

October 13, 2024

**28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 





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#### 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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#### **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**

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#### REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

#### **First Reading:**

We hear how Solomon prayed for and received the virtues of prudence and wisdom. What are you praying to the Lord for these days?

#### Second Reading:

Hebrews teaches us that "the word of God" knows and understands what is in our hearts and minds. Do you find this comforting or unsettling?

Jesus taught his followers that excessive wealth and possessions can impact one's priorities in life. What are some practical ways to keep Jesus as a top priority in your life?

**TODAY'S READINGS** 

Wisdom 7:7-11;

Psalm 90;

Hebrews 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

In our Gospel today we hear the story of a man who ran up to Jesus and asked Him what he must do to reach eternal life.

Jesus said, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

It says the man went away sad because he had much.

We might cringe when we hear this story because it is sad — this man was so close to becoming an active disciple of Jesus, but instead turned away. We also might cringe because it could be deeply applicable to our lives.

Jesus states that, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

One of the metaphors for the "eye of a needle" was a tight passageway into Jerusalem that people had to enter to get into the city. In order for their camels to pass through, they had to remove whatever the camel was carrying, only then, could they enter.

If we look at our own lives, we can most likely think of something that we tightly carry with us. Maybe it is possessions — material goods or money — like Jesus references in our Gospel. Or maybe it is something less material — like status, pride or control. As we go through life, it can be hard not to cling tightly to things of the world.

But what will happen when we reach the gate of heaven? All of our "stuff" won't fit into the narrow gate.

Jesus doesn't want our stuff — our job promotions, our designer house or our bank account. He just wants us. So, we need to be willing to strip those things from our lives in order to reach Him.

Later in our Gospel, Jesus' disciples asked a question we all might be thinking, "Then who can be saved?" How can anyone make it to heaven if we all are attached to things in our everyday life that we put in front of Him?

Our First Reading reminds us that through prayer, we will gain the virtues to persevere through this life — "I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me." If we ask, we shall receive. And if we remain close to Jesus, He will show us the way.

It is also through opportunity. As our Second Reading states, "everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him." Jesus knows exactly what we struggle with, and He gives us countless opportunities in life to choose Him, to overcome our attachments and surrender.

We can also create opportunities throughout our day to help ourselves detach from whatever is holding us back from Jesus. Jesus' recommendation to this man was to sell all his possessions and give them to the poor. While He may not be calling us to do that, we can still give to the point where it makes us uncomfortable. And it is in that discomfort that we put more trust in Christ that helps us to grow closer to Jesus, that we turn and follow Him more intentionally.

May we consider what it is that is holding us back from radically loving Jesus in return. Pray for the grace to overcome, don't pass by the opportunities to surrender and create moments to detach. It might seem difficult, but the outcome will be more than we could have ever imagined — peace on earth and treasure in heaven.

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Readings for the Week					
Sun	10/13	<b>28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30			
Mon	10/14	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; Indigenous Peoples & Columbus Day Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 11:29-32			
Tues	10/15	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41			
Wed	10/16	St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46			
Thu	10/17	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54			
Fri	10/18	ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13b, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9			
Sat	10/19	Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-7; Lk 12:8-12			
Sun	10/20	<b>29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; WORLD MISSION SUN.</b> Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45			

Mass Intentions					
Mon	10/14	8:30 am	Stephen Perun (special intention)		
Tues	10/15	8:30 am	Walter Allspach †		
Wed	10/15	8:30 am	Marie Plumhoff †		
Thu	10/17	8:30 am	John Hemmett †		
Fri	10/18	8:30 am	Fr. Miguel Lombardi (special intention)		
Sat	10/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †		
		5:00 pm	Antonio Cabral Bettencourt †		
Sun	10/20	9:00 am	Franz Gniewosz †		
		11:00 am	Catelyn Krings (special intention)		
		5:00 pm	George Shannon †		

## ENLIGHTEN & ENGAGE: ST. MARY PARISH COMPLIMENTARY SEMINAR SERIES

To survive and thrive during the holiday season, it's crucial to change your expectations, make modifications to family traditions and focus on what you can control. Using the ACTION strategy can ensure a holiday infused with moments of joy. I look forward to seeing you on Oct. 17!

We are honored to have Tami Anastasia back with us this month. Tami is a dementia consultant, educator and speaker with over 30 years of experience providing counseling services, dementia guidance, and care strategies.

#### HOLIDAY TIPS AND TRICKS FOR DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS



Tami Anastasia, MA Alzheimer's & Dementia Counselor 408.377.4716 tami@tamianastasia.com

Thursday, October 17th Time: 10:00 - 11:30am Hofmann Center



Please RSVP using the QR Code.



