

All are St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

October 20, 2024

29<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

#### **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 408-354-3726 Email:

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#### ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

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#### REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

#### **First Reading:**

The prophet Isaiah sees how suffering can have a positive outcome. *How do you help family members or friends who are struggling?* 

#### **Second Reading:**

The author of Hebrews encourages us to be confident in asking for "timely help" from the

Lord. In what ways do you need the Lord's help today?

#### Gospel:

Jesus teaches James and John that humility and service to others is what defines greatness in the kingdom of God. *How might you be of service to a friend or co-worker this week?* 

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TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 53:10-11:

Psalm 33:

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

Our readings today convey how deeply God understands our weaknesses and sufferings, and how we are called to imitate Him through humility and service.

Our First Reading reminds us that Jesus suffered for us - "through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear." Out of love for us, He willingly submitted to this to fulfill His Father's mission.

Similarly, our Second Reading reminds us that the Son of God suffered, was tempted, and died for us. He is not distant from the reality that sin is among us, or that pain and sorrow affect us. We have a God who personally understands each one of us and what we are going through each day of our lives.

It is easy to forget the humanity of our God. We might view Him as distant or out of touch. Yet, these readings help us recall that the Son of God lived among us. He lived through the tempting of the devil, the loss of loved ones, emotional agony, and physical pain, just as we do.

Jesus doesn't look at us with anger when we fall into temptation or abandon us when we suffer. He knows it is hard and He is right there with us in those moments of complete shame and suffering.

St. Paul reminds us, "So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help."

In our weak moments, instead of running from the Lord, we are called to turn to Him. For who could understand us better than the One who knows our hearts and infinitely loves us? He desires us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness when we fall, and for the strength to keep going when we are weak.

In our Gospel, we are reminded that Jesus went through all of this — becoming flesh, suffering, and dying — to serve us. Although He is God, He became man and surrendered His life into the hands of men so that we might be saved. The life of Jesus was centered around His Father's mission and the service of mankind. And this is how we ought to live — in imitation of Christ.

James and John wanted to ensure they had a spot in heaven with Jesus. They were concerned about themselves in that moment, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Jesus quickly reminded them, "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as ransom for many."

Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects — that power, authority, and wealth should be our goals in life.

Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling — a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan for each one of us.

It can be difficult to know God's plan for our entire life. He sees the whole picture — we only see the now. All we can do is seek Him daily. If each day is centered on Him, then our entire lives will become the work of Jesus.

So let us make it our daily mission to do the will of God. It will look different for each one of us.

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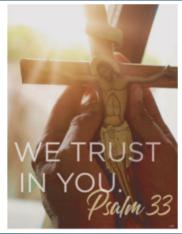
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Readings for the Week					
Sun	10/20	<b>29</b> <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; WORLD MISSION SUN. Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45			
Mon	10/21	Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100: 2-5; Lk 12:13-21			
Tues	10/22	St. John Paul II, Pope Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 12:35-38			
Wed	10/23	St. John of Capistrano, Priest Eph 3:2-12; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Lk 12:39-48			
Thu	10/24	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53			
Fri	10/25	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 12:54-59			
Sat	10/26	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9			
Sun	10/27	<b>30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52			

Mass Intentions					
Mon	10/21	8:30 am	Sharon Page †		
Tues	10/22	8:30 am	John Hammett †		
Wed	10/23	8:30 am	Donna & Bob Gionfriddo (wedding anniversary)		
Thu	10/24	8:30 am	Gloria Palmisano †		
Fri	10/25	8:30 am	Peter & Flannery Abrahamson (wedding anniversary) Rosemarie Abrahamson † (mother of couple)		
Sat	10/26	8:30 am	Fr. Miguel Lombardi (special intention)		
		5:00 pm	Marie Antonowicz †		
Sun	10/27	9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †		
		11:00 am	George Shannon †		
		5:00 pm	Ivanka Dasovic †		

You are cordially invited to join us for a special *Mass of Consolation* 

### **ALL SOULS DAY**

Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

We recall with affection the members of our parish community who have died this year.

If you wish, please bring a photo or memento of your beloved to be placed on a table near the altar for this Mass.



# 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.

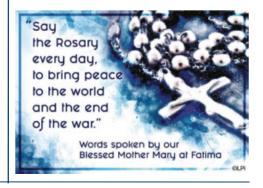
## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do you want to be like Christ? Pray for a servant's heart, for hands that never tire of giving, for arms that hold others up. Pray for feet strong enough to walk the path of a servant, in the footsteps of the one who came not to be served but to serve.

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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: Elisabeth Venesualea; 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

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Please consider setting up a recurring or one-time gift Online. Instructions can be found at stmaryslg.org/getting-started-with-online-giving

#### OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1 to Oct. 6, 2024
Budget	\$ 239,000.00
Actual	\$ 195,680.00
Difference	- \$ 43,320.00

#### 2nd OFFERING: 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/** 

To Make an Online Gift, please visit: giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/stmaryslg

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 sue.ahmadian@gmail.com

### **OUR CATHOLIC FAITH**



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".

#### A PRAYER FOR LIFE

to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever.

- AMEN.



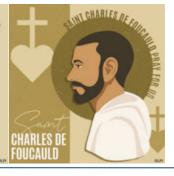
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#### SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916) whose calling was to live like Jesus, is the inspiration for lay associations, religious communities and secular institutes of laity and priests collectively known as "the spiritual family of Charles de Foucauld."



# Please Join St Mary Parish At The Founding Convention



#### **FOUNDING CONVENTION**

Sunday, November 3 2:30-5:00pm

Santa Clara Convention Center

5001 Great America
Parkway, Santa Clara

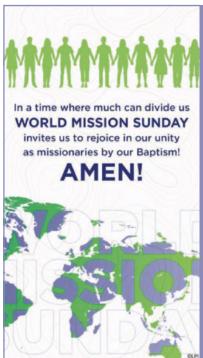
Join us as we officially found and name our broad-based community organization representing thousands of families and neighbors across Santa Clara County. We are organizing to make democracy work.

Please RSVP:



For more information contact Tim O'Rorke at 408-438-2238.





# BLESSING OF MISSIONARIES

God of every nation, you commissioned us at Pentecost to go and make disciples of all nations. When we take up your commission, we become missionaries of your Gospel. Bless all missionaries in our communities with your love that surpasses all understanding. Change our hearts so that we become the missionaries you expect us to be. We ask this through Jesus, the first missionary of your Gospel. Amen.



#### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - OCT 9**

Although the Feast of St. Francis was on Oct 4, we moved the blessing to today due to the heatwave. Fr. Angelo blessed all kinds of pets—dogs, cats, hamsters, fish, and even some photos and stuffed animals brought in by students!



## 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 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.

**OCT 19: RESPECT LIFE MASS** Join us in celebrating the sanctity of life at every stage 5:00 pm at St. Frances Cabrini Parish.

OCT 25: BAD DAYS—NO MORE! — MENTAL HEALTH & SPIRITUAL WELLBEING EVENING 7:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, will discuss overcoming negative emotions, reclaiming peace and finding freedom through the Cross. Doors open at 6:30pm. Questions? Contact anita@sfoasjmhm.com.

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NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK, NOVEMBER 3-9, 2024 - NVAW is a week-long event held annually by the Catholic Church in the United States. It is dedicated to promoting vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life. The week involves prayer, outreach, and education, with the goal of encouraging and supporting individuals who are considering these vocations.

## NOV 24: MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR FAMILIES AND VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Join us with Bishop Cantú for a special mass of remembrance for families and victims of violence.



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