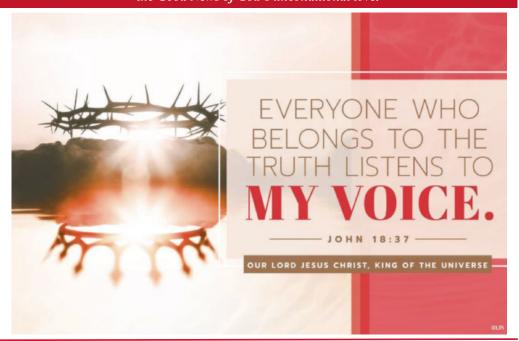


November 24, 2024

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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.



A GRATITUDE EXAMEN

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of it's power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your own reasons for thankfulness!

What <u>G</u>ifts have You given me?
How have I <u>Received love from others?</u>
How is grace at work in <u>A</u>spects of my life story?
Do I <u>T</u>rust You to continue to bless me?
Where have <u>I</u> missed Your movements?
Have I used my <u>T</u>alents at the service of other?
Do I see a purpose for my life <u>U</u>nderway?
How can I have the <u>D</u>iscipline to thank You daily?
Help me give <u>E</u>verything back to You!

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COUNT YOUR Blessings

Wishing you a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving from Fr. Angelo and the staff.

Join us for Mass at 8:30am. Bring a basket with the bread and wine that you will be serving for your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed.

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday, Nov 26. We will return on Monday, Dec.2.



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

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO **SCRIPTURE**

First Reading:

Daniel had visions of Jesus ("Son of man") receiving everlasting dominion, glory, and kingship from God

TODAY'S READINGS

Daniel:7:13-14:

Psalm 93:

Revelation 1:5-8;

John 18:33b-37

("the Ancient One"). Why do you think some people receive visions?

Second Reading:

Revelation teaches that Jesus loves us and has made us into a kingdom of priests for God. What do you think Jesus expects from us in return?

In his trial Jesus tells Pilate he was born to testify to the truth. Can you think of a time in your life when you had to tell a difficult truth to someone?

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Today is our last Sunday of Ordinary Time for this liturgical year, as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism and individualism and an increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority. The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

Our First Reading, from, Daniel, predicts a time when Christ will indeed "receive dominion, glory and kingship" and "all peoples, nations, and languages will serve him in an everlasting dominion that will never be destroyed."

The Second Reading, from Revelation, describes Christ as ruler of the kings of the earth and describes the day when He will come "amid the clouds and every eye will see him." In the Gospel we hear the words of Christ Himself. As He is questioned by Pilate, Christ declares, "My kingdom does not belong to this world" but that He "came into the world to testify to the truth."

This feast is needed more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of three vital truths.

First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just.

Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of me, personally. I am not "lord" of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of His gifts to me.

Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ's kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others.

The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, "I came not to be served but to serve." How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King?

We are on the verge of a new Church year and the holy season of Advent, and this week is an ideal time to take stock of our priorities, to see if we really are allowing Christ to reign in all aspects of our daily lives; to ask if He comes first in our schedules, our budgets, the use of our skills and talents. It's also a great moment to celebrate! We are not only servants of Christ the King, but we are also His brothers and sisters. This should fill us with great joy.

After celebrating the Holy Eucharist, take some time to celebrate at home, too. Bake a cake, take a walk, put on some music and dance with your kids. Christ is King!

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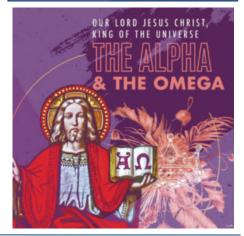
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK						
Sun	11/24	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37				
Mon	11/25	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 21:1-4				
Tues	11/26	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11				
Wed	11/27	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19				
Thu	11/28	Thanksgiving Day Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28 or Sir 50:22-24; Ps 138:1-5; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19				
Fri	11/29	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33				
Sat	11/30	ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22				
Sun	12/1	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36				

Mass Intentions				
Mon	11/25	8:30 am	Andrew Palmisano †	
Tues	11/26	8:30 am	Mick White †	
Wed	11/27	8:30 am	Anne Badame †	
Thu	11/28	8:30 am	Giorgi/Palmisano/Brenner/Tanner Families (healing)	
Fri	11/29	8:30 am	Andrew Evans †	
Sat	11/30	8:30 am	Andy Nagorski †	
Sai		5:00 pm	George Shannon †	
	12/1	9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †	
Sun		11:00 am	Boguslaw "Andy" Nagorski †	
		5:00 pm	Andy Nagorski †	



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.
We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.
We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.
We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.
May these remembrances stir us to service,
That Thy gifts to us may be used for others.
Amen.

