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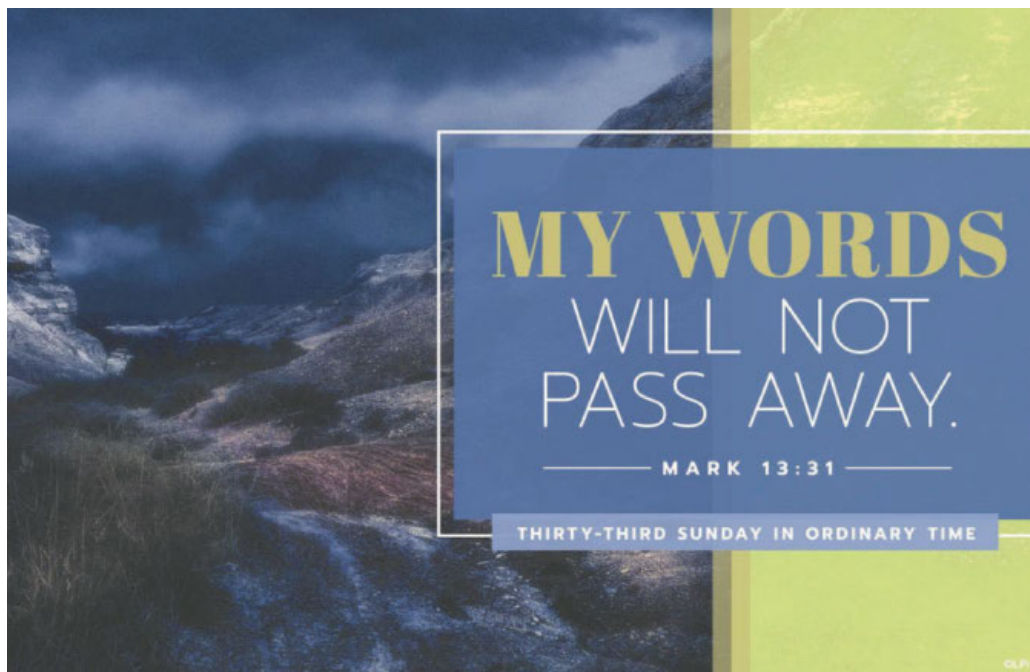
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November 17, 2024

33RD 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

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

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First Reading:

The prophet Daniel foresaw a time of great distress and ultimate judgment for the living and the dead. *Who supports you when you are feeling anxious or are deeply worried?*

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews emphasizes Jesus's death as the final offering for the forgiveness of sins, making us "perfect forever" in eternal life. *What do you find most curious about the idea of being perfect in eternal life?*

Gospel:

Jesus speaks to his disciples about the signs that will accompany his Second Coming, even though only God the Father knows the exact time. *How should one best prepare for this unknown future?*

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Today's readings stand in stark contrast to all this worldly merry-making, warning us of dark times ahead and our inevitable judgment day. How should a modern-day disciple and steward respond to these seeming contradictions? Keep this question in mind as we take a look at the Word of God presented to us this week.

The First Reading, from Daniel, describes a time "unsurpassed in distress since nations began" and warns that "many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, and others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace."

The Second Reading, from Hebrews, speaks of Christ who "waits until his enemies are made his footstool."

Even the Gospel Acclamation is ominous: "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man."

In the Gospel passage, from Mark, Jesus describes a time of tribulation after which "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."

Sobering messages indeed. It's enough to make you lose your appetite for that second piece of pumpkin pie. But for a committed disciple of Christ, these messages are simply a healthy (and vivid!) reminder of why our priority is God Himself.

For when we have firmly established for ourselves as individuals, as a family, and as a parish that we will give to God the first and best portion of our Time, Talent, and Treasure, the warnings we read in the Scriptures today need not cause us alarm. In fact, we can receive them as an encouragement to "Keep Calm and Steward On," no matter what comes our way.

