

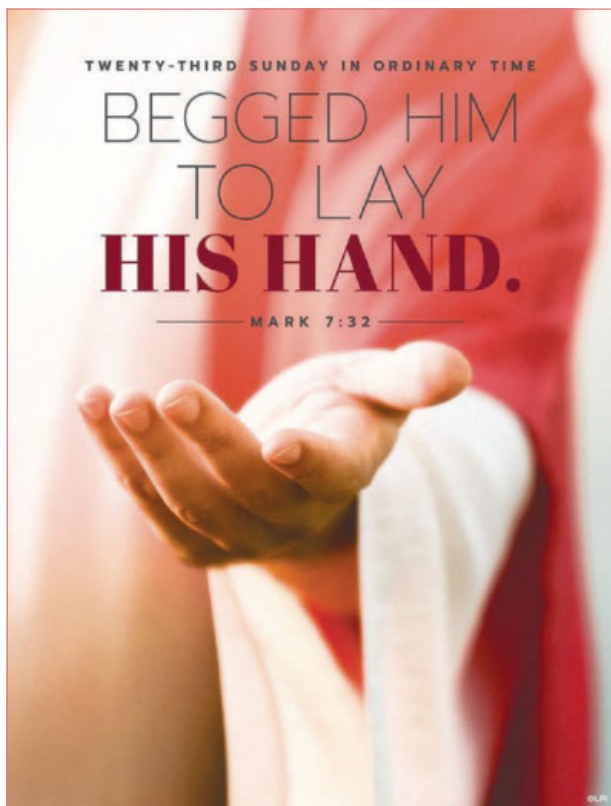


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## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

September 8, 2024

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WISHING YOU A DAY THAT IS AS GRAND AS YOU ARE



HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY!

### PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Dear Lord, What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages. Bless our grandparents, today and always. Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight. Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church. Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations. Amen.

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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](http://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

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## REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

### First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah encouraged the Israelites to be strong in their conviction that God was coming to heal them and renew creation itself. *Who could you encourage to be firm in their faith this week?*

### Second Reading:

James taught believers to make no distinctions between the rich and the poor in their community gatherings. *How do you think showing no partiality helps a community grow in faith?*

### Gospel:

We hear today how the people of the Decapolis were astonished at Jesus's healing of the deaf and mute. *What parts of your life need healing?*

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"Thus says the Lord: say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!"

Our readings today offer us a message of hope — God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

Our first reading and Gospel present us with profound physical healings.

In our first reading, the prophet Isaiah is speaking to a weary people who have returned to their homeland after a period of exile. Isaiah proclaims a confident message from the Lord, "Here is your God...he comes to save you...Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared."

Likewise, our Gospel recounts the healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. People brought him to Jesus and begged for his healing. Jesus took the man off by himself, touched his ears and his tongue, then proclaimed, "Be opened!" Immediately he was healed.

The prophecy in our first reading and the story in our Gospel overwhelm us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on these readings, we see that God uses these moments of physical healing as opportunities to restore something much deeper - our souls.

Oftentimes we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments - through our loved ones, our community, or even a stranger. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves.

These are how we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us.

He offers us the sacrament of confession because He recognizes the need our souls have for healing. He is eager for us to come begging for His mercy because He wants us to be with Him in eternal life.

But that is not all Jesus wants us to do. He also wants us to seek Him daily as the blind man did. If we approach Jesus each day - during our drive to work, stopping by the church for a few moments of prayer, or even finding a quiet spot in our homes - then He will take us into a moment of complete separation from the rest of the world. In that daily moment, He will work on our hearts, heal our wounds, open our ears and our eyes so that we can better know Him, love Him, and serve Him. This is done through prayer - the intimate time between Jesus and you.

This is echoed again in our second reading, as St. James reminds us to be rich in faith. This is what truly matters in life - not the status of our lives, but the state of our souls. God has promised Himself to those who love Him. And to be rich in faith and to love God well, we must commit to that daily time with just Him. He will heal us and transform us to be rich in what truly matters.

This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might "be open" to His workings, words, and promptings in our lives.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah: 35:4-7a;

Psalm 146;

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

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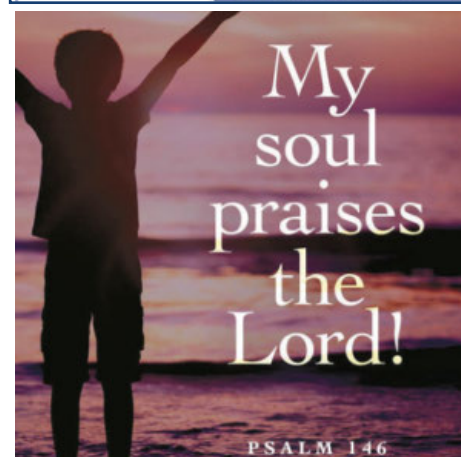
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# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

|      |      |   |
|------|------|---|
| Sun  | 9/8  | <b>23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / GRANDPARENTS' DAY</b><br>Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37            |
| Mon  | 9/9  | St. Peter Claver, Priest<br>1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11  |
| Tues | 9/10 | 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 6:12-19   |
| Wed  | 9/11 | Patriot Day<br>1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26  |
| Thu  | 9/12 | The Most Holy Name of Mary<br>1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14b, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38                                       |
| Fri  | 9/13 | St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church<br>1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42                        |
| Sat  | 9/14 | THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS<br>Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17                                       |
| Sun  | 9/15 | <b>24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<br/>CATECHETICAL SUNDAY</b><br>Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35 |

