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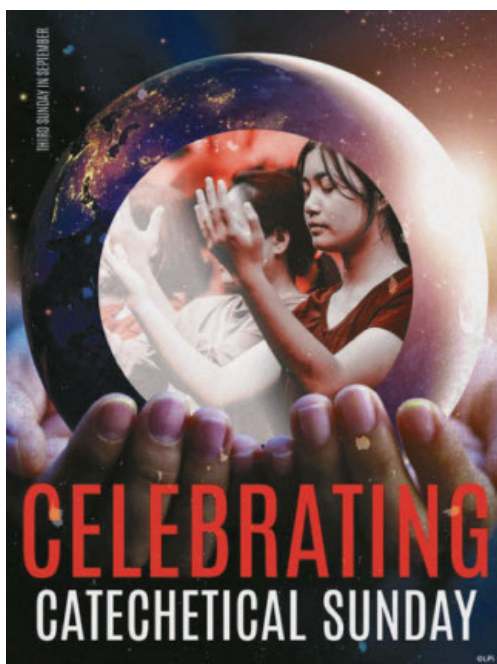
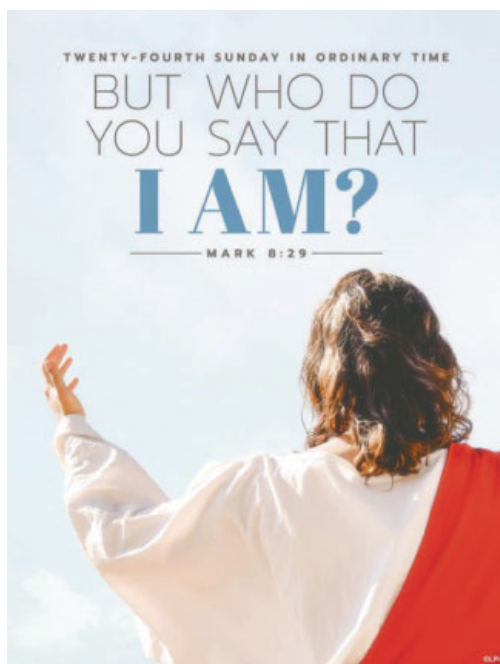
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September 15, 2024

24TH 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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10:05 - 10:55 AM
2-3 TIMES A MONTH

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Isaiah stands firm in his faith as he suffered in following God's call. *Can you think of a time when you supported someone in their faith?*

Second Reading:

James believed that good works are the fruit of faith. *Where is there a need for good works from you this week among family or friends?*

Gospel:

Jesus reveals to his disciples that as the Messiah, he is destined to suffer greatly and die, but on the third day, rise from the dead. *This was difficult for Peter to accept. How do you stay open to ideas you resist?*

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"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Jesus' words in our Gospel today challenge us to become imitators of Christ. This is not an easy request. It takes sacrifice, endurance, and commitment. Yet, it is profoundly rewarding.

As Peter professes that Jesus is Christ, Jesus begins to share that He will suffer, die, and rise. We can imagine that Peter, who is a close follower of Jesus, is taken back by these words. In his humanity Peter rebukes Him. Little does Peter know that this act is the greatest act of love that man will ever know.

In our humanity, oftentimes we too rebuke Jesus. We become angry when things don't go our way, despair when we suffer, complain when life gets hard, cringe when we are uncomfortable, or selfishly live to satisfy ourselves.

Jesus encourages us to think, not as humans, but as God. He is calling us not to look at life in relation to ourselves. Rather, He wants us to be open-minded and look at life in relation to God. This requires acceptance on our part — accepting the will of God and allowing it to mold us into Christ-like people.

Living a life of discipleship is not always easy. It requires us to be imitators of Christ — who suffered, died, and rose from the dead out of total love for each one of us. This means we are called to share in Christ's sufferings by taking up our cross and following Him daily.

But what does this look like in our day-to-day lives?

We can start by making a firm resolution to follow Christ today, here and now, and renewing that resolution each day when we rise. This requires time with Him each day — speaking and listening.

We should also strive to pick up our crosses each day with Christ by our side. Our cross might be suffering from an illness, fighting an addiction, a day of screaming kids, or a period where things just don't seem to go our way. Instead of avoiding these sufferings or complaining through them, we are called to carry them with Christ, allowing Him to transform us through them. And we should strive to remain committed to Christ in every joy and every trial, never ceasing to follow Him. This means serving others even when we feel like serving ourselves, being open to what God is asking of us, and praising Him for every gift.

If we live life constantly focused on us, we will ultimately lose ourselves, but if we surrender our lives for Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life and become more alive than we could have ever imagined, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." This takes daily commitment and requires endurance in our faith, which can only be done through active discipleship.

St. James reminds us that active discipleship is lively, meaning, our lives must be an extension of our faith. Everything that we do reflects what we believe. We cannot just hold that belief in our hearts, but we need to share it by how we live each moment of each day.

