



# All are Welcome

## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

April 14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



### SAVE THE DATE

### ST. MARY PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join us.  
Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> in Howley Hall  
After the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses



**Pancake  
Breakfast**



Proceeds & donations benefitting  
Italian Catholic Federation &  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Tickets can be purchased after all Masses on  
April 13th & 14th and April 20th & 21st.



### MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday Vigil:**  
Saturday 5:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:00am, 11:00am  
& 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am and Daily  
Masses are **Live Streamed**  
on our website  
[stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass](http://stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass)

### DAILY MASS

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

**Rosary** - 8:00am

*Live-Stream & in church*

### RECONCILIATION

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

### ADORATION

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

**Thursdays** - 7:00 pm

### PARISH OFFICE

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# QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

## First Reading:

Peter challenges the religious leaders of Jerusalem who put Jesus to death to repent of their sins and be converted. *Have you ever seen someone have a conversion to the Faith?*

## Second Reading:

John tells us that we should turn to Jesus, our Advocate, when we sin and fail to keep his commandments. *Can you think of a time when you sought Jesus in a time of need?*

## Gospel:

The resurrected Jesus taught the disciples how they were witnesses to the Scriptures being fulfilled in his suffering, death, and resurrection and that forgiveness of sins was to be preached in his name. *How might you share your faith this week at home or at work?*

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## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19;

Psalm 4;

1 John 2:1-5a;

Luke 24:35-48

# REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

During this Easter season, in addition to celebrating all that Christ did for us, we are also reminded of how His sacrifice impacts our lives. The knowledge of His sacrifice should not only affect our minds but also our hearts, changing how we live. With that in mind, our readings today call us to reflect on the necessary changes we must make as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading reminds us that we are called to conversion. St. Peter recounts that man put Christ to death as he stated, "You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you." Although many were unaware of what they were doing at that time, many became aware through the preaching of the disciples. St. Peter was calling those individuals to repent and transform their lives.

Through sin, we betray Jesus once again. It is like saying, "crucify Him!" Sometimes we deliberately turn away from Jesus out of pride and selfishness, and other times, we are not even aware of the gravity of our sin. Whether we know our weaknesses or are ignorant to them, let us ask God to reveal the areas of our lives in which we are betraying Him - maybe through addiction, materialism, and how we spend our money or time and putting things above God. And let us ask for the grace to repent and change our ways.

In our Gospel, we are reminded that Jesus should be the central point in our lives. This passage begins with two disciples realizing Jesus had just appeared to them. They had previously spent a day with Him without recognizing His appearance.

We can learn a valuable lesson from these disciples. To recognize Jesus' appearances in our lives, we need to know Him. And the best way to know the Lord is to spend time with Him. It can start with just ten minutes of quiet prayer a day and increasing that time week by week. We might begin by reading Scripture, the lives of the Saints, or even a decade of the Rosary. Yet the goal should be to carve out a specific time or times each day, in a quiet space, for just you and the Lord.

As the disciples mentioned in our Gospel, they recognized it was Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We can also better know the Lord through the sacraments, most especially the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What better way to grow in intimacy with Christ than to receive Him as frequently as possible or to go into the church and talk to Him in front of the Blessed Sacrament?

The end of our Gospel reminds us that we are called to evangelize. The disciples in Jesus' time were witnesses of His life, death, and resurrection. It was their duty to spread it to the ends of the earth. We are also witnesses. We are called to share the goodness and love He pours out on us to all those we meet. Very simply, we are called to be evangelists by the way we live our lives.

As we are still in the midst of this Easter season, let us take some time to think about what Christ did for us and the changes we should make in our daily lives to help us grow closer to Him.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	4/14	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
Mon	4/15	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tues	4/16	Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wed	4/17	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thu	4/18	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Fri	4/19	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 6:52-59
Sat	4/20	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sun	4/21	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> World Day of Prayer for Vocations Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 28-29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	4/15	8:30 am	Fr. Jorge Da Silva S.M. †
Tues	4/16	8:30 am	Michelle McKenzie (healing)
Wed	4/17	8:30 am	Patrick Newman (healing)
Thu	4/18	8:30 am	Keith Farley (healing)
Fri	4/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Sat	4/20	8:30 am	Natalia Cordero Javier †
		5:00 pm	Antonio Cabral Bettencourt †
Sun	4/21	9:00 am	Serge Laplace (special intention)
		11:00 am	Linda Graham †
		5:00 pm	Robert Hapgood Cowden †



## 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

Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us — so reach out. Touch him.

