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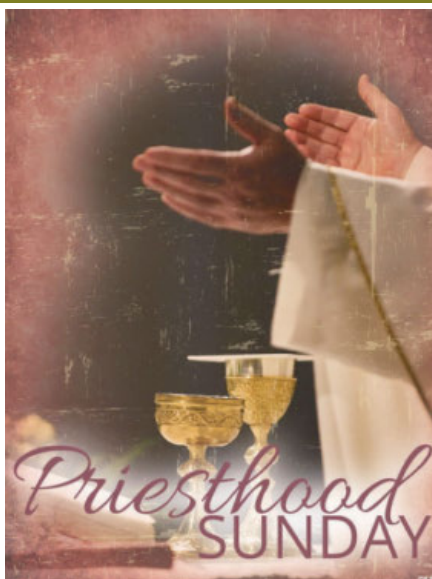
## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

September 29, 2024

26<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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*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:

Moses hoped the Spirit of the Lord would be bestowed on all the Israelites, not limited just to the seventy elders. *What are you hoping for this week?*

### Second Reading:

James holds the rich in low regard, warning them against the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. *How are you generous toward others with your resources?*

### Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples the valuable lesson: "Whoever is not against us is for us." *How do you promote unity rather than division at work or at home?*

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Our readings this week encourage us to not only be good stewards of all that God has given us but also to rejoice in the good stewardship of others.

In our First Reading, a young man approaches Moses to inform him that Eldad and Medad were prophesying in the camp. Joshua, who is Moses' aide, encourages Moses to stop these men. Moses responds, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!"

Essentially, Moses is telling his men to stop being jealous that others too have the gift of prophecy bestowed on them from the Lord.

Eldad, Medad, and the man driving out demons were all doing the work of God. They had been entrusted with a gift and used it to glorify the Lord. Joshua and John should have responded in joy and appreciation for another's gifts and talents.

If we apply this scenario to our modern-day lives, we might find it extremely relatable. We oftentimes look at another's strengths as our weakness whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our own families. We are left with a bitter heart and a negative attitude when we become jealous of another. And when we view others in this light, we not only diminish their good works but also overlook the gifts God has given to them and us.

Jesus is calling us to cut out those sinful thoughts and attitudes from our lives. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God's gifts — rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to you.

We do not want to end up like the rich in our Second Reading from St. James. "Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries... You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter."

The rich in this reading stored up their riches to the point where they withheld wages from their workers! They clinged tightly to the pleasures and luxuries that the world offers and put it in front of both God and their neighbor. They misused the gifts God bestowed on them.

We must keep this in perspective as we journey on our path as Christian stewards. We do not live for this life, but for the next. We cannot take our fancy pair of shoes, newly renovated house, or our bank accounts to heaven, but we do take our refined hearts.

How do we prepare ourselves for eternal life? It simply starts with being a good steward of what God has given us. It is not bad to have those things; however, we cannot let them rule our hearts. Rather, we are called to share what God has entrusted to us.

He has given us time every day, countless talents, and numerous treasures. Are we using them for His glory?

This week when we witness other people in our lives using the gifts God has given to them, instead of becoming jealous or critical, say a prayer of thanksgiving and take time to reflect on what God has gifted you and how you can offer it to Him for His glory.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

Numbers: 11:25-29;

Psalm 19;

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

|      |      |   |
|------|------|---|
| Sun  | 9/29 | <b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY</b><br>Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48    |
| Mon  | 9/30 | St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church<br>Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50  |
| Tues | 10/1 | St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56                             |
| Wed  | 10/2 | The Holy Guardian Angels<br>Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10b-15; Mt 18:1-5, 10   |
| Thu  | 10/3 | Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12   |
| Fri  | 10/4 | St. Francis of Assisi<br>Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14; Lk 10:13-16   |
| Sat  | 10/5 | Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest<br>Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24 |
| Sun  | 10/6 | <b>27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY</b><br>Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16                     |

## MASS INTENTIONS

|      |      |          |  |
|------|------|----------|--|
| Mon  | 9/30 | 8:30 am  | Lou Bruno †                                      |
| Tues | 10/1 | 8:30 am  | Eleanor Loffredo †                               |
| Wed  | 10/2 | 8:30 am  | Fr. Miguel Lombardi ( <i>special intention</i> ) |
| Thu  | 10/3 | 8:30 am  | Ethel and Nicholas Baxter †                      |
| Fri  | 10/4 | 8:30 am  | S. Joseph Healy †                                |
| Sat  | 10/5 | 8:30 am  | Barbara Baxter †                                 |
|      |      | 5:00 pm  | Sister Betty Shields †                           |
| Sun  | 10/6 | 9:00 am  | Robert Hapgood Cowden †                          |
|      |      | 11:00 am | Karin Leipelt †                                  |
|      |      | 5:00 pm  | Donna Hainey †                                   |



## 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

"If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off," Jesus says. It's easy to gasp in horror at the thought of going through life deprived of a limb. But our horror should be even greater at the thought of going through life deprived of God's grace.