This week let us sit in Jesus' presence and listen to what He is calling us to at this point in our lives. Let us rise each day with a commitment to follow Him, carry our daily crosses with Him, and live in total gratitude and service to God, family, and neighbor.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah: 50:4c-9a;

Psalm 116;

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	9/15	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CATECHETICAL SUNDAY Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35
Mon	9/16	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tues	9/17	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wed	9/18	1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thu	9/19	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Fri	9/20	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Sat	9/21	ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sun	9/22	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	9/16	8:30 am	Paul Hoffman †
Tues	9/17	8:30 am	Consuelo Tamayo †
Wed	9/18	8:30 am	Clare Dinno †
Thu	9/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Fri	9/20	8:30 am	Fr. Miguel Lombardi (<i>special intention</i>)
Sat	9/21	8:30 am	Andrew and Tiffanie Chang (<i>wedding anniversary</i>)
		5:00 pm	Antonio Cabral Bettencourt †
Sun	9/22	9:00 am	Enrico Reyes †
		11:00 am	Maximilian and Sharlene Tam (<i>wedding anniversary</i>)
		5:00 pm	Honora Hannan (<i>healing</i>)



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

“Take up your cross and follow me,” Jesus tells us. We are called to have a faith that is defined by the willingness to go where Christ has gone, and to do what Christ has done, to see Christ in others and to love them as he loves us. ©LPi

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.



St. Clare's Retreat offers retreats for all who wish to nurture a life of prayer, renew holiness in their life, and recognize once again God's loving Divine Providence.

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Contact us to organize a retreat for your parish, school, or group at St. Clare's Retreat.

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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:

George Shannon; Marie Plumhoff; Barbara Kramer; Sharon Lynn Mander; John Hammett; John Hernandez; Kimberly Sue Connor; Angela Ficarra-Filsram

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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stmaryslg.org/getting-started-with-online-giving

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church in the Middle Ages. The Servite Order, founded in the 13th century in Florence, particularly dedicated themselves to the Sorrowful Mother and promoted devotion to her Sorrows. St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) also received many revelations from Our Lady concerning her Sorrows.

But what are the “Sorrows” of Mary, specifically? Indeed, she has given us **seven specific sorrows** to contemplate and meditate upon, for which she grants **many graces** in return.

The Seven Sorrows or “dolors” are particular events in the life of Mary that caused excessive sorrow in her Immaculate Heart, sorrows in which she was especially united to Jesus.

- 1) The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
- 2) The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
- 3) The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
- 4) The Meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Road to Calvary (John 19:17)
- 5) The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
- 6) Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
- 7) Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)



The Seven Promises of the Seven Sorrows Devotion

Our Lady revealed to St. Bridget seven particular graces that she would grant those who honored her Sorrows:

- 1) “I will grant peace to their families.”
- 2) “They will be enlightened about the divine Mysteries.”
- 3) “I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.”
- 4) “I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.”
- 5) “I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.”
- 6) “I will visibly help them at the moment of their death—they will see the face of their mother.”
- 7) “I have obtained this grace from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness, since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son will be their eternal consolation and joy.”

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How to Pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary - <https://hallow.com/blog/7-sorrows/#prayer-card>

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



A LOOK INTO 2ND GRADE MATH:

Our students were learning about measurement and grabbed their 10cm rulers to explore the classroom, finding things that were more than 10cm. So much fun!



BLESSING OUR COUGARS

Fr. Angelo went out to the field this afternoon to bless our students and to wish them a fun and safe season.

Go Cougars!



AROUND THE DIOCESE



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

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

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.

Sacred Heart Parish Seasons of Hope Grief Discussion Group Invites You...

"You will grieve, but your grief will become joy."
(John 16:20)

Grief and sorrow are meant to be shared. The Sacred Heart Parish Seasons of Hope program provides a faith-based conversation group for those who have lost a loved one.

The 6-week autumn session begins on Wednesday, October 9th, and continues weekly on the 16th, 23rd, 30th, November 6th and 13th. We gather in the Transfiguration Room of the Parish Center from 1:00pm until 2:30pm.

Our agenda includes Scripture reading, reflection, journaling, conversation, and sharing our experiences. Each meeting concludes with a short meditation.

Reading materials and a journal are provided. There is no fee to participate.

To register, call Carolyn Orasin at 408-867-3634, or c.orasin@sacredheartsaratoga.org. Or call Nancy Crowley at 408-209-6118. Be sure to include your name, phone number, and email so we can confirm your attendance.

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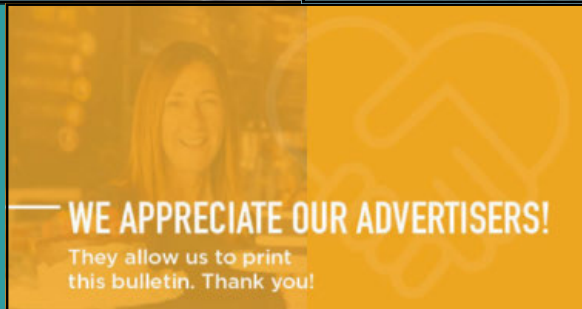
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