



# All are Welcome

## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



### 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](http://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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**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.*

St. Blaise lived in the 4<sup>th</sup>  
century in Turkey and  
Armenia. Due to religious  
persecution, he was  
forced to flee and hide in  
a cave in the back country  
in order to save his life.

History has it that one day  
a group of hunters  
stumbled upon where St.  
Blaise was living. They  
found the bishop kneeling  
in prayer, surrounded by  
wolves, lions, and bears  
that he had tamed. The  
legend has it that as the hunters dragged  
Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her  
young son who had a fish bone lodged in  
his throat. At Blaise's command, the child  
was able to cough up the bone and thus  
lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast  
day by taking two candles, crossing them  
against the throat, and saying the following  
prayer:

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise,  
bishop and martyr, may God deliver you  
from ailments of the throat and from every  
other evil. In the name of the Father, and  
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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## REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

### First Reading:

Malachi prophesied a coming messenger who will purify those making offerings to the Lord. *How do you prepare for Sunday worship?*

### Second Reading:

Hebrews teaches that Jesus was tested and suffered so that he could be merciful and understanding with our struggles and challenges. *What are you facing this week that Jesus could help you with?*

### Gospel:

Mary and Joseph received incredible news from Simeon and Anna about the infant Jesus at his presentation in the Temple. *Who helps you process startling or unsettling information?*

### TODAY'S READINGS

Malachi 3:1-4;  
Psalm 24;  
Hebrews 2:14-18;  
Luke 2:22-40

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Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience to the laws of their Jewish faith. This is a beautiful, and in many ways, mysterious feast - and one that is filled with lessons for a stewardship way of life.

Our first reading, from the book of Malachi, includes a prophecy of the event we celebrate today. "Lo, I am sending my messenger [a reference to John the Baptist] to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek..." Our first lesson is contained in that verse, "the Lord home you seek." Do we truly seek the Lord through the prioritizing of our relationship with Him above everything (and everyone) else in our lives? If we want to know Him and His will for our lives, we must spend time with Him in daily prayer, regular participation in the sacraments, and the study of our faith. Only in this way will be ready when he "suddenly appears" in our lives — perhaps through a new opportunity to serve Him or an unexpected difficulty or blessing He wants to entrust to us. This is how a steward stays "spiritually fit" for whatever God may be asking of him or her next.

Our second reading, from Hebrews, is a poignant lesson in why we should embrace the stewardship way of life as both a true privilege and a serious responsibility. It reminds us that our Lord "had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way" and further that "because He himself was tested through what He suffered, He is able to help those being tested." What amazing intimacy our Lord desires to have with us, and what amazing humility and love He shows us in His incarnation and the suffering He chose to take on for us. Of course, we can trust Him with ourselves and our gifts! Truly, how can we have any hesitation to do so for a Savior who has done so much to prove His love for us?

Our Gospel passage from Luke, recounting the details of the Presentation of our Lord, teaches us a stewardship lesson through the example of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother, the "Holy Parents." Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day bringing him to the temple "to present Him to the Lord just as it is written in the law of the Lord." Later in the passage we read that, "When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to their own town of Nazareth." The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience to the practices of their faith from his infancy and throughout His "growing up" years. Those of us entrusted with the care of children, whether our own children, godchildren, nieces, and nephews, grandchildren, or students, have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

What a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take these stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.



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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	2/2	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD; WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE</b> Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
Mon	2/3	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tues	2/4	Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wed	2/5	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thu	2/6	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Fri	2/7	Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9c; Mk 6:14-29
Sat	2/8	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sun	2/9	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; WORLD MARRIAGE DAY</b> Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 15:1-11

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	2/3	8:30 am	George Maldonado †
Tues	2/4	4:00 pm	Dr Anthony Nespole †
Wed	2/5	9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
Thu	2/6	8:30 am	Thomas and Mary Ann Ward ( <i>special intention</i> )
Fri	2/7	8:30 am	Adam Thielmann ( <i>healing</i> )
Sat	2/8	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory †
		5:00 pm	Antonio Bettencourt †
Sun	2/9	9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
		11:00 am	Serge Laplace ( <i>special intention</i> )
		5:00 pm	Marc Michaud †

### PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WILDFIRES

Loving and compassionate God,  
We turn to You in this time of great need, lifting up all those  
who are devastated by the wildfires in Los Angeles and  
throughout Southern California.

