

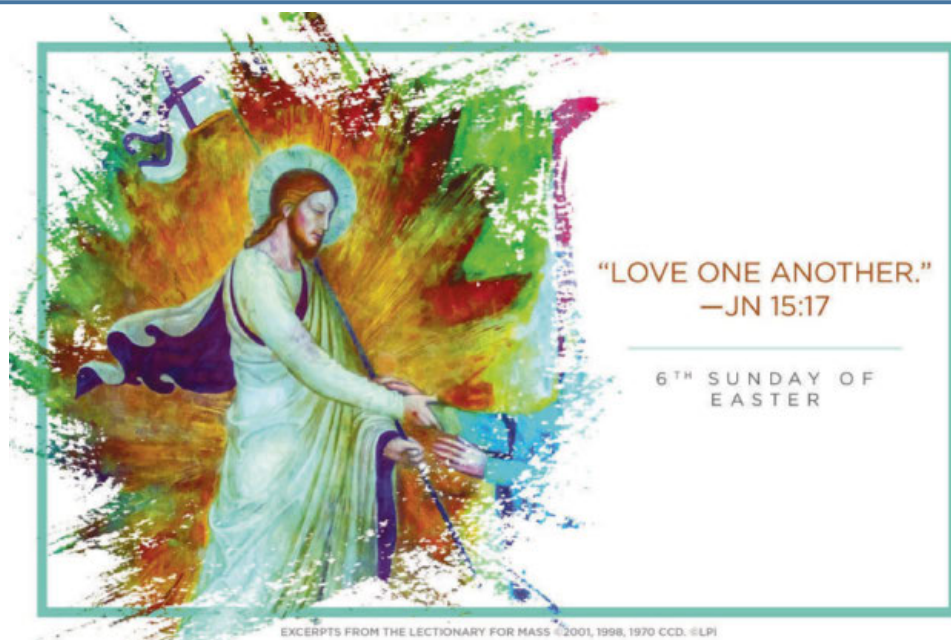


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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

May 5, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



A Note From Fr. Greg About His Retirement

Dear St. Mary Parishioners:

For medical reasons, Bishop Cantú has given me permission to **retire**, effective July 1, 2024.

I am grateful for the opportunity to witness your prayerfulness, your community spirit, and your inspiring dedication to living out the social justice teachings of the Church, especially in regard to service to the poor. I am grateful, too, for the kindness and support that I have received from so many parishioners over the years. I am especially thankful for the wonderful staff people with whom I have had the privilege of sharing the work of ministry.

My retirement will simultaneously bring a new pastor to St. Mary. I know that another change of pastor will be cause for concern, even anxiety, as people wonder what he will be like and what other changes may be in store for them. I am happy to let you know that Bishop Cantú has appointed **Father Angelo David** to be St. Mary's next pastor. Fr. Angelo, currently the pastor of St. Julie Billiart Parish in San José, is a fine young priest who will surely be a welcome addition to the St. Mary community.

As for me, I will not be going far. I will continue to serve the people of our diocese as a retired priest. You may even see me at this altar, helping out with Masses when a substitute presider is needed.

During this time of transition, let us pray for one another, for Fr. Angelo, and for this beautiful parish. May our Blessed Mother, Immaculate Mary, who has given her maternal care to this parish for 112 years, continue to pray with us!

Fr. Greg

The full list of appointments is available on the DSJ website at <https://bit.ly/44foD1s>
Let us pray for all our priests with new assignments, for the current community that they are serving, and the new community that they have been assigned to.



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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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

The Jewish believers who accompanied Peter to the house of Cornelius were “astonished” that Gentiles who had faith in Jesus also received the gift of the Holy Spirit. ***Have you ever been surprised by what God has done in your life?***

Second Reading:

John teaches us that the essence of God is love and we are called to love one another. ***Who might you work on loving this week?***

Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples that loving him and loving each other brings “complete joy.” ***What brings you joy in your life?***

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TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;

Psalm 98;

1 John 4:7-10;

John 15:9-17

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Our readings today call us to love as Christ loves. This request from our Lord is no small endeavor. It is something we must work at every day in every moment. When we put it at the forefront of our minds and hearts, and strive to live it out each day, it will transform our lives and impact others, too.

