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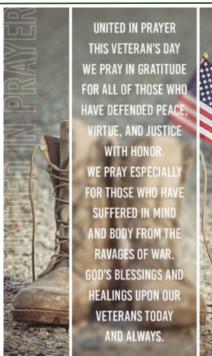
November 10, 2024

32ND 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.





VETERANS DAY

November 11

Join us for Mass at 8:30am.

Rosary at 8:00am.

The Parish Office
will be closed on Monday,
Nov. 11 in observance of
Veterans Day.
We will return on Tuesday, Nov. 12.



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:

parish.office.@stmaryslg.org Web: stmaryslg.org

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:

We hear how the Lord spared the widow and her son from starvation and death in the days of the prophet Elijah. How do you think society can best help those on the margins who are really struggling?

Second Reading:

Hebrews teaches us that Jesus's death took away the sins of many and that at his Second Coming, Jesus will bring eternal salvation to all believers. When do you imagine Jesus will return?

Gospel:

Jesus praises the widow who gives to the poor despite her own poverty. Do you have family or friends who likewise selflessly give to others?

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TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings:17:10-16;

Psalm 146;

Hebrews 9:24-28;

Mark 12:38-44

Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two poor widows. The Gospel passage is often called the story of the "Widow's Mite." But taken together, perhaps a more fitting title of the stories of these two ladies would be, "The Mighty Widows."

In our First Reading, the prophet Elijah encounters a widow during a terrible famine. She is preparing to make one last meal for herself and her son before their supply of food runs out. Elijah, acting as God's messenger, tells her not to be afraid and asks her to give him something to eat before preparing a meal for herself and her son. In an extraordinary act of trust — and heroic hospitality she agrees to Elijah's request! Again, speaking as God's own messenger, Elijah assures her of God's special provision for her, telling her that her "jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth." Sure enough, the widow and her son were able to eat for a year, just as God promised.

In the Gospel, Jesus observes the crowd as they make their offerings to the synagogue treasury. He sees the wealthy people putting in large sums, while a poor widow contributes only two small coins. Seizing on this teachable moment, Jesus calls His disciples to Himself and tells them that according to His calculations, it is the widow who has made the most pleasing offering. Unlike the rich, who gave a portion of their surplus, the widow gave all she had, "her whole livelihood."

In the eyes of the world, particularly in Biblical times where there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one during famine with a child to care for, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come?

It came from knowing who they are, and Whose they are. These women must have known that their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour.

No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic amid natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous, and mighty indeed.

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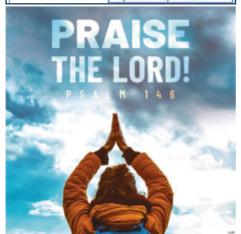
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK						
Sun	11/10	32 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44				
Mon	11/11	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 17:1-6				
Tues	11/12	St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10				
Wed	11/13	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1-6; Lk 17:11-19				
Thu	11/14	Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25				
Fri	11/15	St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37				
Sat	11/16	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8				
Sun	11/17	33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32				

Mass Intentions					
Mon	11/11	8:30 am	Anne Badame †		
Tues	11/12	8:30 am	Samar Ahwal Chavez †		
Wed	11/13	8:30 am	Peter Kraljev †		
Thu	11/14	8:30 am	Sebastian Miller (birthday)		
Fri	11/15	8:30 am	Ethel and Nicholas Baxter †		
Sat	11/16	8:30 am	Barbara Baxter †		
		5:00 pm	Dr Phil Ernstrom †		
Sun	11/17	9:00 am	Victoria Jette †		
		11:00 am	Estelle Miller (birthday)		
		5:00 pm	Edward Kramar †		



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.

TO MAKE AN ONLINE SUBMISSION, VISIT https://www.stmaryslg.org/all-souls-day

GIVE THE GIFT OF A MASS

www.stmaryslg.org/mass-intention-request

Giving the gift of a Mass is an important tradition of our Catholic faith. Mass Intentions can be offered for almost any occasion - birthdays, get well, sympathy, anniversaries and general intentions - to let a loved one know that they will be remembered and prayed for during the Mass. Remember that there is no better gift than the gift of God's love and compassion as celebrated in the Sacrifice of the 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

Jesus praises the widow's bravery in offering all she has. He is calling us to be brave, challenging us to give even especially - when it hurts. Then, our gifts become more than just good deeds. They become acts of radical trust in God.

