



# All are Welcome

## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

October 8, 2023

27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Mondays at 9:00am followed by  
BENEDICTION at 10:00am in Church**

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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: 8:30am**

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*Live-Stream & In Person*

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If you would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, for reasons of  
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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah uses the metaphor of a vineyard to express God's anger with Israel. *How do you communicate your displeasure with a loved one?*

### Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and a positive attitude is key to settling our anxious hearts and minds. *What have you been anxious about this week that using Paul's advice could help?*

### Gospel:

In the parable of the tenants, Jesus harshly criticizes the chief priests and elders of Jerusalem and traps them with their own judgment. *How well do you accept legitimate criticism?*

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### TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 5:1-7;

Psalms 80;

Philippians 4:6-9;

Matthew 21:33-43

## REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, foreshadows today's Gospel passage. Both passages employ images of a landowner and his vineyard. The First Reading tells the story of a landowner who, with great love and care, creates the perfect vineyard and fills it with the choicest vines. Yet, it fails to produce good fruit. As a result, the landowner allows the vineyard to go to ruin. This is a reminder that while Our Heavenly Father is merciful and kind, He is also just. As Christian stewards, we must continuously fight the tendency towards complacency and instead use our blessings to produce good fruit.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, is a reminder of one key blessing that is surprisingly easy to take for granted — the gift of our thought life. Our intellect is a gift from God and we are called to steward it well. Lack of discipline in our thoughts can easily lead us down a path of discontentment and fear. St. Paul instructs us rather to "have no anxiety at all." How are we to do this? He tells us, "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." And as it turns out, by turning our thoughts towards God with gratitude, we will be blessed immediately. Paul continues, "Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Paul gives specific advice for intentionally maintaining an attitude of gratitude in our thought life. "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, and if there is anything worthy of praise" these are the things we should focus on. As we develop this habit we will discover a powerful way to navigate life with peace and joy despite the troubles that surround us.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we return to the image of a vineyard in a parable Jesus uses to teach the importance of using our blessings well. It is the story of a landowner who plants a vineyard and leases it to tenants before he goes on a journey. Instead of tending the vineyard, the tenants mistreat the servants in the vineyard and even the son of the landowner, whom they kill. When the landowner realizes what the tenants have done, he puts them to death and leases his vineyard to tenants who "will give him the produce at the proper times."

By Baptism, we have received the gift of salvation and membership in Kingdom of God — we are now "tenants" called to work in the "vineyard" and produce fruit for its owner, our Heavenly Father. This calling is a gift from God to be treasured above all other gifts. Jesus makes it clear that if we squander the gift of salvation, we will lose it. It is a sobering truth.

So let us live each day with a profound awareness of all that we have been given by God. Let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory. We will find peace, joy and purpose as we do.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	10/8	<b>27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;</b> Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
Mon	10/9	Indigenous Peoples Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; (Ps) Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tue	10/10	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1-4, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wed	10/11	St. John XXIII, Pope Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thu	10/12	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Fri	10/13	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16; Lk 11:15-26
Sat	10/14	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sun	10/15	<b>28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;</b> Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	10/9	8:30 am	Eleanor Loffredo †
Tue	10/10	8:30 am	Walter Singer Sr. †
Wed	10/11	8:30 am	Phyllis Hickey †
Thu	10/12	8:30 am	Jean Haynes †
Fri	10/13	8:30 am	Vincent Loffredo †
Sat	10/14	8:30 am	Alexander Ip †
		5:00 pm	Doris Sheridan †
Sun	10/15	9:00 am	Marcus Bannon †
		11:00 am	Anna Miceli †
		5:00 pm	Bridget Eding †



## 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

God's kingdom is open to anyone who will produce its fruit. He offers it to every single one of us. We must be ready to bring forward the goodness of God into each and every day.

