



# All are Welcome

## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

March 10, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

- John 3:20-21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass  
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LENTEN RESOURCES ARE available on our website: [stmaryslg.org/lent-2024](http://stmaryslg.org/lent-2024)

EASTER FLOWERS: Page 5 or visit <https://bit.ly/48wID0c>

### PRAY FOR OUR ELECT

■ Tristan ■ Donna ■ Alexis ■ L.J. and ■ Chase

### PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 AT 7:00PM IN CHURCH

**DSJ PASTORAL PLAN TOWNHALL** - Join Steve Milligan, *Director of Pastoral Planning and Implementation*, on Wednesday, March 13, from 7 - 8 pm as he discusses and answers questions about the Diocese of San Jose's new pastoral plan, "Renewed in Christ Together in Mission." - More info on page 5.



### ADA WEEK 5: WE ARE GRATEFUL

to all who have participated in the Annual Diocesan Appeal! At 73% of our goal, we are only \$51,637 from success. **Please help make our success reality.** If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please join the 159 parishioners (7.5% of our parish) who are already part of this effort. **Remember that our parish will be able to use for the repair of our heating and cooling system in the church anything over 100% of our goal.** Donate online at [dsj.org](http://dsj.org). Your pledge is important to our diocese and to our parish!!



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### Mass Live Streamed

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

[stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass](http://stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass)

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm - in church

**Sunday Masses:**

9:00am

Live-Stream & in church

11:00am & 5:00pm - in church

**Mon - Sat: 8:30am**

**Rosary - 8:00am**

Live-Stream & in church

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

(Office Conference Room)

### ADORATION

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**Mondays - 9:00-10:00am**

**Thursdays - 7:00 pm**

[stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass](http://stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass)

### SUNDAY DONATIONS

are best made online

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



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun 3/10 **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - LAETARE SUNDAY, Second Scrutiny**  
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21. *Scrutiny (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41*

Mon 3/11 Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tues 3/12 Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wed 3/13 Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thu 3/14 Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Fri 3/15 Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat 3/16 Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sun 3/17 **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT, Third Scrutiny**  
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33. *Scrutiny (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130: 1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	3/11	8:30 am	Steven Wilson †
Tues	3/12	8:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
Wed	3/13	8:30 am	Dr. Michael Patrick Dunn †
Thu	3/14	8:30 am	Eric and Monica Roman (birthday)
Fri	3/15	8:30 am	Hildegard Benson †
Sat	3/16	8:30 am	Benito and Maria Guadalupe De La Riva (healing)
		5:00 pm	Donna Hainey †
Sun	3/17	9:00 am	Louis Denis Laplace †
		11:00 am	Carol Rakich †
		5:00 pm	Dolores Blefari †

## ENLIGHTEN & ENGAGE: NAVIGATING LIFE'S TRANSITIONS – COMPLIMENTARY SENIORS SPEAKER SERIES

Welcome to Life's Next Chapter: Rightsizing Decisions for Silicon Valley Seniors - a seminar series offering vital insights into medical considerations, home consolidation, and relocation opportunities. Led by expert speakers, providing insights for you and your loved ones.

The series begins this month with a local renowned author, Tami Anastasia, MA. She is the author of the book, 'Essential Strategies for the Dementia Caregiver: Learning to PACE yourself'. Tami is a dementia consultant, educator and speaker. Tami holds a **Master's Degree in Counseling**, a Certificate in Gerontology, and a Certificate in End of Life.

**Date: Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Time: 11:00am -12:30pm**

**Hoffman Center**

Refreshments & Light Appetizers Provided



Tami Anastasia, MA

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## 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

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light.

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## POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: MARCH

**For the new martyrs:** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

## PRAYER LAETARE SUNDAY

Dear Lord,  
We've been in this season of Lent for a few weeks now. I want to re-commit myself in this time — renew and strengthen my resolve. Help me to use these last few weeks to grow closer to you. Amen.

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# 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; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto**

For those who have recently died:

**Msgr. John Coleman; Bill Flora; Pat Malysz; Antonio Battencourt; Victoria Miramontez; Richard Hernandez; Peter Kraljev; Linda Graham; Janice Gallagher**

*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.*



*Lenten Layette is now Diaper Drive!*

*New for 2024, we are reimagining Lenten Layette to ensure we are most efficiently meeting some of the greatest gaps for families in need in our community. We appreciate your support of Diaper Drive 2024.*

### DONATIONS REQUESTED

- ♦ Diapers (ages newborn to toddler)
- ♦ Baby Wipes (flip-top packs preferred)
- ♦ Formula (ages newborn to toddler)
- ♦ Handmade items continue to be welcome donations! (baby hats, blankets, bibs)
- ♦ \$25 gift cards (Amazon, Visa, Target, Safeway)

***We will not be accepting other items.***

**Donations accepted Monday, February 12, 2024 - Friday, March 15, 2024.** Drop donations in the baskets in the church entry, or place in yellow bins in front of the parish and school offices

### BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATIONS

- Heritage Home of San Jose
- Hispanic Ministry of Diocese of Monterey
- Sacred Heart Community Services
- Birthright

Interested in learning more or getting involved? Reach out to program lead Dianna McKay at

**408.691.0145 or [diannamckay2013@gmail.com](mailto:diannamckay2013@gmail.com)**



## Stewardship of TREASURE

*Managing God's Gift To Us*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!**

***Our Goal for March is \$72,000.00***

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.

