



All are Welcome

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

August 18, 2024

20TH 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

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

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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

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2024 - 2025**

10:05 - 10:35 AM
2-3 TIMES A MONTH

AGES

TK - 1ST
2ND - 3RD
4TH - 5TH
6TH - 8TH
9TH - 12TH

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- Click on "Faith Formation Registration Forms"

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

We hear from Proverbs how Wisdom herself invites us to a deeper understanding of life. *Is there someone in your family or among your friends who you consider a “wise” person?*

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that a wise person strives to understand the will of the Lord and lives a life of prayer and gratitude. *What are some ways we can grow in prayer and gratitude in our daily lives?*

Gospel:

Jesus promises eternal life those who believe in him if we eat his flesh and drink his blood (participate in the Eucharist). *How can we show our gratitude to the Lord for such a gift?*

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Jesus said to the crowd, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” Their response? Shock and indignation. We can hardly blame them for this reaction — eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of our Lord should cause us a bit of a shock. Yet, how easy it is for us modern-day Catholics to show up at Mass Sunday after Sunday, receiving the Eucharist as simply part of a weekly routine.

If we really spent time praying and contemplating the gift our Lord is offering us in this sacrament, we would be awestruck at the love and power in this gift. Through it, our Lord is giving us the very best He has to give — Himself. In his gift of the Eucharist, He has held back nothing, giving us literally everything he has to give, His very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Not even the greatest theological scholar or the holiest of saints can fully understand this mystery.

Thankfully, the first reading comes as a wonderful consolation to us “ordinary folks.” It says, “Let whoever is simple turn in here; to the one who lacks understanding... come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding.”

St. Paul delivers a similar message in our second reading, instructing, “Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity because the days are evil.” So, we don’t need to be saints or scholars in order to receive this sublime gift. But we should do our best to receive the Eucharist with gratitude. And we can look to today’s readings to glean two fundamental principles to become better Christian stewards.

First, the Eucharist is the foundation for a stewardship way of life. Through His gift of the Eucharist, God fills us with His love and strength. This love and strength empower us to live as generous stewards — to be faithful to the ministries in which we serve, to step beyond our comfort zone in material giving, and to offer our very best to our families and secular work.

Second, the Eucharist is our ultimate inspiration for a stewardship way of life. When we really think about what we receive in this gift — God Himself — we will want to make a joyful return to Him by the way we live our lives! The more that we deepen our understanding of this sacrament through study of the Church’s teachings on the Eucharist, the more we will want to live our lives as grateful, generous and joy-filled stewards.

As the book of Proverbs and the great St. Paul remind us, let us not live foolishly, but make the most of our time — during Mass and adoration — by giving the Lord all our attention and devotion in these moments. Let us form ourselves by studying what the Catechism and spiritual writers must teach us about the Eucharist. Then, coming to Mass each week will be anything but routine.

And in return for this unfathomable gift of our Lord Himself, let us live intentionally and passionately as His disciples every day of our lives.

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TODAY’S READINGS

Proverbs: 9:1-6;
Psalm 34;
Ephesians 5:15-20;
John 6:51-58

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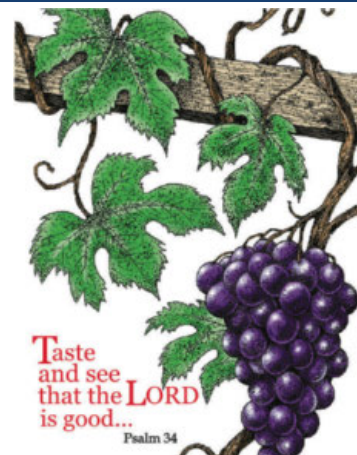
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	8/18	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
Mon	8/19	St. John Eudes, Priest Ez 24:15-23; (Ps) Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tues	8/20	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 28:1-10; (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36; Mt 19:23-30
Wed	8/21	St. Pius X, Pope Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thu	8/22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Fri	8/23	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Sat	8/24	ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sun	8/25	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	8/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Tues	8/20	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mary
Wed	8/21	8:30 am	Shylah Marie Doyle (birthday)
Thu	8/22	8:30 am	Laura Giorgi (birthday)
Fri	8/23	8:30 am	Increase in vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life
Sat	8/24	8:30 am	Gloria Palmisano †
		5:00 pm	Antonio Cabral Bettencourt †
Sun	8/25	9:00 am	Therisa Gil †
		11:00 am	Noah Flora †
		5:00 pm	Michael Pelfini †



QUEENSHIP OF MARY

August 22nd

Catholics celebrate the Queenship of Mary because her Divine Son is King. Pope Pius XII, established the feast of her Queenship. He set the date for the octave (8th day) after the Solemnity of the Assumption, that is, August 22nd each year.



