

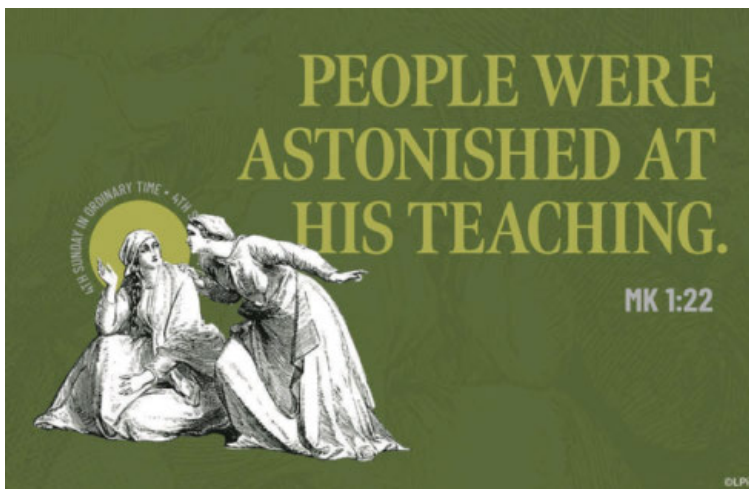


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January 28, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TOGETHER”

The ADA begins in one week! If you have not already received pledge materials in the mail, they will be arriving soon. This year, in addition to funding important ministries and services that are used by St. Mary staff and parishioners on a regular basis, we will be helping to start the implementation the new pastoral plan (under the direction of St. Mary parishioner Steve Milligan). This plan will ensure a bright future for the Catholic community in Santa Clara County. As always, our parish will receive a rebate of every dollar contributed over our goal. This rebate is especially important during these years when many parishioners are still staying home on Sundays and collection income remains below its pre-pandemic level. Please take some time during the week to consider prayerfully how you may be able to help our parish reach its goal of \$193,916 and return your pledge form by mail or donate online at <http://www.dsj.org/ways-to-give/annual-diocesan-appeal/> (be sure to indicate that you are from St. Mary in Los Gatos). Additional pledge forms are available at church or in the parish office. THANK YOU!



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

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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: 8:30am

Rosary - 8:00am

Live-Stream & In Person

RECONCILIATION

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

ADORATION

LIVE STREAMED

Mondays - 9:00-10:00am

Thursdays - 7:00 pm

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SUNDAY DONATIONS

are best made online

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Envelopes can be mailed in
or dropped off at the
Parish Office

WHEN:
Sunday, January 21st at 10:00 AM.

WHERE:
Hoffmann Center

LENGTH:
Each study session will be one hour long; half
video presentation and half small group sharing
with a facilitator.

UPCOMING TOPICS
1/21/24 What's our story? Part 1
1/28/24 What's our story? Part 2



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Moses taught the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him to teach them the Lord's commands. But he also forewarned about false prophets. *How can we avoid listening to false prophetic voices?*

Second Reading:

Paul expresses his desire for the Corinthian believers to be free of anxiety so they can focus their attention and energies on Jesus. *What distracts you from the Lord?*

Gospel:

Mark informs us that early in Jesus's public ministry his "fame spread" quickly throughout Galilee because of his powerful deeds, such as the healing of the demon-possessed man in today's reading. *Is there something or someone in your life that you pray Jesus would heal?*

TODAY'S READINGS
Deuteronomy 18:15-20;
Psalm 95;
1 Corinthians 7:32-35;
Mark 1:21-28

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Our readings today remind us of God's authority. If we willingly give God authority over our lives and trust in His provision, He will take care of us no matter what.

In our First Reading, Moses announces to the Israelites that God will send them another prophet through whom He will communicate His commands. Regarding the prophet, the Lord says, "Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle I have not commanded... he shall die."

These are tough words to hear from our Lord, but they are a good reminder for us. We, too, will answer to the Lord one day as to how well we listened to His words and lived by His commands. The thought of our final judgment may cause us to cringe in fear. And while it is good to have a holy fear of being separated from God for all eternity, fear is not to be the motivating factor on our faith journey.

As Christian stewards, it is our job to imitate Christ and follow His commands out of gratitude for all that He has given us. We are more willing to live by God's commands when we are motivated by love and gratitude.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul tells us how to give God authority over our lives. St. Paul was preaching to the people of Corinth regarding Christ's Second Coming. Because he thought the Second Coming was approaching fast, he encouraged them, if unmarried, to remain that way so they might fix their hearts on Christ with the time they have left. It might seem that St. Paul's message cannot apply to us in our present day — however, what he said has great value to us. No matter our state of life — bishop, priest, deacon, religious, married, single — we are called to put Christ first in our lives and to strive to please Him in all that we do. We are inviting God to have authority over our lives when we make Him our top priority. As a result, we will be more prepared to meet Christ at His Second Coming, and we will have an overwhelming peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel today reminds us why we want to give God this authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the Sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer Who will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.

