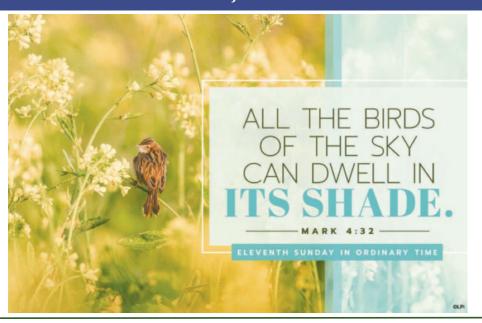
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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ that gathers together to celebrate the mysteries of God's love. We support and strengthen one another in our commitment to the Catholic faith. We serve those in need and share with all the Good News of God's unconditional love.



BLESSED & HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS



Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
Amen.

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth, officially Juneteenth National Independence Day, a federal holiday to commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States. We're back on June 20th.



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:

During their captivity and exile in Babylon, God assured the Israelites He would restore them into a mighty majestic cedar tree. *How do you find comfort in times of despair?*

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Corinthians to aspire to please the Lord, no matter your present circumstances. *What*

could you do this week at home or at work to please the Lord?

Gospel

We hear how Jesus often spoke in parables about the kingdom of God, stretching people's thinking and imaginations. Where do you see the kingdom of God at work?

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TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 17:22-24;

Psalm 92;

2 Corinthians 5:6-10;

Mark 4:26-34

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

As we enter back into Ordinary Time, our readings today remind us that heaven is our true home and that we cannot make it there without God's assistance.

In our First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel foretells the coming of the Kingdom of God. We can see that Jesus is the cedar that will become refuge for all people. He will humble the proud, lift up the lowly and produce good fruit in the weakened. It is God who does the wondrous works.

We often go through life wanting to be in control. We try to solve all our problems, as we think, "I can do it myself." We cling to our own ideas by putting certain events, future plans or even day-to-day moments into a perfect little box, "This is the way I want it." We can even push back in moments of suffering by trying to find every possible way to get out of it. We are "in control."

What if we opened our clenched hands to God and said, "Thy will be done"? Imagine what life would be like if we surrendered a little more. It is easier said than done — but, oh, how freeing it would be.

What if we opened our clenched hands to God and said, "Thy will be done"? What if we allowed God to be our problem solver or trusted in His plans for our lives? What if, instead of pushing away suffering, we actually resided in it with Christ Himself?

We would become free from attachment and more blessed than we could ever imagine.

Our Second Reading reminds us that we are not at home in this life, but in the next, as St. Paul says, "We would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord." This message is easy to say, but difficult to believe with our whole heart. We might look at our lives and think, "I like my home, I love my family and friends, and I enjoy the little comforts in my life. I don't want to give that up."

Eternal life will surpass anything we could ever imagine and hope for. It will fulfill our deepest desires and aching hearts, and we will be filled with lasting peace and pure joy. If we only knew how incredible our heaven is, then we would give God everything to get there. But as St. Paul reminds us, it is not something we can see — "We walk by faith, not by sight." We are called to have eyes of faith and hearts of trust. Pray for the grace to have overwhelming faith.

In our Gospel, Jesus expresses two parables about the Kingdom of God. The first mentions a man scattering seed on the land. As time passes, the seed sprouts and grows — yet, the man does not know how it happened.

This parable reminds us of our call to scatter seeds of faith to others. Over time, God will work with those seeds and produce fruit. It is not our doing, but God's doing. We need Him to produce the effects — all we can do is be good stewards of the knowledge and love for our faith. We must ask ourselves, what are the ways I am scattering seeds of faith to others?

As Christian disciples, we hope to reside in the branches of heaven, along with our family and friends. We cannot do this on our own. As our other readings mention, it is through the total surrender, complete faith and actively living out our faith as a witness to Christ that we can hope in eternal life.

As we settle into Ordinary Time, let us not become complacent, but keep our hearts and minds fixed on the Kingdom of God.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK				
Sun	6/16	11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; Father's Day Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34		
Mon	6/17	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3b, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42		
Tues	6/18	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48		
Wed	6/19	St. Romuald, Abbot; Juneteenth Day 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20-21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18		
Thu	6/20	World Refugee Day; First Day of Summer; Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15		
Fri	6/21	St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23		
Sat	6/22	St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34		
Sun	6/23	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41		



God of creation, as we marvel at the beauty of your world this summer, guide our steps and open our hearts to your love. Amen.

