June 23, 2024

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR MISSION

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.



Thank You

Words are not enough to thank you, the St. Mary community, for the wonderful send-off last Saturday. The famous and inspiring generosity and hospitality of St. Mary was on full display and made me so proud to be pastor here as I greeted family members, friends, and parishioners from former parishes. Special thanks to Sharon, our business manager, for her work in organizing the party, and all the volunteers who gave of their time and energy to make everyone feel at home. I also want to express again my gratitude to Perci, our music director, and all who shared their gifts at Mass for ensuring that my retirement celebration began with a memorably beautiful eucharist. People of St. Mary, your kindness and support are tremendous blessings as I enter this new phase of my life!

Please take a moment to <u>sign an online card to Fr. Greg</u> to wish him well as he retires on July 1, 2024 and to thank for his years in ministry as a priest, dean (Deanery 5) and pastor in the Diocese of San Jose. You may also deliver a card or gift for him to the Parish Office, 219 Bean Ave., Los Gatos, CA 95030.



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

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm 408-354-3726 Email:

parish.office.@stmaryslg.org Web: stmaryslg.org

If it is an **EMERGENCY** and you need to reach a priest call **669-219-9465**.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

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OUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

God challenges Job not to question His power over creation. *Have you ever challenged or questioned God in prayer?*

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of believers in Christ as a "new

creation." In what ways do you sense something new in your life as a Christian?

Gospel:

The disciples feared for their lives while caught in a violent storm until Jesus calmed the wind and the sea. When has your faith in Jesus helped calm your fears?

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TODAY'S READINGS

Job 38:1, 8-11;

Psalm 107;

2 Corinthians 5:14-17;

Mark 4:35-41

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Our readings today remind us that God always has our best interests in mind. No matter what is going on in our lives, God is with us.

Our First Reading is from the end of the book of Job. The book of Job is an incredible story of God allowing trial and suffering to occur in Job's life. The devil thinks that the only reason Job is faithful to God is because the Lord has blessed him with wealth, family, etc. God knows that Job is a faithful man and will not turn away from Him despite hardships. So, the Lord allows destruction in Job's life.

Let's think for a moment what it was like to be Job. He lost all that he had, including his children. He must have felt completely alone and confused as to why all of this happened to him.

During his trials, Job laments and wallows, but never completely loses faith in God. Our First Reading finds us at the end of his trials. After questioning God, the Lord responds to Job, "Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb... When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but not farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!"

Finally, the Lord responded to his questioning heart. God essentially responds by reminding Job to have faith in His power.

It is the Lord who has the power to create, power to allow suffering, and the power to calm the storms of life. It is in this response that we are reminded God is in control and God is always with us. He sees us in every moment, whether we are rejoicing or suffering.

This is re-echoed in our Gospel today. Jesus and His disciples are traveling in a boat when heavy winds and violent waves begin to overwhelm the boat. Jesus was there sleeping in the boat in the midst of this horrific storm.

The disciples woke Jesus and questioned Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus calms the wind and the waves, and then asks them in return, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" Think back to a time that you endured great suffering, a hard trial or felt overwhelmed with life. How did you respond?

In moments of trial, we often live our days in a panic. We see the water coming into our boat and we do all that we can in our power to stay afloat. We are frantic, so we fail to stop and recognize that our Savior is in the same boat with us. Although it might feel like He is sleeping and His presence is lacking, He is right there suffering with us.

Our First Reading and Gospel remind us that God won't allow anything that we cannot handle. He sees the whole picture. We can only see the right now. And in a moment of suffering, we might feel trapped. Yet, God sees the way out. He sees the moment of peace and still waters.

Therefore, during our trials, cling to Jesus. Know that there is an end, and whether we see the end in this life or the next, God allows it all for our salvation.

Today, let us thank God for His presence in our lives, and ask for the eyes of faith to see that He is right here with us always. Today, let us thank God for His presence in our lives, and ask for the eyes of faith to see that He is right here with us always.