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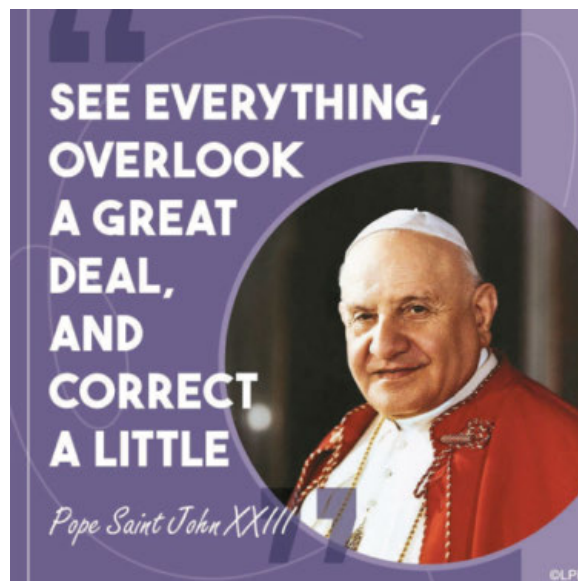
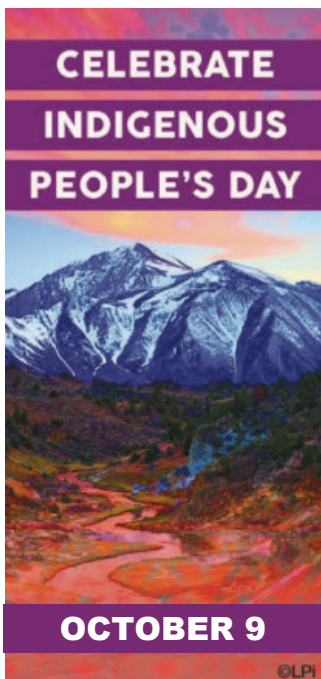
## POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: OCTOBER

### FOR THE SYNOD

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## PRAYER WHEN PERSECUTED

Dear Lord,  
When we encounter those who  
disrespect our faith,  
at school, at work, in our  
communities, give to us Your grace.  
Root Your truth deeply into our  
hearts, so that we can speak and  
act and rest in You.  
Amen.



OCTOBER 11

# 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:  
**William Buchanan; 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:  
**Hollis Buchanan; Maria de Jesus Cantú; Deacon Joseph  
 Huynh Van Ngoc Marie Antonowicz; Ronald Caselli;  
 Cathy Stannard; John Connolly**

*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](http://www.stmaryslg.org/mass-intention-request)



Now through November 5 you are invited to join other St Mary's and San Jose Diocese parishioners for peaceful rosary vigil prayer during our Fall 2023 campaign to help save the precious lives of the pre-born from abortion. Please come and pray with us for one hour per week. Call or email St Mary's parishioner Glen Jones (408) 771-8763 [glenjones38@hotmail.com](mailto:glenjones38@hotmail.com) or call the San Jose 40 Days coordinator Dzung at (510) 939-2503 or email Mary Ann [missmaryann7@yahoo.com](mailto:missmaryann7@yahoo.com). More information about 40 Days For Life is available on line at [40Daysforlife.com](http://40Daysforlife.com) and [40daysforlife.com/SanJose](http://40daysforlife.com/SanJose) for a schedule of events and vigil sign up.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE EVENTS IN SAN JOSE

- ♦ **PRAY WITH THE LEGIONS OF MARY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD** - English (every Tuesday 9am-11am at 1691 The Alameda, San Jose, 95126)
- ♦ **RESPECT LIFE MASS WITH BISHOP CANTU @ SACRED HEART** - Saturday, October 28. 13716 Saratoga Ave Saratoga. 5:00 PM

## Stewardship of TREASURE

### Managing God's Gift To Us

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[stmaryslg.org/getting-started-with-online-giving](http://stmaryslg.org/getting-started-with-online-giving)

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY RESCHEDULED

The Bible study will be rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances. **The study will now begin on Nov. 2, 2023** with the use of 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 Nov. 2.** Study sessions will be in the St. Mary Conference room in the parish office. **Please check the parish calendar.** Drop in on any of the sessions. Facilitator is Tony Zadel, [408-353-3014](tel:408-353-3014).