Mass Intentions				
Mon	6/17	8:30 am	Danielle Cuccias (special intention)	
Tues	6/18	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †	
Wed	6/19	8:30 am	Steven Wilson †	
Thu	6/20	8:30 am	Daniel Field †	
Fri	6/21	8:30 am	Ethel and Nicholas Baxter †	
Sat	6/22	8:30 am	Barbara Baxter †	
Sat 0/22		5:00 pm	The Gurza Family †	
Sun	6/23	9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †	
		11:00 am	Mary Quilici Aumack (special intention)	
		5:00 pm	Ralph J Torrisi & Mary Torrisi (anniversary) †	

SUMMER GRIEF DISCUSSION GROUP BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JULY 10TH

Wednesday - July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, August 7th, 14th 1:00pm - 2:30pm

> Sacred Heart Church Parish Center, 13716 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga 95070

Open to all who have lost a loved one.

RSVP: Nancy Crowley, T: 408-209-6118 **OR** Carolyn Orasin, 408-867-3634, **c.orasin@sacredheartsaratoga.org**

Faith-based materials are provided. There are no fees. All are welcome. Include your name, phone number, and email so we can confirm your attendance.

"...You will grieve, but your grief will become joy."

(John 16:20)



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

Faith can start small, Jesus tells us—
as small as the tiniest seed on earth.
But it's up to us to surround that seed
with good, nutritious soil, to nourish
it with sunlight and water, and to
tend to it lovingly so that it will
grow.

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Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention: June

For migrants fleeing their homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S INCREASE

Work here! Bring growth and increase to the work we are doing in Your name.

Bless us as we follow where You invite, and work where You direct.

Amen.

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FAITH IN ACTION



Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto

For those who have recently died:

Deloise Ann Jordan; Suzzane Klein Lewis; Mary Andrusky; Reed Kappen; Margaret Castellese; Patricia Malysz; Doris Sanford; Cecily Bradley

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



Parish choirs are on summer break from June - September. Cantors and small ensembles usually sing during the summer months.

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

stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

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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



Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the July Marriage Program beginning with a weekend on July 19-21, 2024 call 408-605-4998, email us: SanJose@RetroCA.com or visit the website at

www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE! Our Goal for June is \$75,000.00

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Actual	\$ 717,837.00
Difference	- \$ 25,243.00

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Did you know church staff and volunteers spend approximately 8-9 hours processing checks and cash contributions every week, but it only takes less than an hour to upload your online gift contributions? ParishSOFT Giving is secure and easy for you to use. *Help us save a* little extra time this summer by switching from giving via envelope to giving online. It takes much less time for us to process online gifts. Instructions can be found at

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2nd OFFERING: June 15 & 16 **ECUADOR**

St. Mary community celebrates its 15th year in partnership with the Center for Working Families- C4WF and Damien House in Ecuador. The C4WF, (previously known as the Working Boys Center-WBC) has been serving poor families in Quito since 1964.

Damien House is a residential hospital located in Guayaquil that provides care to those affected by Hansen's Disease (Leprosy).

All monies donated will be used to further the mission of the Center for Working Families and Damien House. Checks should be made out to St. Mary Parish with Ecuador 2nd Collection in the memo line. Or online at

giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/stmaryslg

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



Pope Francis on the Holy Mass

PART II THINK 'BEING GOOD' IS ENOUGH? IT'S NOT. GO TO MASS



According to Pope Francis, a Christian can't just be a good person and skip Mass on Sundays, because it is the Eucharist that provides the nourishment needed to truly live the Gospel well in our daily lives. "How can we respond to those who say that there is no need to go to Mass, not even on Sundays, because what is important is to live well, to love our neighbors?" the Pope said. "It is true that the quality of the Christian life is measured by the capacity to love," Jesus says in the Gospels, he said. "But how can we practice the Gospel without drawing the necessary strength to do it. one Sunday after another, from the inexhaustible spring of the Eucharist?" Pope Francis spoke during his Wednesday general audience, during which he continued his weekly catechesis on the Mass and Eucharist, focusing on the reasons why we must go to Mass every Sunday, besides the fact that it is a law of the Church, which he said is important, but "not enough alone." Instead we must go deeper: "We Christians need to participate in Sunday Mass because only with the grace of Jesus, with his living presence in us and among us, can we put into practice his commandment, and thus be his credible witnesses," he said. The Eucharist and Mass, he said, are where we find our strength for daily life. Without it, Christians "are condemned to be dominated by the fatigue of everyday life." Often consumed by worries and fears, this weekly meeting is where Christ gives us the strength to live each day with courage and with hope. He explained how participating in the Eucharistic communion with Jesus here on earth helps us to anticipate heaven, where it will be "Sunday without sunset": no more tears, grief, or pain, but only "the joy of living fully and forever with the Lord." At Sunday Mass we rest from the busyness and work of the week, which teaches us to place our trust in the Father, not in earthly things. the Pope said. In this same way, abstaining from unnecessary labor on

Sundays helps us to live out our identity as sons and daughters of God, and not slaves. The Pope also noted an important distinction about Mass, which is that Christians do not go in order to give something to God, "but to receive from Him what we really need." This teaching is evoked in a prayer from the Roman Missal, which addresses God, saying: "You do not need our praise, but for a gift of your love you call us to give you thanks; our hymns of blessing do not increase your greatness, but they obtain for us the grace that saves us, Francis said. Pope Francis then noted there are some Christian communities which are not able to celebrate Mass every Sunday, but they are still called to gather together in prayer, to listen to the Word of God, and to nurture their desire for the Eucharist. Alternatively, there are many secularized societies which have entirely lost the Christian sense of an "illuminated Sunday," he said. In this case we must help revive and recover the meaning of the day, he said, which should be celebrated with joy, with community, and with solidarity; as a day of rest "that restores the soul and the body."

Part III: Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharistic Liturgy

Today I would like to enter the vibrant heart of the Eucharistic celebration. The Mass is composed of two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharistic Liturgy. They are so closely connected to each other that they form one single act of worship (cf. Sacrosanctum Concilium, n. 56; General Instructions of the Roman Missal, n. 28). The celebration, introduced by several preparatory rites and concluded by others, thus forms a single body and cannot be separated, but for clarification I will try to explain its various moments, each of which is capable of touching and engaging a dimension of our humanity. One must know these holy signs in order to experience the Mass fully and to enjoy all of its beauty. Once

the people are gathered, the celebration opens with the Introductory Rites, including the Entrance of the celebrants or the celebrant, the Greeting — "The Lord be with you" or "Peace be with you" —, the Act of Penitence — "I confess", with which we ask forgiveness for our sins —, the Kyrie Eleison, the Gloria Hymn and the Collect Prayer: it is called the "collect prayer", not because the collection of offerings takes place then: it is the Collect of the prayer intentions of all peoples; and that Collect of the peoples' intention rises to heaven as a prayer. Their purpose that of these Introductory Rites — is "to ensure that the faithful who come together as one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily" (General Instructions of the Roman Missal, n. 46). It is not a good habit to look at your watch and say: "I am on time; I arrive after the sermon and this way I fulfil the precept". Mass begins with the sign of the Cross, with these Introductory Rites. because there we begin to adore God as a community. And for this reason it is important to make sure you do not arrive late, but rather early, in order to prepare the heart for this rite, for this community celebration.

This article continues next week.

Pope Francis

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to run articles on CATECHESIS ON THE MASS FROM POPE FRANCIS.





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Quo Vadis: Calling all young Catholic men (ages 13-17) who is seeking to deepen their faith and see what God's call in their lives, **June 28-29**. The Quo Vadis overnight retreat offer guidance and time in prayer, as well as classic camp activities like sports, hiking and great food. You will have the chance to meet and hang out with priests, college men and diocesan seminarians, who serve as group leaders and help run the retreat. To register or for more info:

dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/retreats/quo-vadis/

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Online via Zoom



CONTACT INFO: Janice Thornburg jthornburg@scu.edu (408) 554-4322

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