LET OUR LIVES BE FULL OF THANKS AND GIVING.



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.

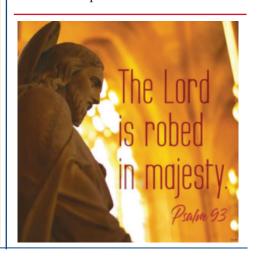
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

There is only one king whose subjects can choose whether or not they will serve him. We choose Christ when we choose the truth. When we serve the truth, we serve Christ the King.

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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: DECEMBER

For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



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 Lynn 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.

FINAL SUNDAY TO MAKE YOUR GIFT DONATIONS



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OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1 to Nov 17, 2024
Budget	\$ 314,000.00
Actual	\$ 261,439.00
Difference	- \$ 52,561.00

2nd Offering - December 7 & 8 RETIRED RELIGIOUS

Each year, hundreds of US religious communities receive financial assistance made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. Communities can use this funding for immediate retirement expenses or invest it for future needs.

There are 20,571 religious past age 70 living in the United States. In 2023, the average annual cost for their care was roughly \$59,700 per person; skilled nursing care averaged \$90,700 per person.

Support from the Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members while allowing them to continue important ministries to the People of God.

For more information **retired religious.org**. To make an online gift visit stmaryslg.org/online-giving

DECEMBER 7 & 8

5pm Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

9am Sunday: Parish Adult Choir 11am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

2pm Sunday: Music Ministry Advent/Christmas Concert

5pm Sunday: 5pm Sunday Ensemble

Light refreshments in Hofmann Center after the 2:00pm Music Ministry Advent / Christmas Concert.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

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.

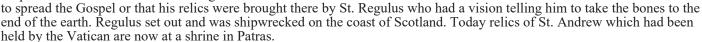
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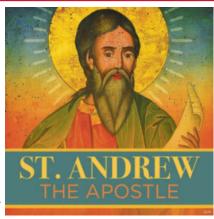
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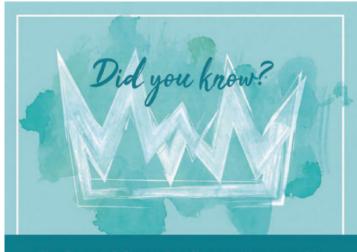
Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life.

According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland







The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

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SIGN OF THE CROSS



We often make the Sign of the Cross as we begin and end our prayers, when we celebrate the Holy Mass, for others when they leave their homes or before driving their cars, or even when passing by a church. Actually, the Sign of the Cross is in itself a very short prayer. With it, we appeal to God to make our prayers worthwhile and, at the same time, we profess two

truths: the first is the deepest mysteries of the Christian faith which is the Holy Trinity - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. When we say "In the name of," we profess that we believe that there is one God. We don't say "In the names of" stating it in singular and not plural. When we say, "the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," we state that we believe that in one God there are three Divine Persons. The second truth that we profess is the saving work of Christ on the Cross. This is shown as we trace the cross from our forehead to our breast and from our shoulder to shoulder. This short prayer of words and action is not just a statement of our belief, but it is a vow to defend that belief, even if it means taking our own cross to follow Jesus, our Lord and Saving.



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AROUND THE DIOCESE

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 Lazaro Avenue, Sunnyvale. Visit www.dsj.org/layette for more information.

DISPENSATION IN THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Bishop Cantú grants dispensation of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation celebration. Since December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, the celebration of the Solemnity will be transferred to Monday, December 9. The Holy See has recently clarified that the obligation to attend Mass on this solemnity remains. However, given the relatively short notice of this clarification, in the Diocese of San José, in accordance with Canon 87, §1, Bishop Cantú is granting a dispensation, this year only, to the Catholic Faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Monday, December 9. Read Bishop's full message at https://www.dsj.org/

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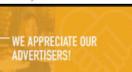
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