### ALTAR SERVER INTEREST SURVEY UPDATE

Thank you to the three families that returned an altar server interest survey. Unfortunately, the number of responses is not sufficient for our needs, so altar server training will not take place this year.



### ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

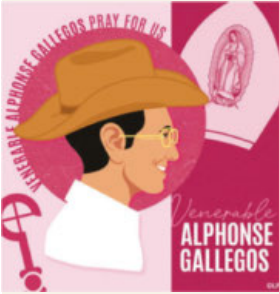
### INVITES YOU!

Next Sunday, October 15, members of the Italian Catholic Federation will worship together at the 9:00am Mass, sitting in front of the Mary statue. Following the Mass, they will host coffee and donuts in the courtyard. Please join them and find out more about the ICF. ***Remember: you don't have to be Italian to become a member!***



# OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

## SAINT OF THE WEEK: VENERABLE ALPHONSE GALLEGOS



Alphonse Gallegos was born on February 20, 1931, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. One of 11 children, he struggled with vision problems as a child but, after many surgeries, his myopic condition partially healed. While serving as an altar server at his parish, he came to know the Augustine Recollects. He joined as a novitiate and relocated to Kansas City, Kansas when he was 19.

Following his ordination, he served as a hospital chaplain and at various parishes until he eventually moved to Sacramento, California and was appointed the Director of the Division of Hispanic Affairs of the California Catholic Conference.

Two years after this appointment, in 1981, Father Gallegos was ordained auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Sacramento. In 1983, he was also appointed as pastor of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. While serving in his community, he befriended countless neighbors and community leaders as well as those who were underprivileged and in need. He championed minority groups in his community and also belonged to his local chapter of the Knights of Columbus. In the evenings he would minister to gang members and those at risk in the impoverished neighborhoods of Los Angeles and Sacramento wearing a 99-cent sombrero and a t-shirt to fit in. He became well loved by the region and was affectionately called the Bishop of the Barrios which can be translated to the Bishop of the Neighborhoods and was welcomed as a chaplain-of-sorts for migrant workers and the city's lowrider car community.

On October 6, 1991, at age 60, while pushing his stalled car to the side of the road with his volunteer driver steering, Bishop Gallegos was struck by another vehicle and thrown 50 feet, dying instantly. His funeral procession included some 300 lowrider cars and hundreds of his friends and neighbors. The city of Sacramento named a section of Eleventh St. the Gallegos Square in his memory. In 2016, Pope Francis recognized Bishop Gallegos' heroic virtues and named him Venerable.

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## LITURGY: PLACE OF ENCOUNTER

Do you want to meet Jesus?

Pope Francis has written, "if we had somehow arrived in Jerusalem after Pentecost and had felt the desire not only to have information about Jesus of Nazareth but rather the desire still to be able to meet him, we would have had no other possibility than that of searching out his disciples so that we could hear his words and see his gestures, more alive than ever.... That which was visible in Jesus, that which could be seen with the eyes and touched with the hands, his words and gestures, the concreteness of the incarnate Word— everything of Him had passed into the celebration of the sacraments." (Desiderio Desideravi, 9). In other words, liturgy is the place of encounter. Liturgy is where we meet Christ. In fact, Pope Francis says, "The Liturgy guarantees for us the possibility of such an encounter" (11, emphasis added).

Liturgy comes from a Greek term that means "work of the people" or "public work." For Catholics, "liturgy" refers to the formal worship offered by the Church and includes the Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours, celebrations of the sacraments, rites, and blessings.

The definition of liturgy as "work" is worth pondering. Catholic isn't just something we are— Catholic is something we do. Faith is not passive; faith is lived. Through the ordered and repeated patterns of the liturgy, we enter into the tradition of the Church and touch the mystery of faith.

