November 3, 2024

31ST 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.



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The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

- Mk 12:32, 34ab

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 7:00 PM HOFMANN CENTER





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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If it is an **EMERGENCY** and you need to reach a priest call **669-219-9465**.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Moses taught the Israelites the importance of passing on the faith and keeping the Jewish prayer, the great Shema ("Hear, O Israel..."). What are some faith traditions your family practices?

Second Reading:

In Hebrews we hear that Jesus is the eternal and perfect high priest who intercedes for us before God. Do you have a friend or coworker who needs you to pray for them this week?

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 18: Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel:

Jesus and the scribe find common ground on agreeing that the two greatest commandments are to love God and our neighbor. Do you value making peace with people you disagree with?

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Today's Gospel reading brings us to the very essence of a stewardship way of life, as Jesus responds to a question posed to Him by one of the scribes: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" His answer is a beautiful and concise description of a Christian steward's life: "The first [commandment] is this.... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Let's consider these "greatest commandments" as they relate to three aspects of a Christian steward's daily life — the use of our time, of our talents and of our material treasure.

The use of time in the context of stewardship refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. Since time is a gift to me from God, I show my love for Him and my gratitude for this gift by giving Him the best portion of my time. My best time for prayer may be first thing in the morning before the noise and hectic pace of the day begin. It may be a few quiet moments at my desk during my lunch break. Or it could be in the evening with my spouse after the children have gone to bed.

Of course, it is vital to talk to God throughout the day, but if I really want to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, shouldn't I make time for God "first" on my agenda each day? Not as an afterthought, but as a time I have intentionally chosen to spend only with Him.

The use of talents in the context of stewardship refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. While our loving Father gives us these things for our own enjoyment, He also intends for us to use them to help others. Doing so is a practical way to "love my neighbor as myself." It is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have since He has told us that whatever we do for others we are also doing for Him.

The use of material gifts in the context of stewardship likewise demonstrates both love of God and of neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection, I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life. At the same time, my gift is also a gift to my neighbor and a way to show my love for others through needed material assistance for charitable works, religious formation of parish children and adults, and the many other ways that our parish family works together to worship and serve the Lord and our community.

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If you would like to have deceased loved ones remembered at Masses during the month of November, please use the "All Souls' Day" envelopes that are placed around the church. Return them in the collection baskets or to the parish office. These envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the month.



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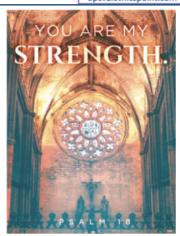
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Readings for the Week					
Sun	11/3	31 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34			
Mon	11/4	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1-3; Lk 14:12-14			
Tues	11/5	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26-32; Lk 14:15-24			
Wed	11/6	Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33			
Thu	11/7	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10			
Fri	11/8	Phil 3:17—4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8			
Sat	11/9	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22			
Sun	11/10	32 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44			

Mass Intentions				
Mon	11/4	8:30 am	One Nation Under God (healing)	
Tues	11/5	8:30 am	June Giurlani †	
Wed	11/6	8:30 am	Gilbert -Rau (healing)	
Thu	11/7	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mary	
Fri	11/8	8:30 am	Steve Slone †	
Sat	11/9	8:30 am	Paul Yap †	
		5:00 pm	George Shannon †	
	11/10	9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †	
Sun		11:00 am	Vincent Chell †	
		5:00 pm	George Shannon †	

Welcome to Life's Next Chapter: Rightsizing Decisions for Silicon Valley St. Mary's Complimentary Seminar Series

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY

Join us as we dive into disaster preparedness and community safety, featuring critical lessons on home safety, including how to perform the Heimlich Maneuver. But that's not all – we'll also explore crime prevention strategies, emergency response protocols, and take a closer look at some of the most pressing threats facing our communities today.

