December 1, 2024

Early Publication Submission

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 PRAYER FOR THE First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us hope as we wait
for your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found you
while others are lost,
send us out into the darkness
in search of those who need you most.
Amen.

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE December 11 - 7:00pm in Church





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:

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to save Jerusalem so all can "dwell safely" in the land. Where in your life do you feel the safest?

Jeremiah:33:14-16; Psalm 25; 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

TODAY'S READINGS

Second Reading:

In preparation for the return of Jesus, Paul prayed that the believers in Thessalonica would love one another and conduct themselves in a way pleasing to God. As we enter the season of Advent, what could you do to actively prepare for the return of Jesus?

Gospel:

Jesus forewarns his disciples not to let the daily anxieties of life distract them from the coming day of his return. Who helps you when you are overcome with anxiety?

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We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and gratitude for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus, born to us as Savior and Brother. A season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too — the moment when we will be called to give an account for all the love God has shown us and the gifts He has given us during our lifetime.

An important document on stewardship published by the Diocese of Wichita titled The Pillars of Parish Stewardship says, "God reveals His perfect and infinite love for us most visibly in His son, Jesus Christ. A steward makes God's love visible by imitating Jesus... Stewardship is the response of the disciple to God's unconditional love for us. Stewards bask in the wonder and awe of God's love" Or, in other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice to make the most of this Season.

The Gospel from Luke warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life."

How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. Both extremes are easy to fall prey to. To avoid these traps, we are told to "be vigilant" and "pray for strength to sustain us."

During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Our Second Reading from Thessalonians offers us a beautiful Advent prayer as we move through this season of reflection and preparation. Let us make it our prayer for each other: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all... so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen."

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

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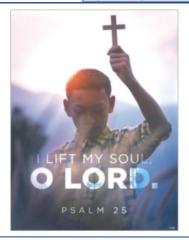
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK				
Sun	12/1	1 ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36		
Mon	12/2	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11		
Tues	12/3	St. Francis Xavier, Priest Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24		
Wed	12/4	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37		
Thu	12/5	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1. 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27		
Fri	12/6	St. Nicholas, Bishop Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31		
Sat	12/7	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8		
Sun	12/8	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6		

Mass Intentions					
Mon	12/2	8:30 am	Chester Antonowicz †		
Tues	12/3	8:30 am	Amelia Montagna †		
Wed	12/4	8:30 am	Shigeyo Jane Nakamura †		
Thu	12/5	8:30 am	Emma John (birthday)		
Fri	12/6	8:30 am	Bernard and Irene Mysliwiec †		
Sat	12/7	8:30 am	Itoop, Mary & Tony George †		
		5:00 pm	Marie Plumhoff †		
Sun	12/8	9:00 am	Boguslaw "Andy" Nagorski †		
		11:00 am	Julia Clem †		
		5:00 pm	Anne Badame †		

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Sunday, Dec. 8, 2:00pm followed by reception

Parish Reconciliation Service: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION (*Individual Confession*) Saturdays, Dec. 1, 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 3:30-4:00pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday, Dec. 24: 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY - Wednesday, Dec. 25: 9:00am and 11:00am. (No Mass at 8:30am and 5:00pm)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - Vigil, Saturday, Dec. 28: 5:00pm; Sunday, Dec. 29: 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Holy day of Obligation) New YEAR'S DAY: Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025 8:30am and 7:00pm. (No Vigil Mass on New Year's Eve)

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - Vigil, Saturday, Jan. 4: 5:00pm; Sunday, Jan 5: 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Vigil, Saturday, Jan. 11: 5:00pm; Sunday, Jan 12: 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:00pm

ORDINARY TIME BEGINS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

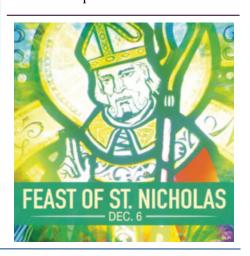
My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.

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.

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

For those who have recently died:

Gerlinde Krick; Patrick Mahoney; Harold George Peth

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.

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 Concert.

2024 CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. Mary Parish will be collecting \$25 gift cards on behalf of the following organizations:

Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice & Empowerment: Provides educational programs, college scholarships, immigration legal services, housing and rental assistance for families and individuals in San Jose.

\$25 gift cards from Safeway or Target

Center for Farmworker Families: Supports the financial and nutritional well-being and independence of binational farmworkers and their families. \$25 gift cards from Safewayt

Front Door Communities: Provides meals, clothing and other essential items to our unhoused neighbors in San Jose.

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St. Julie Billiart Parish's Emergency Food Pantry:
Provides food and basic necessities to over 1,400
clients monthly in San Jose.
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Heritage Home: Helps pregnant women and new mothers overcome homelessness and other hardships by providing a safe place to live, meals and counseling. \$25 gift cards from Safeway or Target

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL DEC. 15.

Gift cards can be placed in the Giving Tree Donation drop boxes in the vestibule, the collection baskets or brought to the parish office. Make an online gift at https://doi.org/10.1007/journal.org/

Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE! Our Goal for December is \$85,000.00

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.

OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

Due to the early submission of this bulletin, the collection report for the period through Nov. 17 is not available. Please check our e-bulletins. Please sign up at our website if you are not yet receiving them.

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 **retiredreligious.org**. To make an online gift visit **stmaryslg.org/online-giving**

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Contributions toward the purchase of flowers for the celebration of our Lord's birth are greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one, Christmas Flower Offering envelopes are available at the doors of the church and can be placed in the offertory baskets at Mass or dropped off at the Parish Office.



Contributions can also be made online at our website - bit.ly/3MLP0o2.

The names of all those to be remembered will be published in the Christmas bulletin. Please return the envelopes by December 10. Thank you for your help in making our sanctuary even more beautiful this Christmas!

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.

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

PRAYERS FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

It's time to bring out and bless the Advent wreath! The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

FIRST WEEK

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



there might finally be peace on Earth.

SECOND WEEK

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THIRD WEEK

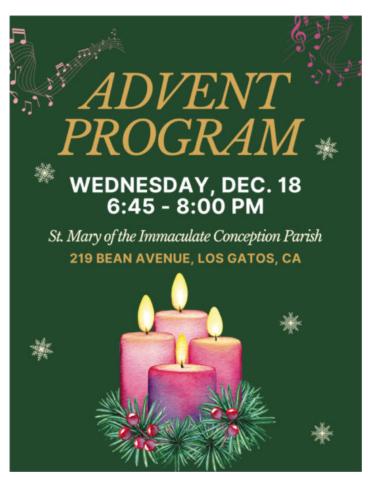
Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOURTH WEEK

All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.







AROUND THE DIOCESE

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.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024, at 7 pm with a Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square. The rite of the Opening of the Holy Door will follow.

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/

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**. More information, contact Lynda DeManti - **ldemanti@ccscc.org** or call 408-839-3163

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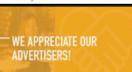
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