As St. John tells us in our Second Reading, it is “not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.” Recall that God loved us first, not because of what we do for Him, but because He created us out of love. His love for us is pure and radical.

In our Gospel, Jesus says, “Love one another as I have loved you.” The ways Jesus has loved us and continues to love us are endless.

Jesus has loved us by dying for our salvation; by giving His entire Self to us in the Eucharist; by sending forth His Spirit to be with us always; He loves us through the sacraments, pouring out His never-ending grace and mercy; He loves us as we are, despite any faults and shortcomings; He loves us through the many blessings He bestows on us and even the trials we endure. His love for us is deeply personal, boundless, and always selfless and sacrificial.

We are called to imitate this love. And He tells us the greatest way to do this when He said, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

It is difficult to live that out in our humanity. Yet, it is made much easier when we faithfully love Christ. The fact of the matter is, as our love for Christ increases, so too does our capacity to love others.

There are countless times throughout each day when we can do just that — giving up time each morning that we spend listening to the news and instead spending it in prayer; waking up Saturday morning to attend daily Mass instead of sleeping in; talking to God in the car on the way to work; regularly going to confession. These are simple ways to express our love for the Lord by laying down our lives for Him.

The more we find ways to love the Lord, the more we will find it easier to lay down our lives for others — for instance, by responding to your spouse with kind words in their moment of weakness, anger or frustration; driving your kids to another event or activity after you have been in the car all day; saying prayers for the slow person on the road instead of mentally attacking them.

These are the small ways that we can emulate Christ, put aside our selfishness and serve others.

Christ’s command to “love one another as I have loved you” may seem daunting. Yet, Christ would never ask something of us that we cannot live out. All we need to do is take baby steps.

Look at each moment and think, “How can I better love Jesus right now?” or “How can I lay down my life in this moment?” for it is in loving Christ that we will better love others, and it is in loving others that we love Christ Himself.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	5/5	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17
Mon	5/6	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tues	5/7	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wed	5/8	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thu	5/9	Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Fri	5/10	St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23a
Sat	5/11	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sun	5/12	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD World Communications Day; Mother's Day Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	5/6	8:30 am	Benito De La Riva †
Tues	5/7	8:30 am	Benny and Minhlán De La Riva (<i>special intention</i>)
Wed	5/8	8:30 am	Maria De La Riva †
Thu	5/9	8:30 am	Teresa Betancourt †
Fri	5/10	8:30 am	Peter Chi Nguyen †
Sat	5/11	8:30 am	Jon Paul De La Riva (<i>healing</i>)
		5:00 pm	Donna Hailey †
Sun	5/12	9:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory †
		11:00 am	Gloria Palmisano (<i>special intention</i>)
		5:00 pm	Robert Hapgood Cowden †

ENLIGHTEN & ENGAGE: ST. MARY PARISH COMPLIMENTARY SEMINAR SERIES

Welcome to Life's Next Chapter: Downsizing Decisions for Silicon Valley Seniors and Their Families - 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.

Tami Anastasia, MA, returns this month to discuss how Dementia profoundly affects communication. Learn the communication pitfalls to avoid, and how to implement the CALM dementia communication approach.



Tami Anastasia, MA
Alzheimer's & Dementia
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**Topic: Dementia Friendly
Communication Tips**
Date: Friday, May 17th
Time: 10:00 - 11:30am
Hofmann Center



Please RSVP using the QR Code.



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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

Christ's love for us is radical — it changed the whole world. It will not be easy to love as Christ loved, but this is the mission for which we have been chosen by God. So let us love one another. Let us change the world.