One of the blessings of a stewardship way of life is this: In challenging times, whether in our homes or workplaces, or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing we have a concrete plan to keep our priorities in proper order. And when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that He gives that surpasses all understanding.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Daniel:12:1-3;
Psalm 16;
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18;
Mark 13:24-32

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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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	11/17	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
Mon	11/18	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43. For Dedication - Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-33
Tues	11/19	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wed	11/20	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thu	11/21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 19:41-44
Fri	11/22	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Sat	11/23	St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sun	11/24	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	11/18	8:30 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
Tues	11/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Wed	11/20	8:30 am	Leonard Stuglik †
Thu	11/21	8:30 am	David Cuccias (<i>birthday</i>)
Fri	11/22	8:30 am	Cecilia Hernandez (<i>birthday</i>)
Sat	11/23	8:30 am	James, Therese, Julian D'Oliverio & Katherine †
		5:00 pm	Antonio Cabral Bettencourt †
Sun	11/24	9:00 am	Gloria Palmisano †
		11:00 am	George Shannon †
		5:00 pm	Lillian Withrow (<i>healing</i>)



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

It sometimes feels like God is silent, like he sets himself apart from us and our struggles on earth. But Jesus reminds us of the fig tree, who can feel the coming of spring deep within itself. In the same intuitive way, we know the voice of God. Listen.

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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 SEASONS

*As the seasons change, be with me.
As my life shifts and shapes,
be with me.
As I face what the future holds,
be with me.
As I seek the beauty to be found
today, help me to find you there.
Amen.*

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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.

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

GIVE THE GIFT OF A MASS

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. www.stmaryslg.org/mass-intention-request

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:
Adam Thielmann; Michelle Antonowicz; Elisabeth Venesualea; Honora Hannan; Herb Robbins; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz; Zachary Schroeder; George Bommarito

For those who have recently died:
Patrick Mahoney; Harold George Peth; Robert Schwartz; Philip Ernstrom; George Shannon; Sharon Mander

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.

Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

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Our Goal for November is \$65,000.00

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OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1 to Nov 3, 2024
Budget	\$ 299,000.00
Actual	\$ 249,778.00
Difference	- \$ 49,222.00

Support the
Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

2nd Offering - November 16 & 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 low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

For more information and to make an online gift visit

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NOVEMBER 23 & 24

5pm Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

9am Sunday: Parish Children's & Adult Choir

11am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

5pm Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble



NOVEMBER 28: THANKSGIVING DAY

8:30am : Cantor & Piano/Organ

**Save The Date - Sunday December 8th, 2:00pm
 Music Ministry Concert in Church
 followed by light refreshments in Hofmann Center.**

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 shampoo, conditioner, soap, feminine pads, adult diapers, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, body lotion

BABIES AND CHILDREN
 diapers, baby wipes, blankets, new and used baby gear (recently cleaned!) strollers, high chairs, car seats, etc.

With little work in winter, families experience silent sufferings. We partner with the Diocese of Monterey Migrant Ministries. St. Mary parishioners personally deliver goods in December to Central California families. Safeway gift cards are gifted with the money donations. We are all grateful for your help!

MONEY DONATIONS SAFEWAY GIFT CARDS

FOOD (in great need)
 oil, white flour, masa harina, rice, pinto/black/peruvian beans (not canned), baby food, baby formula, bread, dried pasta, sugar, salt, coffee, tea, dried chilis, spam, tuna, tomatoes, tortillas, mexican seasonings, peanut butter, jelly

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TOYS
 new used (MUST BE in good condition and recently cleaned!)

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 CHILDRENS: All clothing + shoes
 ADULTS: ONLY jackets, jeans, khaki, hoodies, sweaters new and used (MUST BE FRESHLY WASHED! and very gently used)
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OTHER
 new + used blankets (recently washed), NEW towels, NEW pillows, working electronics with cables, kitchen equipment new + used

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTÍN PRO - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Miguel Augustine Pro Juárez (1891-1927) was killed for being a Catholic priest during the persecution of the Church under President Plutarco Elías Calles, who was rabidly anti-Catholic. Pro was born in Guadalupe de Zacatecas, Mexico, the son of a mining engineer. He received most of his early education from tutors so when he entered the Society of Jesus, he had not yet completed his secondary education and found studies difficult. He compensated for lack of academic preparation by devoting himself to prayer and the search for holiness.