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FEBRUARY 2



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	1/28	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Catholic Schools Week Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
Mon	1/29	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tues	1/30	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wed	1/31	St. John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thu	2/1	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12d; Mk 6:7-13
Fri	2/2	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, World Day for Consecrated Life Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
Sat	2/3	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop; Blessing of Throats 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sun	2/4	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	1/29	8:30 am	Steve Warner (Healing)
Tues	1/30	8:30 am	David Dinno †
Wed	1/31	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Thu	2/1	8:30 am	Greg Karr †
Fri	2/2	8:30 am	James D'Oliveiro †
Sat	2/3	8:30 am	Michael Brown (birthday)
		5:00 pm	Argin Herapetian †
Sun	2/4	9:00 am	Mike Fox, Sr. †
		11:00 am	Simone Ledee †
		5:00 pm	Leo Petrison †

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



February 2/3

5PM Saturday: Parish Choir
9AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
5PM Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble

February 10/11

5PM Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
9AM Sunday: Parish Choir
11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
5PM Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble



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

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there.

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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: JANUARY

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

PRAYER FOR THE YOUTH

Dear Lord,
Be with our young people this week and always — keep them in Your care. Help them to form godly friendships, speak the truth, and know You in the personal way that will challenge, shape, and guide them.
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:
Bill Flora; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Janie Meacham; Vic LoBue, Jr.; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto

For those who have recently died:

Victoria Miramontez; Richard Hernandez; Peter Kraljer; Linda Graham; Janice Gallagher; Thomas Louis Murphy; Tom Bommarito; Mary Cay; James D'Oliveiro; Carol Rakich

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.

Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for February is \$78,000.00

Your weekly offerings enable us to meet our monthly obligations and continue to support the many parish programs at St. Mary. Thank you for your faithful support.

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OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1 2023 to Jan 14, 2024
Budget	\$ 414,330.00
Actual	\$ 432,192.00
Difference	+ \$ 17,862.00

2ND OFFERING - JANUARY 27 & 28 CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

The collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs as awarded by the subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarian as well as youth ministry and catechesis.

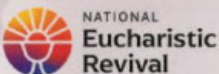
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DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR THE EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL 2022-2025

Heavenly Father,
 In your loving mercy,
 you sent your Son, Jesus Christ,
 anointed by the Spirit,
 to redeem the world through his Paschal Mystery.
 The disciples on the road to Emmaus
 pleaded with the Lord, "Stay with us."
 Promising to remain with his church,
 and to nourish us as the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation,
 Jesus left us the Sacrament of Salvation in the Eucharist.
 Stir up in our hearts a lively faith
 in Jesus' real, loving, and saving presence, and
 may the Eucharist become the pattern of our lives.
 As a pilgrim church
 may we be nourished and strengthened
 at the Eucharistic table,
 and so "do unto others" in love
 as you have loved us.
 Through the intercession of St. Joseph and St. Clare,
 may we remain in your love
 through the Sacrament of your Love. Amen.



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

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

NINE HABITS FOR GREATNESS *Fr. Joshua Waltz*

1. **Pray daily** - Not spontaneous prayers, but carve out time daily for him...30 mins.
2. **Stay really close to the sacraments**
 - a. Mass and confession.
 - b. You cannot be great in life on your own, you need help.
3. **Read the Scriptures**
 - a. The bible is the instruction manual for life.
 - b. All you need is a heart that is open.
4. **Serve**
 - a. Serve with your time and with your money.
 - b. Happiness doesn't come from getting it comes from giving.
 - c. You were created in the image and likeness of God, and God gives...it is what he does, so it must also be what we do.
5. **Stay in shape**
 - a. Exercise and sleep are key.
 - b. Your body is a temple, treat it as such.
6. **Run as fast you can away from the near occasion of sin.**
7. **Pray and work like crazy for great friendships**
 - a. God made us for himself but also for one another.
 - b. Friends...good friends are meant to call you greatness and support you.
 - c. Who your friends are is who you will be.
8. **Keep your mind sharp**
 - a. Never stop studying and learning about our faith.
 - b. Develop and strengthen your mind.
 - c. Below are some books I think would be very helpful for you!
9. **Forgive...always....everyone....all the time**
 - a. There are few easier ways to live a life of misery than to be bitter and resentful and hold grudges.
 - b. Decide today to never do that? Why should you forgive? We forgive because God Forgave us!