# MASS INTENTIONS

|      |      |          |   |
|------|------|----------|---|
| Mon  | 9/9  | 8:30 am  | Paul Hoffman †                          |
| Tues | 9/10 | 8:30 am  | Paul Hoffman †                          |
| Wed  | 9/11 | 8:30 am  | Malachy Moran (birthday)                |
| Thu  | 9/12 | 8:30 am  | Fr. Miguel Lombardi (special intention) |
| Fri  | 9/13 | 8:30 am  | Laura Lozoya †                          |
| Sat  | 9/14 | 8:30 am  | Paul Hoffman †                          |
|      |      | 5:00 pm  | Marie Antonowicz †                      |
| Sun  | 9/15 | 9:00 am  | Joe & Angie Filiponi †                  |
|      |      | 11:00 am | Matteo Coffey †                         |
|      |      | 5:00 pm  | Robert Hapgood Cowden †                 |



# 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

“Be opened!” said Christ two thousand years ago, as he placed his finger in the ear of the deaf man. “Be opened!” he says to us today, laying his hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ’s invitation to become a new creation.

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# POPE FRANCIS’ UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: SEPTEMBER

**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.



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10:05 - 10:55 AM  
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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: **David Najour; Herb Robbins; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito**

For those who have recently died:

**Barbara Kramer; Sharon Lynn Mander; 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://www.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](http://wwme.org) or call Ken & Claranne at 408-782-1413.

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|-----------------|---|
| 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](mailto:SanJose@RetroCA.com) or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)



### Stewardship of **TREASURE**

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### OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

|            | July 1 to August 25, 2024 |
|------------|---------------------------|
| Budget     | \$ 132,000.00             |
| Actual     | \$ 109,961.00             |
| Difference | - \$ 22,039.00            |



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## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

### WHAT IS THE HISTORY BEHIND FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS?

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion.

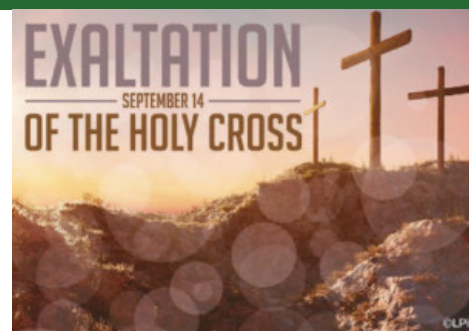
The basilica, named the Martyrium, and the shrine, named the Calvarium, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149.

However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free."

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

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### FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY

The Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, on September 12th in honor to the name of Mary, the mother of Jesus. This feast day has been celebrated since 1684 when Pope Innocent XI officially included it in General Roman calendar, but actually dates back to 1513 as local celebrations were held in Spain.

The entry in the Roman Martyrology about the feast speaks of it in the following terms, "The Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day on which the inexpressible love of the Mother of God for her Holy Child is recalled, and the eyes of the faithful are directed to the figure of the Mother of the Redeemer, for them to invoke with devotion".

Before the Battle of Vienna in 1683, John III Sobieski placed his troops under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the following year, to celebrate the victory, Pope Innocent XI inserted the feast into the General Roman Calendar, assigning to it the Sunday within the octave of the Nativity of Mary, which falls on September 8th. To honor the name of Mary, this Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus our Savior – we continue the tradition set many centuries ago, by our forefathers. There is wisdom in honoring the mother of Jesus, the virgin named Mary – as she is our spiritual mother as well. She will lead you to her Son.

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### CURSILLO MEN'S WEEKEND

*Retreat*

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.

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- ◆ Thurs., Oct. 10 thru Sun., Oct. 13 at St. Clare's Retreat Center, Santa Cruz.
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- ◆ 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





# ST. MARY SCHOOL

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Nothing like diving into a memorable weekend after the first week of school! Thank you Kelli Mezzetti and Kerri Jennings for hosting the Volleyball Clinic!!



*Our new pastor, Fr. Angelo, blessed every classroom, along with our students and teachers. What a wonderful way to end the first week of school! Feeling blessed and ready to shine His light all year long!*



## 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.

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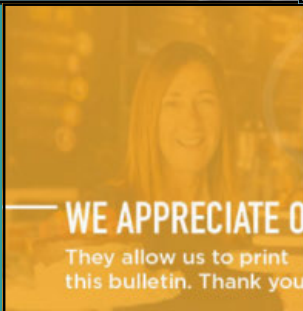
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