the Lord to do as He says?

The Bible teaches that everything we have is a gift from God. God's gifts include our family, our children, our ability to learn, and our ability to earn an income. All is a gift from God. In gratitude for these gifts, God asks us to give a portion of our gifts back. "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce; then will your barns be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will overflow." (Proverbs 3:9-10)

The disciples' examples that have been shared are examples of their love andfaith in God and the grace and love received from God. God loves us no matter what we do; however, our financial stewardship should remind us of how much we love God and that He is first in our life. Take time in your Journey in Faith to examine your giving. Are you giving out of gratitude? Does your giving reflect your love and faith in God? "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try me in this says the Lord of hosts; shall I not open up the floodgates of heaven to pour down blessings upon you without measure?" (Malachi 3:10) If your giving to God is not out of first fruits; then try Him as described in the book of Malachi. Take the "leap of faith" and trust that He will provide for your needs... even if you must sacrifice some of your wants. Your trust in God, your Journey in Faith, your discipleship will be repaid.



4TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES WITH MS. FOGARTY

The 4th grade class had a great week last week mastering multiplicative comparison, identifying and using map features, and using prefixes to determine word meaning.









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2023 SEASON OF CREATION ACTIVITIES

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 dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/stewardship-of-our-common-home-2/

- ◆ Saturday morning, September 23 California Coastal Cleanup Day. Register with the <u>CA Coastal Commission</u> and participate in the cleanup of a local waterway.
- ◆ Season of Creation Mass & Reception Saturday, September 23 from 9AM – 12PM. Learn how parishes and organizations in the diocese are working on the goals of the Laudato si' Action Platform. Register at bit.ly/3sCGCjt
- ◆ Living the Season of Creation Every Day: The Ecological Vision of Laudato si' At 10AM September 30 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Explore the Catholic response to the ecological crisis that affects our earth and all life. Register at bit.ly/45seE8R

THE DIGITAL EDITION OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC SPECIAL MEMORIAL ISSUE IS NOW ONLINE. Ten authors contributed to this memorial issue. Read about Bishop Patrick Joseph (PJ) McGrath through the lens of the topics he held dear from those who were close to him, including his lifelong friend Fr. Dan Whelton of the diocese of Santa Rosa. catholicmagazines.org/magazine-archive/valley-catholic/si0923

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