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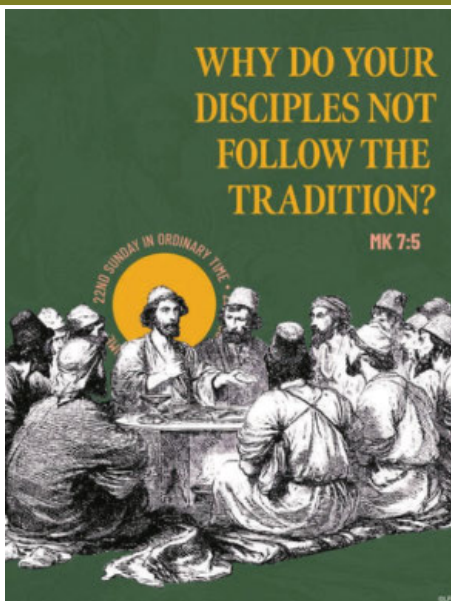
ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

September 1, 2024

22ND 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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Labor Day Prayer - page 3. Catholic Teaching on Labor - page 5. The Parish office will be closed from Aug 30 - Sept 2. We will return on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

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**CHILDREN + YOUTH
SUNDAYS
FAITH FORMATION
2024 - 2025**

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

AGES

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

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

ONLINE LINK REGISTRATION:

- Go to St. Mary's Website: www.stmaryslg.org
- Click on "FAITH FORMATION"
- Click on "Faith Formation Registration Forms"

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OCT. 4-6

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Moses urged Israel to follow God's commandments, in order to become a "great nation," filled with "wise and intelligent people." *Where do you see our nation following God's commandments?*

Second Reading:

James sees religion at its best when it cares for those on the margins of society and resists the false trappings of the world. *How might you help someone less fortunate than you this week?*

Gospel:

Jesus challenged the Pharisees and scribes of Jerusalem on how they interpreted traditional Jewish purity laws. *What do you think helps someone have a "clean heart?"* ©LPi

Our readings today call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day.

Our Gospel recounts a dialogue between the Pharisees and Jesus. The Pharisees questioned why Jesus' disciples did not practice the ritual washing before eating a meal.

Jesus simply responded by quoting scripture, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts."

The Pharisees were good at doing what they were supposed to. They knew all the traditions and customs, ensured they followed them, and ensured that it would be made known if someone else did not follow them.

Jesus' response reminds us to ask ourselves 'why.' Why do we remain faithful to God's commands? Why do we pray or go to Mass? Why do we participate in the sacraments? Why do we love others?

Do we do these things because we know we 'should' or because we are afraid of what might happen if we do not? Are we just checking boxes? Or do we do these things out of love for our Good and Gracious Giver?

Oftentimes we are living our faith a certain way out of obligation, fear, or duty. But Jesus reminds us that the greatest way to live out our faith is through love. Our faith has obligations to provide us opportunities to love, honor, and praise the Lord. They are meant to aid us on our personal journey with Jesus Christ. And we are called to not go through the motions by "honoring God with our lips" only, but with our whole hearts.

St. James reminds us that every moment of each day is an opportunity to respond to God's infinite love for us with love and gratitude in return.

If we approach our relationship with Jesus with this in mind, then we begin to realize that the gift of the Mass is an opportunity to worship God, the sacraments are ways to draw us closer to Him and His commandments are opportunities to love Him more faithfully.

And if we approach our day-to-day moments with this in mind, then we begin to see just how many blessings God has given us. Looking at life through the lens of gratitude helps us to see each moment as a gift with endless opportunities to respond in love.

It begins by rising each day with a prayer of thanksgiving, offering our daily tasks as a prayer to the Lord, seeking ways to share our gifts and talents with others, saying a prayer of thanksgiving before meals, sharing words of affirmation to a loved, or taking time to reflect on how much God loves us and how we can best love Him in return.

This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards — by recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

So let us look inward at our hearts and ask ourselves why we live our faith the way we do. Let us strive to pray with meaning, attend Mass with attention, serve others out of love for God and recognize just how blessed we are. It is in these simple moments that we love extraordinarily and honor God wholeheartedly.

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy: 4:1-2, 6-8;

Psalms 15;

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

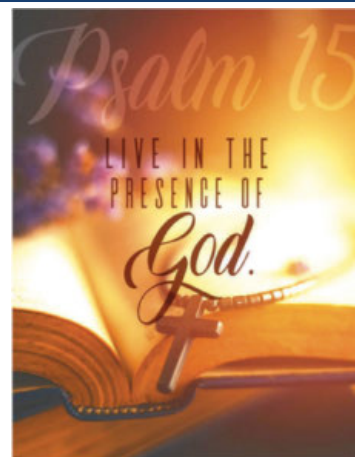
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	9/1	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / WORLD DAY OF CARE FOR CREATION Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Mon	9/2	Labor Day 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
Tues	9/3	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wed	9/4	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thu	9/5	St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 5:1-11
Fri	9/6	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Sat	9/7	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sun	9/8	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / GRANDPARENTS' DAY 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	9/2	8:30 am	James and Karen Brown (<i>wedding anniversary</i>)
Tues	9/3	8:30 am	Fr. Miguel Lombardi (<i>special intention</i>)
Wed	9/4	8:30 am	Peter Abrahamson (<i>birthday</i>)
Thu	9/5	8:30 am	Michelle Antonowicz (<i>healing</i>)
Fri	9/6	8:30 am	Ethel and Nicholas Baxter †
Sat	9/7	8:30 am	Barbara Baxter †
		5:00 pm	Mary Andrusky †
Sun	9/8	9:00 am	Frank and Amalia Filice †
		11:00 am	Jennifer Kirchman †
		5:00 pm	Kathleen Picariello †