Suggested reading - Fr. Josh Waltz

1. The Holy Bible, NRSV (New Revised Standard Version) or NAB (New American Bible)
2. The Catechism of the Catholic Church
3. Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis
4. The Lamb's Supper, Scott Hahn
5. Imitation of Christ, Thomas A' Kempis
6. The Child in the Church, Maria Montessori
7. The Great Divorce, C.S. Lewis
8. Man's Search for Meaning, Viktor Frankl
9. Interior Freedom, Jacques Philippe
10. Wild at Heart, John Eldridge

Fr. Joshua Waltz is a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Bismarck, ND. Ordained alongside his brother in 2007, Fr. Waltz served as the diocese's Director of Vocations from 2013 - 2020.



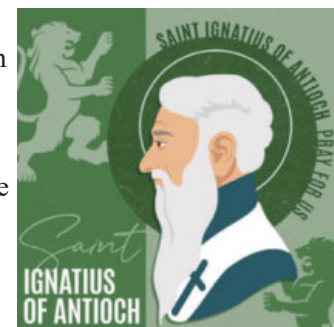
SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

St. Ignatius of Antioch (35-108) was a bishop of Antioch in the first century which, at the time, was the capital of Syria. One of the earliest bishops, he was a disciple of the apostle John and was a prolific writer and teacher of the early faith.

Throughout his ministry, he emphasized the importance of the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine, considering the Eucharist as the "medicine of immortality" and "the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ." His writings, particularly his seven epistles, passionately affirmed the significance of partaking in the Eucharistic celebration as a means to unite with Christ and fellow believers. He urged the faithful to hold fast to the teachings of the apostles and the sacraments passed down through the generations.

During the reign of Roman Emperor Trajan, St. Ignatius was arrested for his faith and condemned to be taken to Rome for execution. While in chains making the long journey with Roman soldiers from Syria to Rome, St. Ignatius was allowed to meet with many of the faithful and to write letters to neighboring Christian congregations. His seven epistles from this time and his conviction in the face of martyrdom served as an inspiration to many. His writings live on today as important teachings of the early Church, shedding a light into early Christian theology.

St. Ignatius was martyred in Rome's Colosseum when he was thrown to the lions and devoured. He's remembered as the patron saint of Church unity, and the Eucharist. St. Ignatius of Antioch, pray for us!





WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, & MARKETING DIRECTOR - DIANA JAKOVCEVIC!



Miss Diana, a recent graduate from Saint Louis University, is thrilled to be back in her hometown and is committed to ensuring every member of our community feels happy, engaged, and valued. Having attended Presentation High School and St. Lucy School, Miss Diana understands the unique spirit of our local community as well as the importance of a Catholic education. Her goal is to not only maintain the happiness

of our existing community members but also to embrace the opportunity to welcome new families and students. Miss Diana brings a fresh perspective to our school, aiming to create an environment where everyone flourishes. She is passionate about fostering connections, organizing engaging events, and implementing initiatives that celebrate the uniqueness of St. Mary School.



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AROUND THE DIOCESE

SAVE THE DATE

2024 Walk for Life West Coast Diocesan Morning Mass with Bishop

Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 8:00AM
St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

Visit link to view participating parishes:

www.dsj.org/walk4life24

DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK (sponsored by The Order of Malta.)

Saturday, February 3, 2024, 11am at the Cathedral Basilica of St Joseph. Celebrated by Bishop Oscar Cantu in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes with anointing of the sick and Blessing of the Caregivers. Refreshments after Mass.

REVS VS SEMS BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

On **Sunday, January 21, 2024** let's cheer on our favorite priests and seminarians with Vocations first fun event of the year. Doors open 5pm | 6pm Tip-off at St. Francis High School. Tickets are \$10 admission. There will be a grand raffle at the game. 1st place winner will get \$1000 gift card, 2nd place winner will get an airpod and the 3rd place winner will get a \$100 gift card. All proceeds from the game benefit DSJ's Seminarian Formation. **Tickets for event & raffle are available in the parish office.**

Volunteer opportunities are also available at the game. Visit dsj.org/basketball to sign up.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

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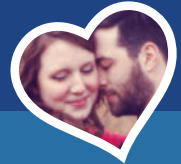
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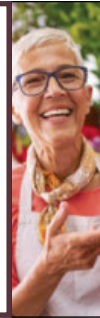
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