To make an online gift:

[stmarvslg.org/online-giving](http://stmarvslg.org/online-giving)

Please consider setting up a recurring or one-time gift Online. Instructions can be found at

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

### OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1 2023 to Feb 25, 2024
Budget	\$ 518,980.00
Actual	\$ 517,950.00
Difference	<b>- \$ 1,030.00</b>

## Stewardship of TALENT

**March 16 & 17**

5PM Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

9AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

5PM Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble



**March 23 & 24 - PALM SUNDAY**

5PM Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

9AM Sunday: Parish Choir

11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

5PM Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble

### SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) is offering a \$400.00 college scholarship for graduating high school seniors meeting the following requirements: 1) Roman Catholic; 2) child/grandchild of an ICF member; 3) GPA 3.2 or higher.

For more information, please call the ICF office at 1-888-423-1924 or visit their website at

[www.icf.org/scholarships](http://www.icf.org/scholarships)

**Deadline for applications is April 1, 2024.**

## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH - LENT



Join **Steve Milligan**, *Director of Pastoral Planning and Implementation*, on **Wednesday, March 13, from 7 - 8 pm** as he discusses and answers questions about the synodal journey to spiritually renew our diocese. He will share:

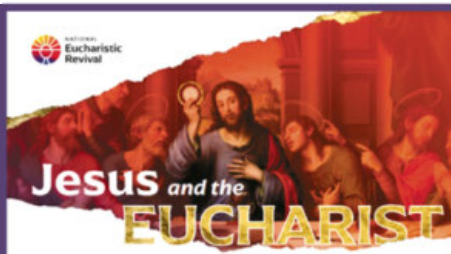
- ◆ How the Diocese of San Jose developed the new pastoral plan, “Renewed in Christ Together in Mission.”
- ◆ An overview of the six priorities and the implementation process.
- ◆ How parishioners can support the plan’s goal of spiritual renewal of our diocese.



**EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**  
**12:00 NOON & 7:00PM IN CHURCH**

**WHEN:**  
Sundays till  
April 21st at  
10:00 AM

**WHERE:**  
Hoffmann Center



### UPCOMING TOPICS

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| 3/17/24 | God is with us - <i>Part 1</i>             |
| 3/24/24 | God is with us - <i>Part 2</i>             |
| 3/31/24 | The Story of the Eucharist - <i>Part 1</i> |
| 4/7/24  | The Story of the Eucharist - <i>Part 2</i> |

L E N T +

*... a good time to come home*

### WHY IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT CALLED LAETARE SUNDAY?

- The name comes from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon for Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" — "Rejoice, O Jerusalem".
- The fourth Sunday marks the half-way point of the Lenten season, even though the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the actual middle day of Lent.
- Signs of joy are allowed on this day, expressing our belief in the hope of the resurrection and to inspire us as we continue our Lenten commitments to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Symbolizing joy, rose-colored Mass vestments may be worn instead of purple, to indicate the contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays of Lent. According to the Roman Missal, instrumental music is permitted and the altar may be decorated with flowers.
- The tradition of using the color rose is thought to come from the tradition of the Golden Rose; at one time popes sent golden roses to Catholic heads of state in Europe on this Sunday.
- The Fourth Sunday of Lent was once called Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, for the miracle of the boy with loaves and fishes in the Gospel of John.
- The Fourth Sunday of Lent was also previously observed as Mothering Sunday, in reference to Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, where the faithful are called "sons and daughters of God". Families visited the church where they were baptized, or made offerings to the cathedral, or mother-church, on this Sunday.

### HOW CAN WE OBSERVE LAETARE SUNDAY IN OUR HOME ?

- ◆ Surprise someone with a rose, or have roses on the dinner table.
- ◆ Plant a rose bush at home or for a friend.
- ◆ Share stories of where family members were baptized; take a drive to "your mother church".
- ◆ Go to Mass at your cathedral.

### Easter Flowers



A nice way to remember or honor someone at Easter and help make our church beautiful, is with a donation to the Easter Altar Flowers. *The donations are used throughout the year to beautify the church.*

There are three ways you may participate:

- ◆ Flower memorial envelopes will be placed around the entrances of the church. These can be returned to the collection baskets or parish office.
- ◆ You may go online <https://bit.ly/48wID0c>
- ◆ You may mail a check to the parish office with a note including the names.


**Please clearly print names.** For memorials to honor a living person, please write "living" after their name. All donations need to be submitted by Monday, March 18 to be listed in the Easter bulletin.





Our third graders wowed us with their president reports while our fifth graders stepped up as secret service agents to keep them safe!





MARCH 8 & 15  
20  
24

## Stations of the Cross

MARCH 8 & 15 | 7 PM

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## AROUND THE DIOCESE



### REFUGEE FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Refugee Foster Care supports unaccompanied refugee minors fleeing persecution and violence. We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home. Join us virtually to learn more!



March 14, 2024  
6:30 PM



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## DIOCESAN LENTEN RESOURCES

[www.dsj.org/lent](http://www.dsj.org/lent)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES SHOWER VAN:** Catholic Charities offers a Shower Van on Thursday afternoons 12:30-4:30 pm at Our Lady of Refuge, which offers showers to the unhoused. If you can volunteer please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CatholicCharVolunteer>.

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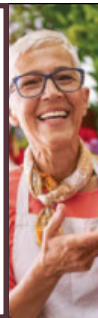


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