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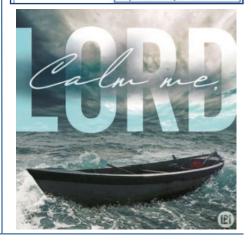
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK				
Sun	6/23	12 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41		
Mon	6/24	THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80		
Tues	6/25	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14		
Wed	6/26	2 Kgs 22:8-13, 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20		
Thu	6/27	St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8- 9; Mt 7:21-29		
Fri	6/28	Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4		
Sat	6/29	STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19		
Sun	6/30	13 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43		

Mass Intentions				
Mon	6/24	8:30 am	Gloria Palmisano †	
Tues	ues 6/25 8:30 am Jam		James Iwasaka †	
Wed	6/26	8:30 am	Gabriel Cuccias (birthday)	
Thu	6/27	8:30 am	Wanda Leetst †	
Fri	6/28	8:30 am	Marge Kraljev (birthday)	
Sat 6/29	6/29	8:30 am	Paul Krieg (special intention)	
		5:00 pm	Noah Flora †	
Sun	6/30	9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †	
		11:00 am	Mary Andrusky †	
		5:00 pm	Mary Barnes †	

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

So often when we are weathering the storm, it feels like God is asleep - but we never even tried to wake Him up!
Bring God your fears, your doubts, your uncertainties. He will show you that He steers the ship, and even the wind and the seas obey.

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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 INNER PEACE

Jesus, Speak your command of "Quiet!
Be still!" into the dark recesses of my
mind - my fears, concerns, and
anxieties. Be with me, at every
moment, no matter the storm.
Fix my eyes upon 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: Zachary Schroeder; Tony Baldi; John Dowling; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto

For those who have recently died:

Sharon Lydon; 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.

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 <u>stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul</u>

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



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

Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE! Our Goal for June 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.

To make an online gift: stmaryslg.org/online-giving

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 June 9 2024
Budget	\$ 758,080.00
Actual	\$ 729,973.00
Difference	- \$ 28,107.00

SWITCH TO ONLINE GIVING THIS SUMMER

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

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

INSTITUE OF LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY

Do you have a call to the ministry of leadership within the Catholic Community?

Do you currently participate in some form of pastoral ministry? Do you want to learn more and get skills to serve better your community?



Explore to attend the ILM this year. The ILM is accepting nominations for the academic year 2024-2025, classes begin September 2024.

Please find more information application forms on the <u>ILM</u> webpage - <u>dsj.org/evangelization/institute-for-leadership</u>-in-ministry/ilm-admissions/

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



Pope Francis on the Holy Mass

PART III
LITURGY OF THE WORD AND
THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY



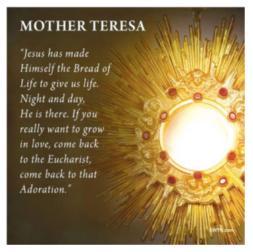
While the entrance hymn is sung, the priest, with the altar servers, approaches the altar in procession, and salutes it with a bow and, in a sign of veneration, kisses it and, when there is incense, incenses it. Why? Because the altar is Christ: it is the figure of Christ. When we look at the altar, we are looking exactly at Christ. The altar is Christ. These gestures, which could pass unobserved, are highly significant, because they express from the very beginning that the Mass is an encounter of love with Christ, who, by offering his Body on the Cross, became "the Priest, the Altar and the Lamb" (cf. Preface v of Easter). Tell your own sins! Normally, while the entrance hymn is sung, the priest, with the altar servers, approaches the altar in procession, and salutes it with a bow and, in a sign of veneration, kisses it and, when there is incense, incenses it. Why? Because the altar is Christ: it is the figure of Christ. When we look at the altar, we are looking exactly at Christ.

