



# All are Welcome

## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

September 22, 2024

25<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.*



### 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

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 3:00pm

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#### ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

408.354.3944

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*Save the date*

### SOLEMN MASS OF INSTALLATION

of

**Fr. Angelo David**

by

**Bishop Oscar Cantú,**  
*Installing Prelate*

**SUNDAY | OCTOBER 20 | 11:00am Mass**

**Reception follows after Mass**

**St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish**  
**219 Bean Ave., Los Gatos, CA 95030**

## REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

### First Reading:

The Jewish wisdom writer teaches us that wicked people revile and test those who are just and upright. *What might be an effective way to win over a wicked person?*

### Second Reading:

James encourages us to be sincere and consistent in cultivating peace. *Can you think of a situation this week at home or at work where you could seek peace?*

### Gospel:

We hear today that the disciples did not always understand Jesus and were afraid sometimes to ask him questions. *How would you suggest dealing with tensions that arise in close relationships?*

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Our readings today bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle through wisdom and gratitude.

In our Second Reading, St. James is reminding us to not become enslaved to our passions. In a moment, it might feel good to jab back at someone in an argument or selfishly do what you can to gain the upper hand in life or even overindulge in earthly pleasures. But when we step back outside of that moment, we realize we have not gained anything and lost the ability to do something great. These are moments where we must decide between good and evil.

“But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits...”

Instead, St. James encourages us to seek wisdom from above. When we seek the Lord, we will have the strength to choose good and the wisdom to properly use what we have received from Him.

In our Gospel, we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. Jesus was with His disciples when they began to argue amongst themselves as to who was the greatest in the group.

If we look at our own lives, we might find many instances where we fall into the same tendencies—we constantly compare ourselves to others, out of pride we feel the need to point out another’s faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way but choose another.

When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child. “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”

There is much for us to take away from the example of a child, but ultimately it is centered around gratitude.

If we reflect on the moment someone receives a child, oftentimes their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for this gift. There is no jealousy or anger, just thanksgiving, and appreciation.

The apostles are busy bickering about who was the best. Their vision was clouded on something that really didn’t matter and because of this, they could not even stop and be grateful for the gift to be so close to our Savior Jesus Christ and were chosen to be His closest followers.

When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting, and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us.

And gratitude doesn’t stop with the acknowledgment of our blessings. It should ultimately transform how we live our lives. In gratitude, the raging wars will subside within us, and we can begin to use the many blessings God has already given to us for His glory.

Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you with, and how you can use those blessings for His glory.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

Wisdom: 2:12, 17-20;

Psalm 54;

James 3:16—4:3

Mark 9:30-37

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# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	9/22	<b>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37
Mon	9/23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; National Migration Week Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tues	9/24	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wed	9/25	Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thu	9/26	Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:7-9
Fri	9/27	St. Vincent de Paul, Priest Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Sat	9/28	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sun	9/29	<b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY</b> Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	9/23	8:30 am	David & Shelly Cuccias ( <i>wedding anniversary</i> )
Tues	9/24	8:30 am	Benito and Maria De La Riva ( <i>special intention</i> )
Wed	9/25	8:30 am	Tom Palmisano †
Thu	9/26	8:30 am	Benito and Maria De La Riva ( <i>special intention</i> )
Fri	9/27	8:30 am	Eric Upah †
Sat	9/28	8:30 am	Fr. Miguel Lombardi ( <i>special intention</i> )
		5:00 pm	Tim & Kristin Neu ( <i>wedding anniversary</i> )
Sun	9/29	9:00 am	Kevin & Deborah Cuccias ( <i>wedding anniversary</i> )
		11:00 am	Frank H. Filici, Jr. †
		5:00 pm	Hulsui Basceri †



## 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 apostles argue, each one claiming to be the greatest of Christ's followers. But Christ shows them who is truly the greatest — a child, one who has no thought of his own importance, one who has no ambition. Let's seek to be like that child.