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## POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: APRIL

**For the role of women:** We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

## PRAYER IN TIMES OF DARKNESS

Dear Jesus,  
When I feel troubled, alone, frightened,  
be with me. Be a flicker of flame in this  
darkness. Help me to know you in the  
stark seasons as I do in times of elation.  
You are the light I seek. Amen.

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# 40 HOURS FOR THE LORD

**April 19-21 2024**  
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS**  
Will you spend an hour with Jesus?

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024**  
7PM Trilingual Mass  
8PM-12AM Vietnamese

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024**  
1AM-5AM Spanish  
5AM-7:30AM English  
7:30AM -8:30AM. Silence  
8:30AM Closing Trilingual Mass

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024**  
12AM-5AM Spanish  
5AM -9AM English  
9AM-1PM Vietnamese  
1PM-5PM Spanish  
5PM-9PM English  
9PM-1AM Vietnamese

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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:  
**Doris Sanford; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto**

For those who have recently died:

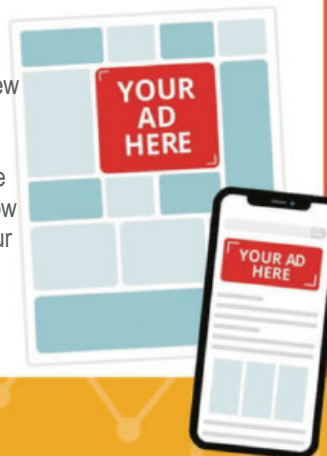
**Cecily Bradley; Romano Buonaccorsi; Rich McCarthy; Msgr. John Coleman; Bill Flora; Pat Malysz; Antonio Battencourt; Victoria Miramontez; Richard Hernandez**

*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.*

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## Stewardship of TALENT

**April 20 & 21**

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



**April 27/28**

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

## Stewardship of TREASURE

*Managing God's Gift To Us*

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

***Our Goal for April is \$70,000.00***

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## OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

Due to early publication deadline, the Offerings and Online Giving report for March 31 (Easter Sunday) will be available next week.

## **2nd OFFERING: April 20 & 21 DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT APPEAL (Good Shepherd Sunday)**

Good Shepherd weekend is an important time when we reach out to you for your generous support for our **Diocesan Priest Retirement Appeal**. The well-being of our retired priests, who have dedicated their lives to serving our community, rests in your hands.

Your gift to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Appeal provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more to these priests who have been good shepherds and have kept their promises to the faithful of the Diocese.

**There are 45 retired priests in the Diocese and 92 others currently serving in our parishes and in other diocesan assignments. In addition, the Diocese has 38 priests reaching retirement age (70 years old) in the next 12 years and 8 in just the next three years.**

Say thank you to our retired and elderly priests who devoted their lives to serving others. Please give to next week's Diocesan Priests Retirement Appeal. Learn more at [www.dsj.org/priests-retirement](http://www.dsj.org/priests-retirement).

Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church & parish office. You can also make your donations online at

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

WISHING YOU  
*Easter Joy*



## FAITH IN ACTION

**APRIL 28, 2024, BLUE SUNDAY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**, Churches of all faiths are asked to join together on this day of prayer to demonstrate support for children and families who have been affected by child abuse.

**Did You Know...** In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the month of April as the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and that tradition continues today.

**Did you know...** Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offence against the human dignity.

The Diocese of San Jose recommends that the USCCB's Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse (*below*) be offered this day throughout the Diocese as a symbol of God's Love and our support for all of those who have been harmed by the trauma of child abuse.

May the Lord shed his Mercy on these vulnerable souls.