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## POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: OCTOBER

**For a shared mission:** We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



**HARVEST MARKET**  
*at the fair*

JOIN US  
at St. Mary's 18th Annual  
**HARVEST MARKET**  
on  
Thursday, October 3rd

11am - 4pm  
(Free entry)  
&  
5pm - 9pm  
(\$20 at the door)

**Howley Hall**  
219 Bean Avenue, Los Gatos

*Over 20 specialty vendors will showcase their items that make wonderful gifts...there is decor for the home, gourmet foods, jewelry, handbags, clothing and accessories!*

[ Enjoy music, appetizers and beverages during the evening session ]

Check us out!  
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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:  
**Honora Hannan; Herb Robbins; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz; Bruce Welch; Zachary Schroeder; George Bommarito**

For those who have recently died:  
**Robert Schwartz; Philip Ernstrom; George Shannon; Marie Plumhoff; 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.*



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



### Be a Good Steward of Your Faith this Autumn

Think of the autumn season as a way to discover a new rhythm for your prayer life. If new activities can be scheduled into your daily life, start scheduling in more quality time for prayer.

Try to bring a more regular prayer schedule to your home. Pray with your children as you tuck them in, making the prayer personal and about the day's events. Make a resolve this fall to bring Christ more prominently into your family's daily routine. Make the stewardship of your faith and family a commitment as autumn brings a sense of renewal.

*Extracted from September issue of the International Catholic Stewardship Consultants bulletin - catholicstewardship.com*

## Stewardship of TREASURE

*Managing God's Gift To Us*

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

***Our Goal for October is \$75,000.00***

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### OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

|            | Jul. 1 to Sept. 15, 2024 |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Budget     | \$ 183,500.00            |
| Actual     | \$ 146,900.00            |
| Difference | - \$ 36,600.00           |



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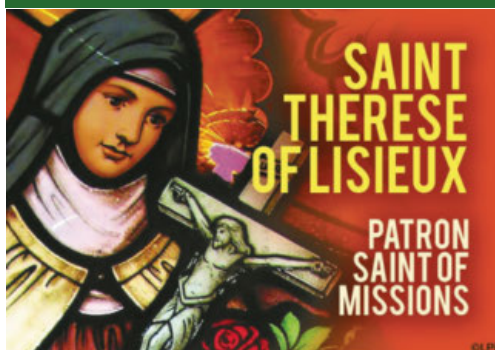


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## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



### MEMORIAL OF SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX - OCT 1

*"I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul."*

These are the words of Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls. Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24.

Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent *"to save souls and pray for priests."* And shortly before she died, she wrote: *"I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth."*

Thérèse was canonized in 1925. On October 19, 1997, Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized in light of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church.

Her parents, Louis and Zélie, were beatified in 2008 and canonized in 2015.

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death.



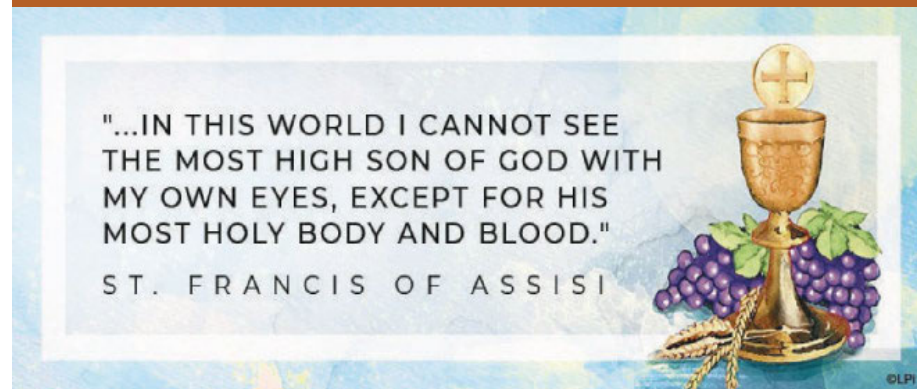
The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

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### MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - OCTOBER 4



### 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



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)

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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)





## FAITH FAMILY GROUP ASSEMBLY

Each year, students are placed into new groups mixed with kids from every grade. This month, the Student Council led us in a prayerful reflection on our school theme, "Be His Light."

The activity began with introductions, allowing everyone to get to know one another and make new friends. Then, each student wrote a personal commitment on a flame, pledging how they will "Be His Light" this year.

These commitments will be combined into a mural, symbolizing how our individual lights come together to shine brightly for God's light.



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Wednesday, October 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13.

**Time:**  
1:00pm – 2:30pm

**Where:**  
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13716 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga 95070

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