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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: MAY

For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

PRAYER OF LOVE

God the Father, You created me in love.
Jesus, your love for me compelled you
to come to earth to die for me.
Holy Spirit, love between God and
Jesus, now you surround me with the
love of the Father and the Son.
Help me to live out this reality, today
and always. 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:

Mary Andrusky; Reed Kappen; Margaret Castellese; Patricia Malysz; Doris Sanford; Cecily Bradley; Romano Buonaccorsi; Rich McCarthy; Msgr. John Coleman

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



May 11 & 12

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

May 18 & 19

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Stewardship of Treasure:

- Church HVAC Project - Project cost est.: \$160,000.

Stewardship of Talent:

- Liturgy - Ushers, Art & Environment



St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary!

We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Parish Office Conference Room.

Visit us at the parish website at

stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Sign up to receive our newsletter at

<https://forms.gle/BpUjPwTBkCJZ2bTKA>

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Sue Ahmadian at sue.ahmadian@gmail.com

Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for May is \$75,000.00

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.

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 Apr. 21, 2024
Budget	\$ 650,380.00
Actual	\$ 653,746.00
Difference	+ \$ 3,596.00

2nd OFFERING: May 4 & 5 SCHOOL SUPPORT

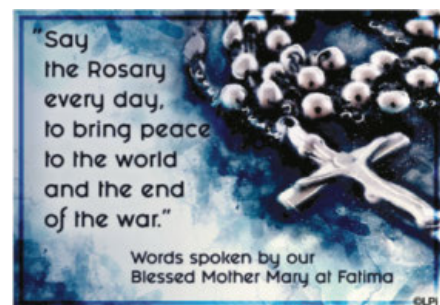
Thank you for remembering St. Mary School for the monthly Sunday Second Collection. These funds have a direct impact on our school's operating budget and helps support students and families in need of financial assistance.

2nd OFFERING: May 11 & 12 CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the [INSERT DIOCESE NAME] to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

To Make an Online Gift for either of these two offerings, please visit :

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

PASCHAL GREETING

In Various Languages

English – Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Latin – Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere!

Greek – Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! (Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!)

Vietnamese – Chúa Kitô đã sống lại! Ngài đã Ngài đã sống lại thật rồi!

Spanish – ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!

Filipino – Si Kristo ay nabuhay! Totoo! Siya nga ay nabuhay!

Polish – Chrystus zmartwychwsta! Prawdziwie zmartwychwsta!

Croatian – Krist uskrsnu! Uistinu uskrsnu!

Ukrainian – Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес! (Khrystos voskres! Voistynu voskres!)

Danish – Kristus er opstanden! Sandelig Han er Opstanden!

German – Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!

French – Le Christ est ressuscité! En vérité il est ressuscité!

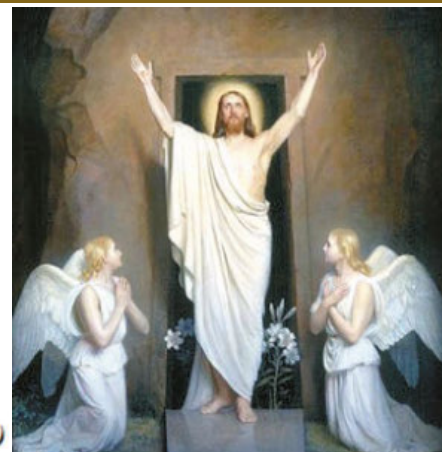
Italian – Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!

Portuguese – Cristo ressuscitou! Em verdade ressuscitou!

Hawaiian – Ua ala a’e nei ‘o Kristo! Ua ala ‘i’o nō ‘o Ia!

Indonesian – Kristus telah bangkit! Dia benar-benar telah bangkit!

Mandarin – 基督復活了 他確實復活了



June 1, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Registrations will be required and will be opened on May 1. Due to early submission of this bulletin for print, the link for registration will be in our e-bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP AND OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The practice of *renewing* baptismal promises at Easter is essential for those who take the stewardship of their faith seriously. It focuses the steward's attention on answering Christ's call to follow after him, proclaiming his Gospel in word and deed, putting the Eucharist into action, building up the communion of faith, and sharing Christ's peace with a broken world.