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sign of the Cross? They do not know what they are doing: sometimes they make a design, which is not the sign of the Cross. Please, mom and dad, grandparents, teach the children, from the beginning - from a tender age - to make the sign of the Cross properly. And explain to them that it is having Jesus' Cross as protection. The Mass begins with the sign of the Cross. The whole prayer moves, so to speak, within the space of the Most Holy Trinity - "In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" - which is the space of infinite communion; it has as its beginning and end the love of the Triune God, made manifest and given to us in the Cross of Christ. In fact his Paschal Mystery is the gift of the Trinity, and the Eucharist flows ever from his pierced Heart. When we make the sign of the Cross, therefore, we not only commemorate our Baptism, but affirm that the liturgical prayer is the encounter with God in Jesus Christ, who became flesh, died on the Cross and rose in glory for us. Thus, the priest offers the liturgical Greeting with the expression: "The Lord be with you" or something similar - there are several; and the assembly responds: "And with your spirit". We are in a dialogue; we are at the beginning of the Mass and we must think about the significance of all these gestures and words. We are entering a "symphony", in which various tones of voice resonate, including moments of silence, in view of creating "harmony" among all the participants, which is to acknowledge that they are animated by a unique Spirit and for the same aim. Indeed, by the priest's "Greeting and the people's response, the mystery of the Church gathered together made is manifest" (General Instructions of the Roman Missal, n. 50). In this way we express the common faith and the mutual wish to abide with the Lord and to live in unity with the entire community. And this is a prayerful symphony which is being created, and it

immediately presents a very moving moment, because the presiding priest invites everyone to acknowledge their sins. We are all sinners. I do not know, perhaps someone among you is not a sinner.... If someone is not a sinner, raise your hand, please, so we can all see. But there are no hands raised, okay: you have good faith! All of us are sinners; and for this reason at the start of Mass we ask forgiveness. It is the Act of Penitence. It is not a matter of only thinking about the sins committed, but much more: it is the invitation to confess our sins before God and before the community, before our brothers and sisters, with humility and sincerity, like the tax collector at the Temple. If the Eucharist truly renders present the Paschal Mystery, meaning Christ's passing from death to life, then the first thing we have to do is recognize our own situation of death in order to rise again with him to new life. This helps us understand how important the Act of Penitence is. And we will return to this theme in the next catechesis. We are going to explain the Mass step by step. But please: teach the children to make the sign of the Cross properly, please!

Pope Francis



INTRODUCING ... OUR NEWEST 1ST GRADERS!

We celebrated our kindergarten graduates recently. So proud of how far they've come and excited for all the adventures first grade will bring this fall!



HAPPY LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!



Friday morning Mass was filled with so much joy and love as the faculty & staff led our final Mass of the year. Teachers gathered the students' commitments to living the Gospel, written in faith family groups. We also bid a heartfelt farewell to Fr. Greg as he retires.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Vocations Soccer Cup Sunday, June 23, 2024: Watch your favorite priest, seminarians and sisters play for the Goal! The printed and online admission tickets and raffle tickets are now available for purchase. Each ticket is \$10 each/\$50 for 6 tickets. Children under 9 yrs old are free to attend. Visit dsj.org/ soccercup to purchase your online admission ticket. Registration to play is also available.



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/

SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT: June 28 - Aug 3

Online via Zoom



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

MORE INFO & TO REGISTER

https://events.scu.edu/ graduate-program-inpastoral-ministries/ event/330231-spiritualaccompaniment

The 4 module workshop series begins with a broad underpinning which develops listening as both skill and an art – both parts are essential to accompanying another.

Each workshop module begins with a 2-hour introduction on a Friday evening (6:30pm to 8:30pm), followed by a 6-hour workshop Saturday (9:00am to 4:00pm).

- ♦ Listening to your life and accompanying others (June 28/29)
- ♦ Ways of listening (July 12/13)
- ♦ Praying with others (July 19/20)
- ♦ Spiritual accompaniment ministries (August 2/3)

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