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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

April 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Easter

I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine
and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I will lay down
my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15



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

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

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9:00am - 3:00pm

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SAVE THE DATE

ST. MARY PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join us.

Sunday, April 28th 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 20th & 21st.**

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Peter bore witness to the Sanhedrin that it was the crucified and risen Jesus who healed the crippled man and through whom we are saved. *Have you ever told someone else about your faith in Jesus?*

Second Reading:

John tells us that as believers we are destined one day to be like the resurrected and glorified Jesus. *How do you think we can best prepare for such a future?*

Gospel:

As the "Good Shepherd," Jesus speaks of the power given to him by the Father to lay down his life for his sheep. *What could you do this week for the benefit of another?*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:8-12;

Psalm 118;

1 John 3:1-2;

John 10:11-18

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. In Jesus' time, a shepherd was someone who protected and guided his sheep. Jesus does this for us and so much more. He is the Shepherd that lays down His life for His sheep. This message calls us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, "A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep... I am the good shepherd... and I will lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent does not receive payment for nurturing and guiding their child. They constantly give without much in return. And if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for the baby that is their own.

We are Christ's, even more than a child is to a parent. He created us, brought us forth into the world, and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary so that we might be saved. He is our Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray. Whether we accept His care, protection, and guidance or not, He is our Good Shepherd.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray or try to test their boundaries, we also stray from God, test our limits and even follow false shepherds. Let us look inward and examine our hearts for the times we might have stopped faithfully praying or coming to Mass each week or let money, status, or anything else rule our lives.

Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don't even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

As Peter states in our first reading, "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." Jesus is our true Shepherd. There is no other way to happiness or salvation than to remain in His flock. At times it will be challenging to do so. Complacency and sin are enticing, yet every moment we choose Him or return to Him, we will experience peace and freedom that no false independence will suffice. It is through dependence on our Shepherd that we will become liberated.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, 'who is my Shepherd?' and 'have I gone astray?' Name the areas in your life that you have neglected and ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again. Remember that we are His and He is ready for us to come home, as He says, "I know mine, and mine know me."

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Alleluia!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	4/21	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 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
Mon	4/22	Earth Day Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
Tues	4/23	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wed	4/24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thu	4/25	ST. MARK, EVANGELIST 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Fri	4/26	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6
Sat	4/27	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sun	4/28	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	4/22	8:30 am	Benito De La Riva †
Tues	4/23	8:30 am	Tom Franceschi †
Wed	4/24	8:30 am	Rita Lukowski †
Thu	4/25	8:30 am	Shawn Cummings †
Fri	4/26	8:30 am	Missy Giorgi Brenner (birthday)
Sat	4/27	8:30 am	Vincent Nievares †
		5:00 pm	Marilyn Petrisson †
Sun	4/28	9:00 am	Arnold Bruni †
		11:00 am	Georgette Toso †
		5:00 pm	Kathy Hendig †

ENLIGHTEN & ENGAGE: ST. MARY PARISH COMPLIMENTARY SEMINAR SERIES

Is it Downsizing or Upgrading?
It's all about perspective.

Uncover the distinctions between Independent
Living, Assisted Living, and Long-Term Care
Communities

Featuring Speaker: Dedra Jize

Dedra Jize is a Certified Senior Advisor and Geriatric Care Manager at Litherland, Kennedy & Associates, APC, Attorneys at Law. She works to help seniors and their families with Medicare issues, and Medi-Cal applications and representations. Dedra provides psycho-social assessments of health care needs, develops individualized plans for care, evaluates the specific needs of seniors, and makes recommendations when applicable for home care services, independent living communities, assisted living facilities, and nursing facilities. Her goal is to advocate on behalf of the senior, and to enhance the quality of life of both the older adult and his or her family.



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Thursday, April 25th
Hofmann Center

TIME
10:00am—11:30am



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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

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

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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 OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Dear Jesus,
You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go. 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:

Reed Kappen; Doris Sanford; Cecily Bradley; Romano Buonaccorsi; Rich McCarthy; Msgr. John Coleman; Bill Flora; Pat Malysz; Antonio Battencourt

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 TALENT

April 27/28

5PM Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

9AM Sunday: Parish Choir

11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

5PM Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble

May 4 & 5

5PM Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

9AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

5PM Sunday: Parish Choir



2nd OFFERING: April 27 & 28 CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

On the weekend of April 27-28, Catholics from dioceses across the United States are invited to empower ministry within home mission territory by giving to the U.S. bishops' annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

This collection supports dioceses and eparchies in the United States and its territories where Catholics are too few or too materially impoverished to support local ministry without outside help. In some cases, this need becomes even greater due to natural disasters or economic hardships caused by unemployment.

Gifts to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal provided more than \$9.8 million in grants for 2023. These grants supported dioceses with limited staffing by subsidizing vocations work, seminary education, faith formation, evangelization, youth and young adult ministry, family and pro-life ministries and a wide variety of outreach among diverse ethnic or immigrant groups. For more info, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for April is \$70,000.00

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:

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

stmaryslg.org/getting-started-with-online-giving

OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1 2023 to Mar. 31, 2024
Budget	\$ 599,680.00
Actual	\$ 609,287.00
Difference	+ \$ 9,607.00

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.

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

stmaryslg.org/online-giving



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.

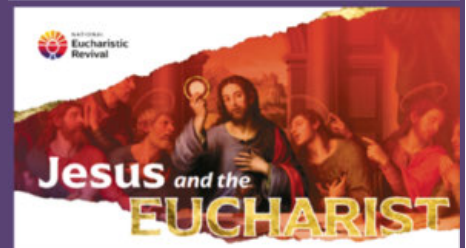
Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

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 28th at
10:00 AM

WHERE:
Hoffmann Center



UPCOMING TOPICS

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

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





APRIL 26TH

ST. MARY PARISH & SCHOOL CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHING SOON!

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Scan the QR code or type the link in your browser to learn more about the campaign and read testimonials from the committee members.



Visit smslg.org/generosityforgenerations/ for more information.



DIAPER DRIVE SUCCESS!

During this Lenten season, our students embraced the spirit of giving back to their community. Through our Diaper Drive, supporting organizations like Hispanic Ministry of Diocese of Monterey, Sacred Heart Community Services, Heritage Home of San Jose, and Birthright. The students not only helped sort donations but also learned the stories behind each contribution. Witnessing the impact of their actions, they're inspired to continue serving and supporting those around them!

Thank you Dianna McKay for coordinating this event and all the parents who volunteered their time to help out!



AROUND THE DIOCESE



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. **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.

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. Limited space available.

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DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT



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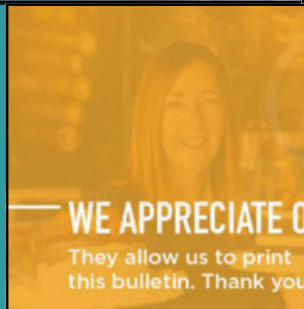
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