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 warns us that unless we eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, we do not have life within us. The Eucharist is the wellspring of our Christian life, in every place and in every moment. Let us always remember that where there is no Eucharist, there is no life.

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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 EUCHARIST

Dear Lord,
May our congregation be more deeply
assured of Your love each time we
receive Communion.
May our "Eucharist" make our lives a
song of worship and thanks, sung to
You. May this sacred food nourish us
to be bold and brave disciples of 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; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito

For those who have recently died:

John Hammett; John Hernandez; Kimberly Sue Connor; Angela Ficarra-Filsram; Marcos Del Mercado; 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.

INSTITUTE 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 [ILM webpage - dsj.org/evangelization/institute-for-leadership-in-ministry/ilm-admissions/](https://dsj.org/evangelization/institute-for-leadership-in-ministry/ilm-admissions/)

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

**Sow for yourselves justice ...
REAP THE REWARD OF LOYALTY ...
for it is time to seek the Lord.**

Hosea 10:12

Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

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Our Goal for August is \$65,000.00

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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

	July 1 to August 4, 2024
Budget	\$ 82,500.00
Actual	\$ 72,691.00
Difference	- \$ 9,809.00

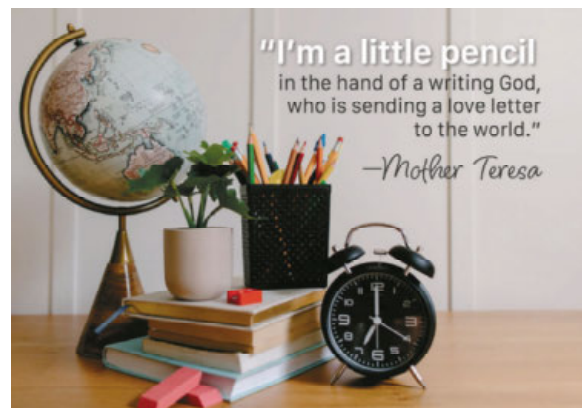
**2nd Offering - MISSION CO-OP
AUGUST 17 & 18**

**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.

To make an online gift:

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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!

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CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND

During our Catholic journey we need to examine our spiritual lives to increase our love for and closeness to Christ. We can be victims to the fast-paced city life, presenting challenges to spending time with Christ or trying to increase our faith.

If this sounds familiar, Cursillo is an opportunity you may want to try.

Weekend Details -

- ◆ Thursday, Oct. 10 thru Sunday, Oct. 13 at St. Clare's Retreat Center, Santa Cruz.
- ◆ Includes 3 meals, snacks and drinks.
- ◆ A nice room in the mountains.
- ◆ Fellowship with Catholics like yourself.
- ◆ Daily Mass, with short discussions.

For questions or additional information, please visit the Cursillo website at <https://www.sanjosecursillo.org/cursillo-weekend/make-my-weekend>, or contact **John Greene** at (408) 460-3099



FRIENDSHIP IS THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY AT ST. MARY



BACK 2 SCHOOL BLESSING

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We thank you for this new year and ask that you bless
the students, families and faculty that make school such
a wonderful place.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



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: • 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 18-session 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 www.dsj.org/pmf 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 dsj.org/wp-content/uploads/Stewardship-DSJ-Conference-2024.pdf. For Young Adults: dsj.org/wp-content/uploads/YA-Stewardship-DSJ-Conference-2024.pdf.

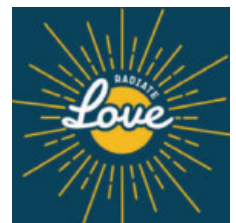
RADIATE LOVE – CA BISHOP’S LETTER TO THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL OF CALIFORNIA FROM YOUR SHEPHERDS

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?

REFLECTION BY BISHOP OSCAR CANTU - cacatholic.org/radiate-love/august-25-2024-reflection-by-bishop-oscar-cantu/



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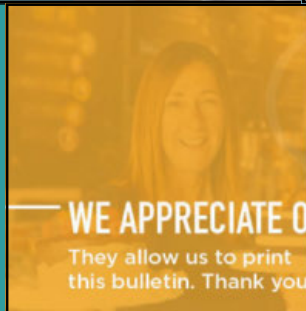
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