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 -

- ◆ Thurs., Oct. 10 thru Sun., 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



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

The Pharisees did not understand that the law is more than an action to be carried out. We are called to be doers of the word and not hearers only. Let the law take root in your heart, and it will bear fruit in your works.

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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: AUGUST

For the cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Dear Lord,
Bless and protect the men and women whose hard work provides food and shelter to them and their families, services to our communities, and care to our world. Be with them as they work, but also as they rest and recreate in Your care. 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:

Barbara Kramer; Sharon Lynn Mander; Richard Pearl; John Hammett; John Hernandez; Kimberly Sue Connor; Angela Ficarra-Filsram; Marcos Del Mercado

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/)



When was the last time you did something really special together, just for the two of you? Make the time to enrich and renew your marriage with Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

For more information or to register please go to wwme.org or call Ken & Claranne at 408-782-1413.

September 20-22	St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, California
October 25-27	Zephyr Point Conference Center, Zephyr Cove, Nevada
November 15-17	San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville, California

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 September Marriage Program beginning with a weekend on Sept 20-22, 2024 call 408-605-4998, email us: SanJose@RetroCA.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org



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Managing God's Gift To Us

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Our Goal for September is \$82,500.00 (5 weeks)

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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 18, 2024
Budget	\$ 115,500.00
Actual	\$ 96,888.00
Difference	- \$ 18,112.00

Is God Calling You to be a Sister?

Join Us! Come and See!

September 27-28-29, 2024

Fall Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat

Stay with us! Pray with us! See what being a Sister is all about! Explore God's Dream for You!

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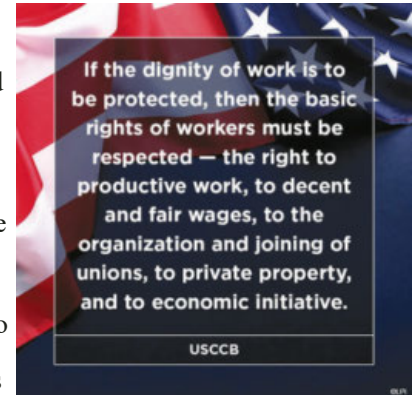
CATHOLIC TEACHING ON LABOR

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.



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DELEGATES MUST BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 TO 35.

REQUIREMENTS

- ♦ Attend the full Young Adult Assembly in person on **Saturday, September 21, 10 am – 9 pm**
- ♦ Attend one of the following in-person delegate orientations: July 25, 6:30 – 9 pm | August 8, 6:30 – 9 pm | August 24, 9:30 am – 12 pm.
- ♦ Share the online survey with young adults they know – active and inactive in the Church.
- ♦ Review and pray over the pastoral plan, the survey results, and other information to be sent out after the orientation but before the assembly.
- ♦ Afterward, share your Assembly experience with your parish, school, or organization.

Volunteer!

- Hospitality
- Facilitators
- Liturgy
- And more!

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION





WELCOME BACK, COUGARS!

Back together and better than ever!

Old friends reunite, and new friendships begin as we kick off another incredible school year. Let's embrace every moment and make it unforgettable!

With this year's theme, *'Be His Light'*, teachers handed each student a flashlight to remind them



AROUND THE DIOCESE



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

2024 SEASON OF CREATION ACTIVITIES – TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION:

- ◆ **Gospel of Water series at St Simon Parish**
 - Sept 19 & 26, 5:30-8:30pm, dinner included
 - Oct 17, 6:30-8:00pm, Wine & Cheese Reflection of Gospel of Water
- ◆ **California Coastal Cleanup Day - Saturday, September 21 - .** Register with the CA Coastal Commission and participate in the cleanup of a local waterway. <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>
- ◆ **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th - Blessing of the animals.**

NFP - Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage! Modern methods of Natural Family Planning are versatile and usable at any stage of a woman's reproductive life: regular, irregular cycles, breastfeeding, menopause, etc.

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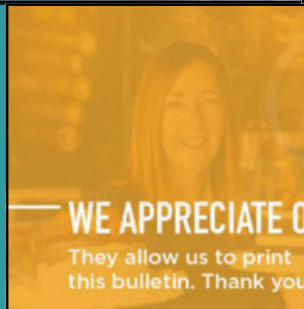
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