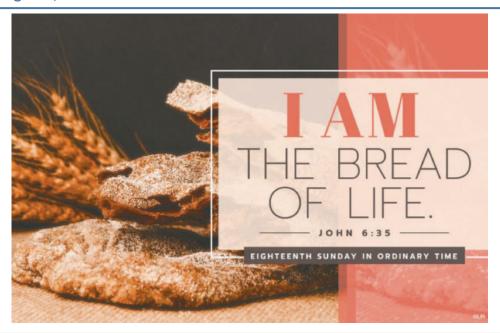


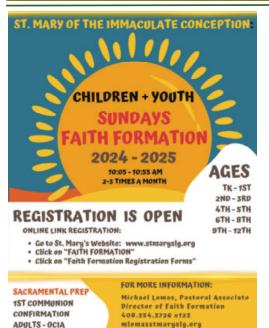
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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.







MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00pm

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

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DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:30am Rosary - 8:00am Live-Stream & in church

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm (in church)

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Mondays - 9:00-10:00am Thursdays - 7:00-8:00pm

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

God heard the plea of the Israelites who feared they would die of starvation in the desert and in response, God sent them quail and bread to eat. What will you pray for this week?

Second Reading:

John 6:24-35 Paul taught the Gentiles of the Ephesian church to give up their former way of life and live with renewed minds in the truth of Jesus. What have you gained by being a believer in Jesus?

Gospel:

Jesus teaches the crowds in Capernaum that he is "the bread of life" who feeds all who believe in him. Is there someone you know hungry for Jesus?

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus:16:2-4, 12-15;

Psalm 78;

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24;

Often, we live our lives striving for temporary happiness. But today, Jesus reminds us to "not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life."

Last week we heard about Jesus multiplying the loaves of bread and fish for a large crowd. All who were there ate and were satisfied. The multiplication of the loaves prefigures Jesus at the Last Supper and every Eucharistic meal we celebrate at

Our Eucharistic meal is the Spiritual Food that we consume — Jesus Himself, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It will satisfy us as Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

We all have a need to be satisfied. It is in our humanity. It might feel like something is missing in our lives, we always want more, or we are constantly looking to the next moment. The 'now' is not good enough, we do not feel complete.

And in that incompleteness, we grab at what surrounds us to satisfy our hearts. It could be the next job promotion, the comforts in our homes, the next trip we plan to take, the new house we want to buy, or even taking the next stage in our vocation — marriage, new baby, becoming a grandparent. The list goes on. We might think to ourselves, 'then I will be happier.' Or maybe we don't even realize how we are relying on those things or events in our lives.

And while many of those things are good and bring us joy, they are only a small glimpse of the deeper, lasting happiness that the Lord offers us. They are gifts that should remind us of our Good and Gracious Creator. Instead of placing undue importance on those things or people, place it on Jesus, as He says, "Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." He is the One who fills our hearts.

So how do we order our minds and hearts so that Jesus is our source of fulfillment? Simply by responding to His invitation to "come to Him."

We come to Jesus when we receive the Bread of Life at every Mass. The moment we receive the Eucharist, we are sustained and strengthened on our journey to eternal life.

Yet to carry Jesus in our minds and hearts all week long, we must respond to His invitation to "come to Him" in other ways as well.

Jesus wants us to come to Him in daily prayer by sitting in silence, praising Him for blessings, and asking Him for guidance. He wants us to come to Him throughout our day-to-day moments — acknowledging His presence, thanking Him for good news received, or calling on Him in a weak or hard moment. He wants us to come to Him as we serve our families, friends, and community at large, remembering that as we serve others, we are serving Christ Himself.

It is simply by letting Him be the One we go to first. It is in those moments that we begin to seek Him as our source of fulfillment in this life.

As you go about your day-to-day lives this week, try to recognize the times you are "working for food that perishes" by seeking things of the world to satisfy your heart. In those moments, recall that everything we have is a gift from God. Instead of misusing that gift, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all He has given to you. Then respond to Jesus' invitation to "come to Him" by speaking with Him throughout your day.

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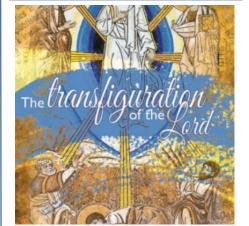
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK				
Sun	8/4	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35		
Mon	8/5	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79- 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21		
Tues	8/6	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10		
Wed	8/7	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest Jer 31:1-7; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Mt 15:21-28		
Thu	8/8	St. Dominic, Priest Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23		
Fri	8/9	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28		
Sat	8/10	ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26		
Sun	8/11	19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51		

Mass Intentions				
Mon	8/5	8:30 am	Marge Kraljev (healing)	
Tues	8/6	8:30 am	Tom Franceschi †	
Wed	8/7	8:30 am	Matthew Alton Toole Jr. †	
Thu	8/8	8:30 am	Shirley Lorraine Gurnett †	
Fri	8/9	8:30 am	Mya Coffey (birthday)	
Sat	8/10	8:30 am	Nancy Ottoboni †	
Sat	6/10	5:00 pm	Clarence and Michelle Tam (wedding anniversary)	
Sun	8/11	9:00 am	Marijoe LoBue †	
		11:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory †	
		5:00 pm	Steve Schlink †	

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord



August 6, 2024



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 reminds his followers: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." We are so often distracted by the world before us, by the here and now. Let us not forget what is eternal. We were made for what is eternal.

Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention: August

For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

PRAYER OF HUNGER

Dear Jesus,

You are the one who fed the hungry. But your work doesn't only exist on the pages of an old book. You're working now. Work in us, to bring food to those in need. Work in us, to satisfy the places we most need 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: Herb Robbins; Zachary Schroeder; Tony Baldi; John Dowling; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto

For those who have recently died:

Angela Ficarra-Filsram; Marcos Del Mercado; Eileen Mitchekk; Andy Nagorski; Mary Anne Van Dalsem; Deloise Ann Jordan; Suzzane Klein Lewis; Mary Andrusky;

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 Hofmann Center.



Visit us 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

SUMMER GRIEF DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday - 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

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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 webpage - dsj.org/evangelization/institute-for-leadership-in-ministry/ilm-admissions/</u>

WELCOME TO LIFE'S NEXT CHAPTER: RIGHTSIZING DECISIONS FOR SILICON VALLEY St. Mary's Complimentary Seminar

We're thrilled to invite you to our seminar series where we delve into crucial insights on lifestyle changes that can make a real difference. Each month, we'll be covering a fresh topic presented by an expert in the field.

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RADIATE LOVE A PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE

Heavenly Father,

We praise you and thank you for your great gift of the Sacrament of Marriage.

Help all married couples witness to its beauty through a life of love, joy, patience, and generous self-giving.

Help families to exercise faithfulness and mercy, to be one in heart, mind, and body, accepting children lovingly as gifts from you.

When family life presents challenges or is lacking in peace and understanding, teach us the beauty of forgiveness and bearing one another's burdens.

Strengthen our love so that it endures not only through the triumphs but also through the heartbreaks of married life. And bless our homes and our families so that others will see your generosity and faithfulness guiding our lives.

Deepen our communion at home and with the Church, so that we may radiate love as a living sign of everlasting hope.

We ask these blessings in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.



More info on page 6 -Around DSJ section - in this bulletin.

Under the title "*Radiate Love*," the bishops of California invite every Catholic to celebrate the beauty and goodness of marriage and family. We invite all families to radiate their love to the world - parents, grandparents, children, spouses, sisters, and brothers. This initiative will include monthly reflections, prayers, videos, and other materials to help families become witnesses of God's love.

SCIENCE CLASS PLANTING!

This past year, our 6th graders delved into plant biology and sustainability through hands-on planting projects. From planting seeds to watching them grow, it was a wonderful learning experience.



Prayer for Summertime Loving God, Creator of all times and places. we thank you for the gift of summertime. the days of light, warmth and leisure. . Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people refine in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends. we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of ature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence. et all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our wareness of your love so that we may share this ith others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation - Marquette University -God is good!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION DATES - Diocesan Virtual Marriage Preparation Retreat Dates for 2024-2025 can be found at www.dsj.org/marriage-preparation. This site also includes information on the Marriage Process in the Catholic Church. For in person retreats please visit www.dsj.org/marriage-preparation or

- English: 8/3/2024 10/19/2024 1/11/2025
- Spanish: 9/14/2023 11/16/2024 2/8/2025

DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION AND THE INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY (ILM) - Pastoral Ministry

Formation: an <u>18-session</u> foundational theology formation series for all parish ministers. Upon completion, ministers will receive the "Pastoral Ministry Certificate" issued by the Institute for Leadership in Ministry. The 18-session course takes place from October 2024 to March 2025. Visit <u>www.dsj.org/pmf</u> for more information and registration, select preferred language.

YOUNG ADULT SURVEY Are you between the ages of 18 and 35, married or single, with or without children? The Diocese of San José wants to hear about your experiences, hopes, and needs through our new, confidential, online survey for young adults! Your voice matters and can significantly impact how the Church responds to the needs of young adults. We encourage everyone to share this survey with any Catholics - active or inactive - between 18 and 35 in Santa Clara County.

www.dsj.org/about-us/pastoral-planning/young-adult-assembly/

RADIATE LOVE – CA BISHOP'S LETTER TO THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF CALIFORNIA FROM YOUR SHEPHERDS

In celebration of the love found in marriage and family, the Catholic bishops of California, have introduced 'Radiate Love' – a new initiative to encourage and inspire marriage. We are embarking on this journey over the next year to celebrate and support marriage and family life among the flock God has entrusted to us. Visit dsj.org/radiate-love-ca-bishops-letter-to-the-catholic-faithful-of-california-from-your-shepherds/ for more information.

Radiate Love Theme for August – WHO'S KEEPING SCORE?

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