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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.

PRAYER OF GENEROSITY

Oh God,

whose generosity cannot be outgiven, mold my heart to mimic Yours.

Teach me what it means to be giving, knowing that whatever I have is a gift, from Your abundance.

Blessed be Your name. Amen.

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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: Michelle Antonowicz; 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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Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for November is \$65,000.00

Your weekly offerings enable us to meet our monthly obligations and continue to support the many parish programs at St. Mary. Thank you for your faithful support.

To make an online gift: stmaryslg.org/online-giving

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. 27, 2024
Budget	\$ 284,000.00
Actual	\$ 231,653.00
Difference	- \$ 52,347.00





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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 16 & 17

5PM Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 9AM Sunday: Parish Adult Choir 11AM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 5PM Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



WHAT DOES SACRIFICE LOOK LIKE?

I think of those who serve in the Armed Forces. They have sacrificed much for my freedom and to work towards real peace in our world. I think of those in service to our Church: priests, deacons, and religious. Their lives are dedicated to prayer and good works so that the Good News might not only be preached but be seen in the love they display toward God and their fellow brothers and sisters. I think of parents who stay up long nights with sick children and then one day find themselves staying up even longer as they wait for them to return home. I think of teachers who work hard to educate the next generation of citizens with low salaries and little respect.

I can see sacrifice all around me. I think you can see it, too, if you look. However, I also see too many seeking to get ahead at the expense of others. I see those who have so much and only crave for more. I see those caught up in themselves to the point where families fall apart, friendships disappear, and people literally die from a lack of compassion. I see many who have forgotten where all their gifts in this world came from, if they even knew in the first place.

I think of all those who sacrifice and see all those who do the opposite. May our eyes see more of those who are generous. May we never focus on those who have forsaken others more than those who have given freely to others. May the witness of true sacrifice show us the way to the Father and to a world full of His love.

--TRACY EARL WELLIVER, MTS

GEMMA GALGANI

St. Gemma Galgani (1878-1903) was an Italian layperson who lived an intense prayer life. She experienced ecstasies, was reported to levitate, and received the grace of the holy stigmata. She is called the "Daughter of the Passion" because of her deep union with Christ's passion.





INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you a non-Catholic who is attracted to the Catholic way of life and interested in becoming Catholic? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) helps prepare adults to receive the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church. We meet in a supportive, small group setting to learn about Scripture, the Mass, Sacraments, Church, History, Catholic Prayer and Devotional Practices, and Catholic Teachings on Theology, Moral Issues, and Social Justice.

If you would like more information about this process, please contact Michael Lomas - mlomas@stmaryslg.org or call 408-354-3726 x 123

What Does Love Cost?

Jesus, the Son of God who literally had everything at his disposal, became the widow who embraced worldly poverty and held nothing back from us out of love. (Mk 12:40) There is no amount of wealth that is required to make a loving sacrifice for others. Jesus is our abundance, and his example makes it possible for us to freely lay down our lives for others (Jn 15:13), starting at home. May we be so blessed as to embrace and live a life of love, no matter the cost! Learn more and share the Good News about marriage and family life at: www.radiatelove.info





1ST GRADE AT SPINA FARMS **PUMPKIN PATCH**

Cougars in 1st grade learned about pumpkins and their growing cycle. Yesterday they were able to head down to Spina Farms Pumpkin Patch to check out all different types of pumpkins and participated in some cool fall activities!

They were able to pick their own pumpkin to take them home!













OPEN HOUSE **NOV. 17** 10-11AM

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

NOV 17-23: DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

2ND OFFERING - NOV 17: CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN **DEVELOPMENT** - This is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18).

CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping lowincome people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

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 **dsj.org**.

NOV 24, 9:30AM: MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR FAMILÍES AND VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Join Bishop Cantú for a special Mass of remembrance for families and victims of violence. Christ the King Parish, 5284 Monterey Highway, San Jose.



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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SANTA CLARA **COUNTY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Help distribute food to families in need. Shifts are only 3.5 hours, and you can make a real difference! Sign up today: ccscc.org/become-a-volunteer

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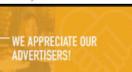
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