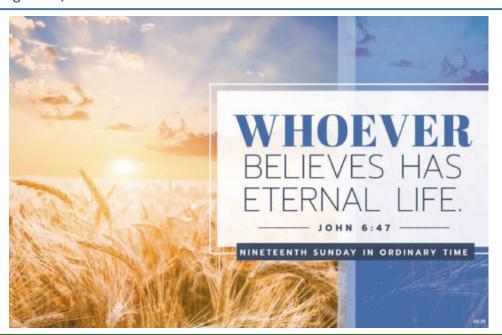


August 11, 2024

19<sup>TH</sup> 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.





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#### 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 (in church)

#### **ADORATION**

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

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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

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#### REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

#### First Reading:

The prophet Elijah was exhausted and prayed for death under a broom tree. How do you help a friend or family member who has such despair?

#### **Second Reading:**

Paul's high standard for living in the community of believers was literally unheard of in the ancient world. How can any community of faith achieve such an ideal way of living?

TODAY'S READINGS 1 Kings: 19:4-8; Psalm 34; Ephesians 44:30—5:2; John 6:41-51

#### Gospel:

Despite opposition from those who knew Jesus and his family personally, Jesus offered eternal life to all who believe in him. *How can someone remain open to new or challenging ideas?* 

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Our readings today continue to educate us on the Eucharist.

We hear in our first reading about the prophet Elijah who is traveling in the desert as he is fleeing for his life. He cries out to God to take his life. Yet an angel appears to him giving him food to nourish and sustain him on his journey to freedom.

In different ways, we can all relate to the prophet Elijah as he "flees for his life." We might feel like we are fleeing for our lives by running from a problem that is causing us stress, fighting an illness, or just barely making it through the week. Or, we might feel like we are stranded in a desert—empty of energy, trapped with no way out or spiritually quenched.

Just as the angel reminded Elijah, in these moments of despair or desolation, we are called not to give up but to get up and keep going. And thankfully we do not need to keep going on our own — we have Food that will nourish us and give us strength on our journey to freedom. This food is not food that perishes, but food that continues to sustain us.

Jesus tells us in our Gospel that He is this Food that sustains us as He says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven...and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." This bread He is referring to is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity that we receive. This bread becomes the flesh of Christ Himself.

And in consuming Him, we receive every grace we need to live forever in eternal life. We are strengthened in virtue and united more closely to Christ. This is the Food that will fill us as we journey through this life.

Mistakenly we often take the Eucharist for granted. Maybe we come to Mass to "check the box" instead of actively partaking in this intimate exchange or we receive Jesus in the Eucharist and then forget about Him the second we leave the church after Mass.

To receive all that God wants to give us in the Eucharist, we must do our part in being receptive to His grace and living out active discipleship in our day-to-day lives. As St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians, "So be imitators of God, as beloved children...".

Let us approach the Lord acknowledging His Divine Presence and be open to all the graces He desires to pour out on us. Then we must go forth, being attentive to the moments that the Holy Spirit is calling us to act as He acts — in total love and sacrifice. "All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting and reviling must be removed" from us. We are called to be "kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ."

These are big requests. But they are made easier when we are actively living out our call to discipleship each day of our lives and not just once a week at Mass. We must carry what we receive each week into our day-to-day moments. It can start simply by incorporating daily prayer into our lives and seeking ways to serve others throughout our day. If we give God that, He will cause it to flourish.

The Eucharist affects our lives more than we can comprehend. We are receiving God Himself. Let us strive to receive Him reverently and with open hearts. And as we exit our church this week, let us not forget Who we are carrying in our hearts all week long.

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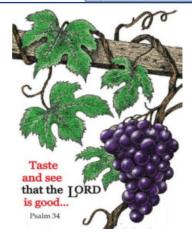
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Readings for the Week					
Sun	8/11	19 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51			
Mon	8/12	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27			
Tues	8/13	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14			
Wed	8/14	St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20			
Thu	8/15	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10bc, 11-12ab, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56			
Fri	8/16	St. Stephen of Hungary Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Mt 19:3-12			
Sat	8/17	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15			
Sun	8/18	<b>20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58			

Mass Intentions					
Mon	8/12	8:30 am	Peter Kraljev †		
Tues	8/13	8:30 am	Jane Donahue (birthday)		
Wed	8/14	8:30 am	Special Intention		
		7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary		
Thu	8/15	8:30 am	Serge Laplace (special intention)		
		7:00 pm	Nga Tam (special intention)		
Fri	8/16	8:30 am	Aurora Bortfeld Medina †		
Sat	8/17	8:30 am	Marie Antoinette Howard †		
		5:00 pm	Cecily Bradly †		
Sun	8/18	9:00 am	Anna Hendig †		
		11:00 am	Steve Schlink †		
		5:00 pm	Dwight Carlsen †		





## 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 tells us that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. His actions, his example, his teachings—they are not just words on a page, stories from a moth-eaten history book. They are life. They are food for our journey, and they are forever.