But the true "work" of the liturgy is what God does. (Saint Benedict referred to liturgy as *Opus Dei*, work of God!) It is Christ who gathers the community together, Christ who fills and gives meaning to the rites and makes them fruitful. The Church, united with Christ, offers with Christ the eternal sacrifice to the Father.

When we all come together for the liturgy, we are much more than a crowd that gathers for a concert, sporting event, or lecture. We are not spectators, but a worshiping assembly, being formed, by Christ, into the very body of Christ. And our presence is no accident. As Pope Francis writes of the apostles at the Last Supper, "no one had earned a place at that Supper. All had been invited. Or better said: all had been drawn there by the burning desire that Jesus had to eat that Passover with them" (DD, 4). As we hear in Eucharistic Prayer III, "look graciously upon this family, whom you have summoned before you."

So what is the liturgy? Liturgy is God gathering his people together to offer worship through, with, and in Christ. Liturgy follows patterns, many of which are extremely ancient. Liturgy speaks many languages—not only spoken language, but also the languages of movement, sound, silence, gesture, and symbol. Liturgy employs many different art forms—music, poetry, architecture, and rhetoric, among others. In short, liturgy does not exist on paper. Liturgy is something that happens, when Christ gathers a community in prayer.



The bread that you see on the altar is the Body of Christ as soon as it is sanctified by God's word. The chalice, or better what is contained in the chalice, is the Blood of Christ as soon as it is sanctified by God's word. St. Augustine

Next week: *The Introductory Rites (Gathering)*





## WELCOME MS. CROYTS!

Please welcome Ms. Jennifer Croyts to our team as the new Instructional Assistant. She will be supporting both the 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms. Ms. Croyts is excited to join the St. Mary team after recently moving to Los Gatos. She has worked with children in grades Kindergarten through high school. In her own words: "I would

*love to contribute to creating a safe, organized, and fun learning environment for both the students and instructor.*



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2023 COUGAR CLASSIC! WAY TO GO GIRLS!



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

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**A RETREAT ON THE EUCHARIST, "DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.":** Friday afternoon through Sunday, the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos is offering a Silent Retreat for Women and Men. The retreat starts Friday, **Oct 20, at 3:00 pm** and ends Sunday, **October 21, at 1:00 pm**. Fr. Kevin Leidich, S.J., and Mr. Michael Shirley will lead the retreat inviting us to return to the "source and summit" of our faith: the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

For registration and information, visit [jrclosaltos.org/retreats-and-programs](https://jrclosaltos.org/retreats-and-programs).

## Seasons of Hope Grief Discussion Group

**SESSIONS BEGIN WEDNESDAY: OCTOBER 11  
1:00-2:30 SACRED HEART PARISH CENTER**

The autumn 6-week session will begin on Wednesday, October 11, and continues on October 18, 25, November 1, 8, and 15. Our meetings begin at 1:00pm and continue until 2:30pm.

These will be in-person gatherings taking place inside the Sacred Heart Parish Center: 13716 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga 95070.

If you are grieving for a loved one and wish to talk to others on the same journey, the Seasons of Hope group provides a faith-based, confidential place to meet and share your experiences. Our agenda includes prayer, Scripture readings, reflection, and conversation.

Reading materials and a journal provided. No fee to participate. Come alone or bring a friend. Open to all.

To join, call or email Carolyn Orasin at 408-867-3634, [c.orasin@sacredheartsaratoga.org](mailto:c.orasin@sacredheartsaratoga.org) or call Nancy Crowley at 408-209-6118. Please include your name, phone number, and email address so we can follow up with you.

## respect life month

OCTOBER 2023



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OCTOBER 13-21**

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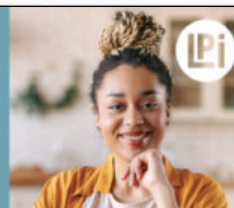
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