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## 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.

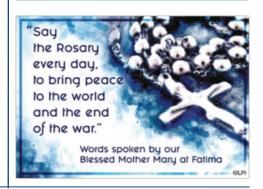
## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

To follow Jesus, we must cast off all illusions of importance and wisdom. We must embrace our own smallness, rejoice in our own weakness. In doing that, we become like true children, and discover the saving strength of our God.

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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.



### 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; Anne Badame

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 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



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## 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. 29, 2024
Budget	\$ 220,500.00
Actual	\$ 179,775.00
Difference	- \$ 40,725.00

#### 2nd OFFERING: Oct 19 & 20 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet," reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone.

This Sunday, Catholics in every parish around the world are invited to participate through prayer and support for the World Mission Sunday special collection. This collection supports the Pontifical Mission Societies, a worldwide network at the service of the Pope that supports the missions and the Young Churches with prayer and charity.

For more information visit **onefamilyinmission.org/wms/** 

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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

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Sue Ahmadian at <a href="mailto:sue.ahmadian@gmail.com">sue.ahmadian@gmail.com</a>

### **OUR CATHOLIC FAITH**



## PRAYER FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY: OCTOBER 14, 2024

As we celebrate Indigenous Peoples day, we hope to honor and highlight the voices of those who historically have been neglected and marginalized. In a spirit of humble unity, we offer this traditional Native American prayer, translated by Sioux Chief Yellow Lark in the late 19th century.

#### Great Spirit Prayer, Chief Yellow Lark

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind, whose breath gives life to all the world.

Hear me; I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people.

Help me to remain calm and strong in the face of all that comes towards me.

Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Help me seek pure thoughts and act with the intention of helping others.

Help me find compassion without empathy overwhelming me.

I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy, Myself.

Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.

So when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.



In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is designated as *Respect Life Sunday*.

Join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death October 22-30. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at **respectlife.org**/

#### **OCT 27: MASS FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

At 1:00 pm at Holy Cross Parish a Mass will be celebrated for Migrants and Refugees. Join us in the Diocese of San Jose along with Pope Francis, together as the universal church, pray with and for the Migrants and Refugees around the globe. "God walks with his people".

#### **SAINT LUKE OCTOBER 18**

Saint Luke, sometimes called The Evangelist, is the author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles and a physician. There is some debate about how he came to Christianity, though many believe he was a gentile convert. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, Syria, possibly a slave. Most of what we know of Luke comes from Scripture, he was an eloquent and proficient writer, penning with accuracy the events he recounted. He is viewed as one of the best historical sources of the time.



Luke was a close companion of Paul's, joining him at Troas about year 51 and going with him to Macedonia and Philippi. Their paths diverged and met again as they journeyed to spread the Good News. Luke remained with Paul until the latter was martyred in Rome.

Saint Luke's Gospel is viewed as one of social justice, giving special attention to the poor. He also emphasizes gentiles hearing the message of Christ. It is the only Gospel with Mary's Magnificat, and spends the most time illuminating the lives of the other women around Jesus.

Accounts of Luke's death are conflicting, some say he was martyred shortly after Paul others that he lived a long life completing his Gospel in Greece and dying at 84. He is the patron saint of physicians.



## COUGAR FOOTBALL HAS BEEN UNSTOPPABLE THIS SEASON!

Check out these highlights from last week's (C Team) game. Due to the heatwave, this week's games are canceled—stay cool and see you back on the field soon!



## OUR EARLY LITERACY NIGHT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

A huge thank you to our wonderful panelists, and to all the TK and Kindergarten parents who joined us. It was an evening full of valuable insights, fun, and community. We're so glad everyone enjoyed it!



## **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

OCT 17: GOSPEL OF WATER SERIES: WINE & CHEESE REFLECTION: Join us for the final session of the Gospel of Water Series at St. Simon Parish on Oct. 17 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Enjoy an evening of reflection on the sacredness of water, accompanied by wine and cheese. Let's gather in community and share how we can protect the gift of creation and live our faith more deeply.

OCT 19: "THE GOSPEL OF PEACE" BOOK REVIEW WITH JOHN DEAR Join us at St. Clare Parish on October 19 for a special presentation by Nobel Peace Prize nominee John Dear, featuring his book "The Gospel of Peace." This commentary on the Gospels focuses on active nonviolence inspired by Gandhi and Dr. King. Refreshments and book signing at 10:00 am followed by author presentation from 10:30 to 12:00 pm

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