Renewing our baptismal promises and the baptismal focus of holy water is most compelling at the Easter Vigil where the sprinkling is directly connected to the renewal

of promises. The use of holy water compels us to reflect on our baptism, calls us back to our central identity as Catholic Christians, and strengthens us anew "as servants of Christ and **stewards** of the mysteries of God" (1 Cor. 4:10).

The baptismal water of Easter performs a twofold purpose. It baptizes the catechumens and it refreshes our covenant with God in Christ through the renewal of our baptismal promises. It "seals" our resolve to follow Jesus more closely.

Many who say they are Catholic desire to live their lives as if Jesus was still in the tomb. But he is not. Christ has risen and is present among us, calling us each day to follow after him and radiate his example onto the world. Living our baptismal promises inspires us to be good stewards of God's plan as individuals and as a Eucharistic community in the 21st century.



The baptismal focus of holy water is most compelling at the Easter Vigil where the sprinkling is directly connected to the renewal of promises.





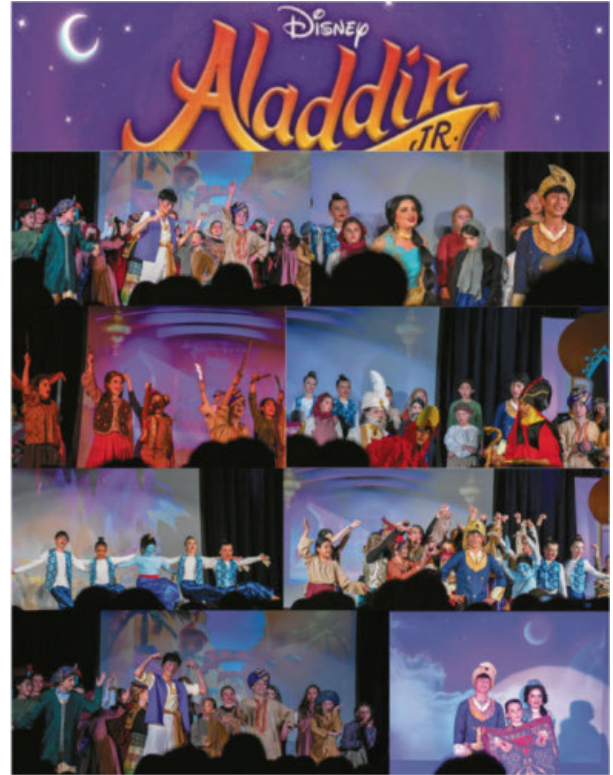
2ND GRADE VISITED THE MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM

The 2nd grade class embarked on a field trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Students were able to enjoy their world-class exhibits and breathtaking scenery.



SPRING MUSICAL, ALADDIN JR.!

St. Mary & Sacred Heart School students showed true dedication and talent in this year's spring musical, Aladdin Jr.! They didn't just bring characters to life, they brought pure magic to the stage!



AROUND THE DIOCESE



Walk in the footsteps of St Junipero Serra along the beautiful California Coast and be forever transformed through a unique encounter with God, others, and self! The Camino will go from Mission Santa Clara to the tomb of St Junipero Serra at Mission Carmel for the celebration of his feast day.

The Camino consists almost entirely of pedestrian trails through redwood forests and along the Pacific Coast, with the exception of a couple small roads. It includes Los Gatos Creek Trail, Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, Monterey Bay Beaches, and the Monterey Peninsula Trail.

Camino Serra is not for the faint of heart! We will be backpacking the entire way and sleeping on parish hall floors. For those who prefer, you may find your own accommodations. For more info, to register and for hotel suggestions for each night visit <https://www.caminoserra.com/>

Registration for DYR for incoming 9th graders thru graduating 12th graders is open!

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