



# All are Welcome

## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

6<sup>TH</sup> 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.*



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of President's Day. We will return on Tuesday, February 18.

### PLEDGE WEEKEND

**Our Parish Goal: \$200,000.00**  
(of which, \$20,000.00 will be used to upgrade our church sound system.)

Our Parish goal as always is 100% participation. Can you imagine the additional good works that can be accomplished with just a 10% increase in donors? In order to achieve this goal, each of us is asked to prayerfully open our hearts to the needs of our Diocese and make a gift as our individual circumstances allow.

Please support this important Appeal not only as a member of our immediate parish family, but also as a member of our larger diocesan family of faith. Scan the QR code or visit [www.dsj.org/ADA](http://www.dsj.org/ADA) to make an online offering.



*"Give and it shall be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." - Luke 6:38*



### 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**

### PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday  
9:00am - 3:00pm

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## REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

### First Reading:

Jeremiah believes it is wise to trust in the Lord.  
*When have you had to place your trust in God?*

### Second Reading:

Paul challenged those in the Corinthian community who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. *How do you support family or friends who are non-believers?*

### Gospel:

We hear today how Jesus brought comfort to those struggling in life and challenged those who lived a life of ease. *Is there someone you know who could benefit from your words of comfort this week?*

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Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. This is especially fitting this year, as Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."

In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

The First Reading from Jeremiah paints a vivid picture of the difference between the person who puts his trust in fellow humans versus the person who relies on — or, in other words, hopes in — the Lord. "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh... He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season but stands in a lava waste." Not a pretty picture!

On the other hand, the prophet teaches, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green."

Notice that the one who trusts in the Lord does not escape the heat any more than the one who has put his trust in human strength — his own or another's. The difference between the two is that the one who fails to trust in the Lord becomes barren in the heat, while the one who trusts in God is given the means to persevere and even thrive in the midst of the challenging times. "Its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress but still bears fruit."

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that it is foolish to think of hope in the Lord with only an "earthly" vision since God desires nothing less than our eternal happiness. "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." To aim only for comforts or pleasure or honors in this life is actually an impoverished way of living.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 17:5-8;

Psalm 1;

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20;

Luke 6:17, 20-26

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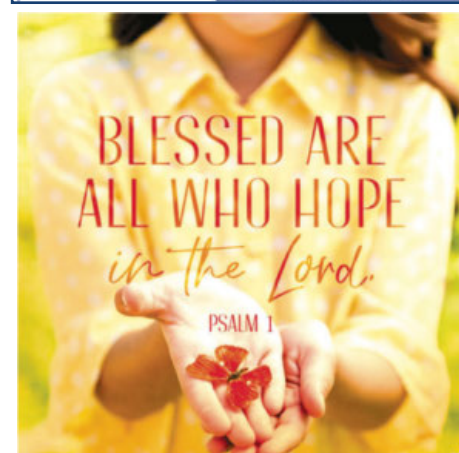
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	2/16	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
Mon	2/17	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tues	2/18	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3-4, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wed	2/19	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thu	2/20	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29; Mk 8:27-33
Fri	2/21	St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34—9:1
Sat	2/22	THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sun	2/23	<b>7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	2/17	8:30 am	Pierre Mailloux †
Tues	2/18	8:30 am	Robert & Victoria Jette †
Wed	2/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Thu	2/20	8:30 am	Timothy Healy †
Fri	2/21	8:30 am	Martin T. McKeon ( <i>special intention</i> )
Sat	2/22	8:30 am	Jim Rice ( <i>healing</i> )
		5:00 pm	Denise Laplace ( <i>special intention</i> )
Sun	2/23	9:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory †
		11:00 am	George Shannon †
		5:00 pm	Lidia da Silva †



## 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

Too many of us make the mistake of expecting prosperity here on Earth as a reward for following Christ. But Jesus is very clear: sorrow and hardship are a part of life. But when we offer these sufferings to Christ, they become transformed. They become blessed. And so 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.

## PRAYER OF GOD'S BLESSING

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart in  
imitation of Yours.  
Bless me, Lord, help me to see people  
as You do, and to hear their needs.  
Bless me, Lord, replace my  
understanding with Yours.  
Amen.

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## Stewardship of PRAYER

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For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:  
**Rose Arnaudo; George Bommarito; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam Thielmann; Michelle Antonowicz; Elisabeth Venesualea; Honora Hannan; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz**

For those who have recently died:

**Linda Austin; Helena Hugger; Renee & Noel Preaseau; Sr. Mariam Daniel Sahey; Fr. Reynaldo Sarmiento; Vance Driscoll; Dr. Anthony Nespole; Herb Robbins**

*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 22 & 23

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***

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Please consider setting up a recurring or one-time gift Online. Instructions can be found at

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### OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1 to Feb 2, 2025
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 480,000.00</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$ 476,526.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>- \$ 3,474.00</b>

### 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERING: FEB 22 & 23

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More information at [uscce.org/ccee](http://uscce.org/ccee).

**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.

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# OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

## THE 8 FRUITS OF HOLY COMMUNION

<b>1. Greater union with God</b>	<b>2. Renewal of the life of grace from baptism</b>	<b>3. Separation from sin</b>	<b>4. Obliteration of venial sin</b>
<b>5. Preservation from future mortal sins</b>	<b>6. Unity of the Mystical Body of Christ</b>	<b>7. Commitment to the poor</b>	<b>8. Commitment to the unity of Christians</b>



## SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS —OF THE SERVITE ORDER—

**FEBRUARY 17**

This is one of the oldest Orders specially dedicated to spread devotion to Our Lady. On Friday, April 13, 1240, the hermits received a vision of Our Lady. She held in her hand a black habit, and a nearby angel bore a scroll reading "Servants of Mary."

Mary told them: "You will found a new order, and you will be my witnesses throughout the world. This is your name: Servants of Mary. This is your rule: that of Saint Augustine. And here is your distinctive sign: the black scapular, in memory of my sufferings."

They accepted the wisdom of Our Lady, wrote a Rule based on Saint Augustine and the Dominican Constitutions, adopted the black habit of an Augustinian monk, and lived as mendicant friars. The men founded the Order of Servites which in 1304 received the approval of the Holy See.

They are venerated on Feb. 17 because it is said to be the day on which Saint Alexis Falconieri, one of the seven, died in 1310. All seven were beatified December 1, 1717 by Pope Clement XI and canonized in 1887 by Pope Leo XIII.

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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](mailto:mlomas@stmaryslg.org) or call 408-354-3726 x 123







## Catholic Schools Week 2025

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH MASS AND RECEPTION**, Sunday February 23, 3pm-7:30pm, St Frances Cabrini Parish: Join us and Bishop Cantu for the celebration of the sixth **Black History Month Mass** in the Diocese. This event honors the cultural heritage of Catholics of African descent and includes delicious food and entertainment from various communities. A reception will follow the Mass. **Scan the QR Code to RSVP for the reception.**



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Saturday, Feb 22  
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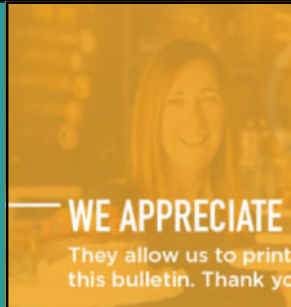
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