We pray for those who have lost their homes, livelihoods,  
and cherished memories. Comfort them in their grief and  
give them hope for rebuilding their lives.

Protect the brave firefighters, first responders, and volunteers who risk their lives  
to save others and bring relief. Grant them strength, endurance, and safety as they  
carry out their vital work.

Bring peace to those who are anxious and fearful, and surround them with the  
support of family, friends, and community.

Bless all efforts to provide shelter, resources, and healing for those in need.

Lord, calm the winds and bring rain to quench the fires. In Your mercy,  
restore the beauty of the land, and give us all the courage to work  
together to rebuild and care for Your creation.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**Diocese of San Jose**



### 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

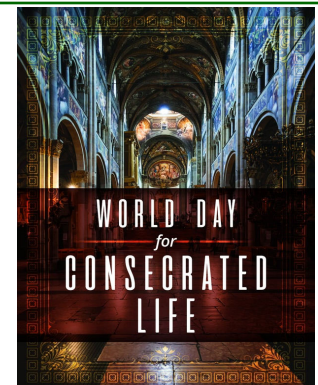
Anna and Simeon saw greatness and glory in the face of a tiny babe. Jesus was insignificant in the eyes of others who looked for the Messiah in the gilded halls of kings. But Anna and Simeon recognized God when they saw him. Do we?

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### POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: FEBRUARY

*For vocations to the priesthood  
and religious life:*

Let us pray that the ecclesial  
community might welcome the  
desires and doubts of those young  
people who feel a call to serve  
Christ's mission in the priesthood  
and religious life.



# 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: **George Bommarito; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam Thielmann; Michelle Antonowicz; Elisabeth Venesualea; Honora Hannan; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz; Carol Yanz**

For those who have recently died:

**Sr. Mariam Daniel Sahey; Fr. Reynaldo Sarmiento; Vance Driscoll; Dr. Anthony Nespole; Herb Robbins; Michael Wheeler; Gerlinde Krick; Patrick Mahoney; Kevin Oatman**

*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.*



FEBRUARY 8 & 9

5:00pm: Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ  
9:00am: Sunday: Adult Choir & Piano/Organ  
11:00am: Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ  
5:00pm Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble

**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.

**ST. MARY MARIAN PRAYER GROUP** - The St. Mary's Tuesday Morning Marian prayer group meets at 10:15am Hoffman Center. We pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary and meditate on a reading from daily Mass. We pray for the intentions of the school and parish. All are welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary! We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in Hofmann Center.



Visit us at [stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul](http://stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul)

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Sue Ahmadian at [sue.ahmadian@gmail.com](mailto:sue.ahmadian@gmail.com)

**Catholic Charity Immigration Services.** Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County offers workshops and legal consultation. The Know Your Rights workshops are available in several languages. A few parishes are using these legal consultation teams. Your parish can utilize these services by contacting Aditi Aggarwal-Gupta, the Program Manager at (408)325-5254 or [aaggarwal-gupta@ccsc.org](mailto:aaggarwal-gupta@ccsc.org).

## Stewardship of TREASURE

### Managing God's Gift To Us

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!**

***Our Goal for February is \$80,000.00***

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](http://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](http://stmaryslg.org/getting-started-with-online-giving)

### OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1 to Jan 19, 2025
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 450,000.00</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$ 452,659.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+ \$ 2,659.00</b>

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

### Anointing of the Sick For the Diocese of San Jose

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

Join us for a special Rosary at 9:30am

Mass for the Sick with Anointing at 10:00am

**The Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph**  
80 Market St., San Jose, CA 95113

You will be directed to free parking nearby.



❖ All Attendees will receive Lourdes water, a Holy Medal and a Holy Card.

❖ Prayer Petitions may be submitted for the Malta Members to hand carry to Lourdes on your behalf in May



This celebration is sponsored by The Order of Malta

*World Day of the Sick is an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.*



# OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025

### JUBILEE PRAYER: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a “Holy Year,” a time in which God’s holiness transforms us. The frequency of Holy Years has changed over time: initially celebrated every 100 years, Pope Clement VI reduced the interval to every 50 years in 1343, and Pope Paul II further shortened it to every 25 years in 1470. By participating in the Holy Year, the faithful are granted a plenary indulgence. Below is the Jubilee prayer composed by Pope Francis.

**Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.  
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.  
To you, our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.**

### JUBILEE PLENARY INDULGENCE

The plenary indulgence has been a key feature of Holy Years for centuries within the Church. It is a remission of the temporal punishment due to sin, obtained by adhering to the norms established for a given Jubilee Year. In the *Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence During the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025* issued by His

Holiness Pope Francis, the Holy Father invites “everyone to an intense experience of the love of God.” He emphasizes that the gift of the indulgence is “a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God’s mercy. Not by chance, for the ancients, the terms ‘mercy’ and ‘indulgence’ were interchangeable, as expressions of the fullness of God’s forgiveness, which knows no bounds” (*Spes non Confundit*, 23).

During the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, all previously granted indulgences will remain in effect. Additionally, all faithful who are truly repentant, free from attachment to sin, and moved by a spirit of charity can obtain a plenary indulgence under the following conditions:

- ◆ **Purification through the Sacrament of Penance**
- ◆ **Reception of Holy Communion**
- ◆ **Prayers offered for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff**

This plenary indulgence, accompanied by the remission and forgiveness of all sins, can also be applied in suffrage for the souls in Purgatory. The faithful may obtain it in the following ways:

#### 1. PILGRIMAGES

Visits to the four major Basilicas in Rome, the three major Basilicas in the Holy Land, or local diocesan Cathedrals (e.g., the **Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in the Diocese of San Jose**).

#### 2. PIOUS VISITS TO SACRED PLACES

Engaging in Eucharistic adoration and meditation. Concluding prayers with the *Our Father*, a Profession of Faith (in any legitimate form), and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God. Pope Francis highlights that during this Holy Year, all the faithful “will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children” (*Spes non Confundit*, 24).

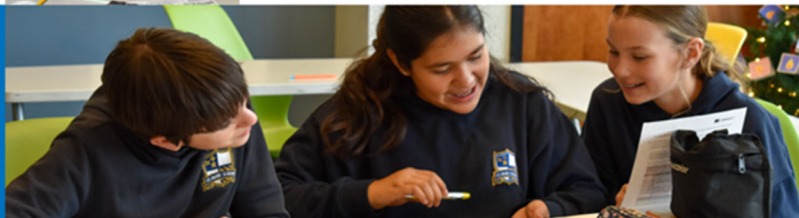
#### 3. WORKS OF MERCY AND PENANCE

Participation in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities focused on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. These activities should be held in a church or other suitable place and follow the intentions of the Holy Father. Through these practices, the Jubilee Year 2025 becomes a profound opportunity for renewal and an invitation to immerse oneself in the fullness of God’s mercy.





## TK - 8TH



## Full Day TK

## ENROLL TODAY

## After School Care from 3 - 6pm

### AROUND THE DIOCESE



Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. . For confidential information about or to register for the January or February program beginning with a weekend on Feb 21-23, 2025

Call 408-605-4998 or email: [SanJose@RetroCA.com](mailto:SanJose@RetroCA.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS - FEBRUARY 15, 2025 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and greater) this year are invited to attend the celebration Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in downtown San Jose. Register at [dsj.org/evangelization/family-life/events-and-community/wedding-anniversary/](http://dsj.org/evangelization/family-life/events-and-community/wedding-anniversary/)

**GUADALUPE HOPE SOCIETY** is inviting you to our **FEBRUARY 14TH ROSARY & FAITH TALK LUNCHEON** on **Friday February 14th at 11:30AM** with Fr. Anthony Hernandez, Pastor of St. Basil the Great Byzantine Catholic Church. He will share a faith talk with us after the rosary.

Register to attend either in person at the Santa Maria Hall in Campbell. Call to reserve your seat 408-447-5433 or virtually by email [admin@ghswomenscenter.com](mailto:admin@ghswomenscenter.com)

**This is a free event.**

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**WOMEN'S RETREAT - ENGLISH/ SPANISH**, March 21-23, 2025, Poor Clare Colettines of Immaculate Heart Monastery - Los Altos Hills

**MEN'S RETREAT - SPANISH**, March 21-23, 2025, St. Patrick's Seminary - Menlo Park