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love,  
ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just:  
You gave your only Son  
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering  
the pain of all who have been hurt  
in body, mind, and spirit  
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

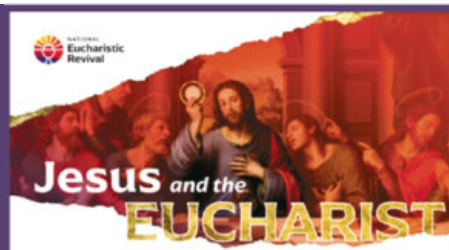
Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters  
who have been gravely harmed,  
and the cries of those who love them.  
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,  
steady their shaken spirits with faith.  
Grant them justice for their cause,  
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform brokenness into wholeness.  
Grant us the courage and wisdom,  
humility and grace, to act with justice.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.  
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



**WHEN:**  
Sundays till  
April 28<sup>th</sup> at  
10:00 AM

**WHERE:**  
Hoffmann Center

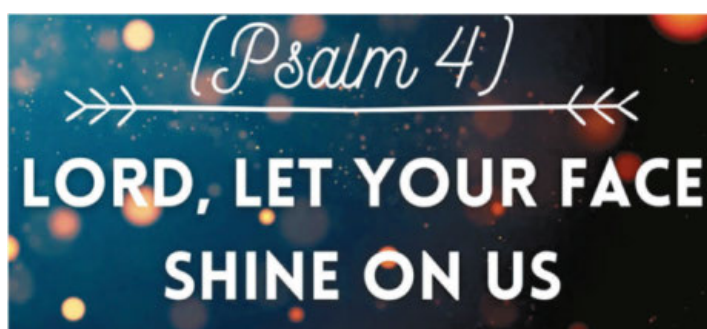


### UPCOMING TOPICS

4/14/24 The Story of the Eucharist - *Part 2*

4/21/24 Bread for the Journey - *Part 1*

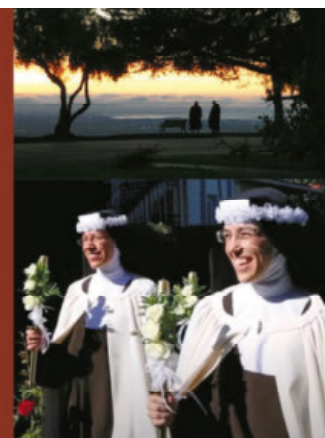
4/28/24 Bread for the Journey - *Part 2*



### Young Adult mini Retreat with the Carmelites

Spring 2024 Silent Retreat led by  
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- Father Matthias, OCD
- Sister Teresa Margaret, OCD
- Father Thomas, OCD
- Sister Juana Teresa, OCD



April 20th, Saturday  
9:30am - 4:30pm

Mount St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery  
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RSVP & Retreat Info at  
[tinyurl.com/mini-ya-carmelite-retreat](http://tinyurl.com/mini-ya-carmelite-retreat)  
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### APPLE EDUCATION TEAM ONSITE!

Students were introduced to a Pop Art project during Apple's visit. The students used their own iPads, used Apple Pencils or Logitech Crayons to start creating. Check out below how our students light up as they learned that EVERYONE can create. They were able to unleash their creativity with their iPads, it was truly priceless!



## AROUND THE DIOCESE



San Jose Cursillo

### MEN'S & WOMEN'S UPCOMING CURSILLO RETREATS:

The Diocese of San Jose has two upcoming Cursillo retreat's that will be held at St. Clare's Retreat Center in Soquel, CA. Cursillo is a Catholic based short course in Christianity. **April 18-21: Spring 2024 Men's Weekend & May 2-5, 2024: Spring 2024 Women's Weekend.** Come and enjoy beautiful scenery, music, daily Mass, reflections, prayers and speakers discussing how theology reflects in your everyday life. For information and online application please visit [sanjosecursillo.org/cursillo-weekend/make-my-weekend](https://sanjosecursillo.org/cursillo-weekend/make-my-weekend).

**MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY TRAINING:** Learn skills to serve as a Parish-Based Mental Health Minister. Join Listen with the Ears of the Heart, cohort 9! Session dates: Mondays Apr 8-Apr 29 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm via Zoom. If you are interested in this first step in exploring Mental Health Ministry, contact Barbara Zahner at [barbarazahner1.mac.com](mailto:barbarazahner1.mac.com). Limited space available.

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June 1, 2024

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