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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.



**ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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

10:05 - 10:55 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](http://www.stmaryslg.org)
- Click on "FAITH FORMATION"
- Click on "Faith Formation Registration Forms"

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
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**OCT. 4-6**

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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:

**Robert Schwartz; Philip Ernstrom; George Shannon; Marie Plumhoff; Barbara Kramer; Sharon Lynn Mander; John Hammett**

*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

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For more information or to register please go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call Ken & Claranne at 408-782-1413.

October 25-27	Zephyr Point Conference Center, Zephyr Cove, Nevada
November 15-17	San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville, California

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 [stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul](https://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](mailto:sue.ahmadian@gmail.com)

## Stewardship of TREASURE

*Managing God's Gift To Us*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!**

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

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## OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	July 1 to September 8, 2024
Budget	\$ 165,000.00
Actual	\$ 135,160.00
Difference	- \$ 29,840.00



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## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

**ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA | SEPTEMBER 23** - Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "St. Pio of Pietrelcina."



**ST. WENCESLAUS | SEPTEMBER 28** - You may know St. Wenceslaus better than you think, he is in fact, the "Good King Wenceslas" from the Christmas carol penned in the 19th century.

He was born in 907 near Prague, the son of the Duke of Bohemia, raised and educated as a Christian by his paternal grandmother, Ludmila, who herself became a saint. The land of Bohemia at this time was a place in turmoil. Christianity had not yet taken hold and there were power struggles even within the noble family. When Saint Wenceslaus' father died, his Christian grandmother became regent. However, his mother who may have been a pagan or at least held anti-Christian sentiments, upset at being overlooked, had Ludmilla killed. Wenceslaus, though young, eventually prevailed.

He ruled from 921-929, working at unification, he supported the Church building many churches, including the rotunda of Saint Vitus at Prague Castle. And like in the carol, he cared for sick, poor, widowed, and orphaned in his kingdom. To make peace with Germany, Wenceslaus recognized King Henry the Fowler as the successor of Charlemagne, which put Bohemia under King Henry. The peace was not a popular move with the non-Christian sects and nobles who wanted to remain outside of German rule.

Legend holds that his brother, Boleslaus the Cruel, led some anti-Christian movements. Whether Boleslaus plotted to murder Saint Wenceslaus or they just had a disagreement that ended in his death, it is generally accepted that the saint was killed by Boleslaus or his men. His last words were to forgive his brother.

Saint Wenceslaus was immediately recognized as a martyr for the faith and sainted. The Holy Roman Emperor Otto I posthumously gave him the title "king." He is the first Czech saint and the patron saint of the Czech state.



### UPCOMING RETREAT

Would you like to attend a three-day weekend that allows you to find, form, and sustain a closer, lifelong relationship with Christ and with his people?

The Cursillo weekend provides participants with the opportunity to grow spiritually.

**Men's Weekend: October 10-13, 2024**

**Women's Weekend: October 24-27, 2024**

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



**WORLD WEEK OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2024**  
9/23—9/29, 2024



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## SEPT. 24

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

[dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/stewards-commonhome/](https://dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/stewards-commonhome/)

**FROM GRIEF TO HEALING: AN 8 WEEK SERIES**  
**October 1 through November 19, 2024**  
**Tuesdays from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

**Transfiguration Catholic Church**  
Fireside Room, 4325 Jarvis Avenue  
Parish Office Phone: (408) 264-3600

No cost for participants

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### Seasons of Hope Grief Discussion Group

Faith-based conversation for those who have lost a loved one.

Autumn Session Begins Wednesday, October 9th.

**Dates:**  
Wednesday, October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13.

**Time:**  
1:00pm – 2:30pm

**Where:**  
Sacred Heart Parish Center, Transfiguration Room  
13716 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga 95070

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RSVP with your name, phone number and email to:  
Carolyn Orasin, Parish Secretary, 1-408-867-3634,  
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