Thursday, November 6th
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Hofmann Center, St. Mary's Los Gatos
Free Admission - RSVP - 408 803-3999 or use the QR Code Below

Speaker: Chief Kenneth Dueker, J.D.



Chief Ken Dueker
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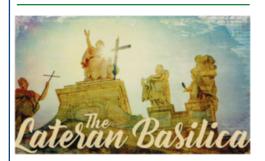
My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you.
But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY -INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ tells us that we must love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. Live that love loudly. Hold nothing back. Give God all you have.

Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention: November

For anyone who has lost a child: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



Saturday, November 9
Feast of the Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica in Rome

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.

ST. MARY BIBLE STUDY - Did you know we have a bible study group that meets every other Thursday 9:30am - 11am? We are currently studying Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson's program on the bible. Feel free to drop in whenever you have time. Please check the parish calendar for the schedule.

ST. MARY SENIORS - If you are free the 3rd Monday of the month, please join us in Hofmann Center at 12 noon for a meeting of social activity and service to our parish. Bring a sack lunch.



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	Jul. 1 to Oct. 20, 2024
Budget	\$ 269,000.00
Actual	\$ 212,054.00
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2nd Offering - November 9 & 10 St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Mary's conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) has been serving the needs of the disadvantaged in Los Gatos since 1965. Funds we receive support our work through 2025 which include rental assistance, utility needs, laundry vouchers, socks, tarps, sleeping bags, tents, food gift cards and other assistance for our working poor and unhoused neighbors.

If you write a check, please write it to SVdP or refer to SVdP on the memo line. Envelopes will be available in the pews and vestibule.

For more information and to make an online gift visit stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

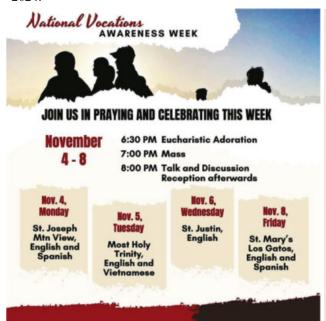
NOVEMBER 9 & 10

5pm Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 9am Sunday: Parish Adult Choir 11am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 5pm Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November. This year National Vocation Awareness Week is celebrated on November 3-9, 2024.



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK AT ST. MARY

FRIDAY, NOV. 8, 2024 (6:30PM-9PM)

Schedule Overview

6:30pm - Adoration

7:00pm - Mass

7:50pm - Talk

8:20pm - Seminarian Vocation Story

8:30pm - Small Groups

Reception follows

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024

FAMILY VOCATIONS RETREAT

St. Christopher Church 2278 Booksin Ave, San Jose English and Spanish 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

To register visit

https://www.dsj.org/catholiclife/vocations/nvaw/familyretreat2024/

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard.

We earnestly beg You to bless our parishes, our schools, and our diocese with many more priests, religious, and lay faithful who will know you intimately, love you fervently, and serve you joyfully through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We pray that you continuously call our young people to a living encounter with your Son in the Word and Eucharist,

that they might be made worthy ministers of your Holy Catholic Church.

Strengthen them with the support of their parents, teachers, and friends on earth and all the angels and saints in heaven.

May the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us that we might listen to the Word and act on it.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Joseph, Patron of our Diocese, pray for us!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Daily Examen of Stewardship

"Stewardship" can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term "stewardship" from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. "Here's Father asking for more money," they groan inwardly, "Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards."

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn't say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the "Daily Examen" — a pious devotion wherein, at day's end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God's will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him? What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?

To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me? Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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 3: FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP MASS

9:30 pm at St. Leo Parish a Mass will be honored for all to reflect and vote with conscience at the upcoming election.

NOV 17-23: DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

NOV 23: MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL WHITE

MASS for all doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals. celebrated by Bishop Cantu at 5pm, St. Martin of Tours Parish. Info available at **dsi.org**.

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.



When was the last time you did something really special together, encounter 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.

November 15-17 at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville, CA

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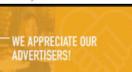
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