Pro took his vows in August 1913, at a moment of growing conflict in Mexican history. General Venustiano Carranza and the bandit Pancho Villa attacked the Church and the clergy, sacking church buildings and torturing priests and religious. On Aug. 5, 1914, a party of Carranza's men ransacked the novitiate's main house and burned its library. The rector realized that the situation would only worsen so he told his men that each one would be responsible for making his own way across the border into the United States and then **on to CALIFORNIA where the Jesuits offered a building at LOS GATOS to the exiled seminarians from Mexico.** Pro arrived there on October 9 and spent a year there before going to Spain to study philosophy. In 1920 he was assigned to teach in Nicaragua, and then returned to Spain for theology. In 1924 he went to Enghien, Belgium to complete the theology course and study sociology because he was interested in the worker movements and wanted to be prepared for his return to Mexico. He was ordained in 1925 as the persecution back in Mexico sharpened under Elías Calles.



Father Pro had no difficulty entering his homeland in June 1926, but at the end of July the government suppressed all public worship and closed the churches. Every priest became a hunted criminal. Faithful Mexicans, however, still sought the sacraments so Pro continued his ministry in secret. He established stations in various parts of Mexico City and visited them regularly to preach and offer the sacraments. He usually lived with his family, who had moved to Mexico City, but he also had some other places where he could seek shelter. Two of his brothers, Humberto and Roberto, helped him in his work by printing and distributing literature for the Religious Defense League. The young Jesuit lived without fear and carried on his priestly ministry until November 1927.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, someone attempted to assassinate General Alvaro Obregón with a bomb which exploded without killing the general. Neither Fr. Pro nor his brothers were involved in the plot but one of them owned a car used in the attempt and had sold it only days earlier. The brothers decided it would be safer to leave Mexico for the United States, but before they could depart, police surrounded the house where they were staying and arrested all three Pro brothers. The actual mastermind of the plot, Luis Segura, turned himself into the police when he heard that Father Pro had been arrested and blamed for the attempt. President Calles wanted to make an example out of the Jesuit even though the one actually responsible for the crime was in custody. On Nov. 22 he invited friends to a special execution the following day.

Soldiers escorted the unsuspecting Jesuit priest into the prison yard the morning of Nov. 23. When he saw the spectators and the firing squad, he asked for a few moments to pray, and then refused the blindfold when it was offered. Holding his rosary in his hand, he stood in front of the bullet-chipped wall and stretched his arms out in the form of a cross. When the order came to fire, he cried out, ""Vivo Cristo Rey! Long live Christ the King."" His brother Humberto was executed later that morning but Roberto was spared at the last moment. Luis Segura was also shot that morning. Pro's father claimed the body and had a wake in the family home; thousands of workers as well as soldiers came by to see the martyr's body.

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COUGAR PRIDE ON FULL DISPLAY!



Our 8th grade boys gave it their all this season, showing what hard work and dedication are all about. Let's celebrate their effort and heart on the field!



2ND GRADE AT THE APPLE STORE

Our 2nd graders took a creative field trip to the Apple Store! They dove into digital storytelling and made their very own comics, bringing their imaginations to life! So fun to have such a great resource just a short walk away!



AROUND THE DIOCESE

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 dsj.org.

NOV 24, 9:30AM : MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR FAMILIES 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.

DEC 6, FRIDAY - 6:00PM PROCESSION | 7:00PM MASS - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH

Bishop Oscar Cantú will celebrate a diocesan Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

LAYETTE CHRISTMAS DONATION DRIVE: This year we celebrate 69 years of Layette Ministry in the Diocese: *We are collecting your items and donations on SUNDAY, DEC 8 from 11am to 2pm. Drop-off is at Isolation Products 157 San Lázaro Avenue, Sunnyvale.* Visit www.dsj.org/layette for more information.

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