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## 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 MEMORY

Dear Lord,

Don't let me forget the ways You've fought for me throughout history. You have been in my life in endless ways and words. May these memories comfort and encourage me now 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: Herb Robbins; Tony Baldi; John Dowling; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito;

For those who have recently died:

Kimberly Sue Connor; Angela Ficarra-Filsram; Marcos Del Mercado; Eileen Mitchekk; Andy Nagorski; Michael Bondi

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.

#### SUMMER GRIEF DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday - August 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

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

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

We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in Hofmann Center.



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

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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

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#### OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

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#### 2nd Offering - AUGUST 10 & 11

The SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA is an opportunity for you to support the faith of our African brothers and sisters. Through this appeal, Catholics across the USA "Stand with Africa" by supporting evangelization, family ministries, and other pastoral efforts to preach and teach our Catholic faith. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. More info at www.usccb.org/africa

#### 2nd Offering - MISSION CO-OP AUGUST 17 & 18 COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY, INDIA

Every year, the Diocese of San Jose assigns a mission to each parish for mission appeal. This year, **Fr. Gabriel S. Augustine**, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fremont will be at St. Mary to talk about this mission who functions under the direct guidance of the Tamil Nadu Latin Bishops' Council and it accomplishes the role of the Regional Communication Centre by coordinating with the Diocesan Communications Centers in Tamil Nadu.



## 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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#### Young Adults

# SURVEY FOR Young Adults 18-35 Single or married; with kids or no kids Open July 1st to August 30th Let the Church know about your experience, hopes, and needs. Scan QR code to fill out the survey dsj.org/young-adult-assembly

Are you between the ages of 18 and 35, married or single, with or without children? The Diocese of San José cares about you and 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. Download and share with any Catholic Young Adult in Santa Clara County.

# Interested in having your voice heard at the Young Adult Assembly?



Young Adults (18-35) sign up now to be a young adult delegate.





forms.office.com/r/8kvPFSY42z

#### APPLICANT'S REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- Participate in the full Young Adult Assembly on Sat, **Sept 21**, from 10 am 9 pm.
- Attend an in-person delegate orientation: August 24, 9:30 am 12 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Complete the Young Adult Survey in English or Spanish and share it with all your Young Adult colleagues and friends.



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## VOLUNTEER APPLICATION Young Adult Assembly





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# ST. MARY SCHOOL

This past school year, our students filled Joy Jars with love and hope for kids fighting cancer through NEGU, the Jessie Rees Foundation.

Every jar packed was a reminder of the difference we can make. Through hands-on service projects like this, our students embody the spirit of giving back.



#### THROWBACK TO THE FALL SPORTS PEP RALLY!



Remember the energy and excitement from last year's pep rally? Our community came together to cheer on our girls' volleyball and boys' football teams, showing incredible support and school spirit. This fall, we're back with more action, teamwork, and Cougar pride!!



#### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

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

Annual Regional Catholic Stewardship Conference/ Conferencia Regional de Solidaridad Católica: October 5, 2024 at St. Lucy Parish. Learn about the Spirituality of Christian Stewardship, Welcoming New Parishioners, Cultivating Healthy Stewardship Habits, and Casting Nets for Young Adults. More info <a href="mailto:dsj.org/wp-content/uploads/Stewardship-DSJ-Conference-2024.pdf">dsj.org/wp-content/uploads/Stewardship-DSJ-Conference-2024.pdf</a>. For Young Adults: <a href="mailto:dsj.org/wp-content/uploads/YA-Stewardship-DSJ-Conference-2024.pdf">dsj.org/wp-content/uploads/YA-Stewardship-DSJ-Conference-2024.pdf</a>.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:dsj.org/radiate-love-ca-bishops-letter-to-the-catholic-faithful-of-california-from-your-shepherds">dsj.org/radiate-love-ca-bishops-letter-to-the-catholic-faithful-of-california-from-your-shepherds</a>/ for more information.

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

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