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FEBRUARY 23, 2025

7TH 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.



OUR PARISH GOAL: \$200,000.00

(of which, \$20,000.00 will be used to upgrade our church sound system.)



Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal helps support our witness and faith in action through Catholic Marriage Preparation, Detention Ministry, Respect Life Promotion and Faith Formation and Youth and Young Adults ministry which provides minister formation, retreats, mentorship training, programming, and resources. No matter the size of your gift, we pray that you will participate in this important campaign.

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"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." - Proverbs 3:9



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

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

408-354-3726

Email:

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Web: stmaryslg.org

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ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

King David exercised great restraint in sparing the life of Saul. *Can you think of a time when you had to take the high road with a friend or co-worker?*

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of present-day believers as one day bearing the image of Christ (the “heavenly one”). *How often do you think about your future life in heaven?*

Gospel:

Jesus presents his followers with some very challenging morals: love your enemy, do not retaliate, and always be willing to forgive. *Does this high moral standard seem possible for you personally?*

TODAY’S READINGS

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13,
22-23; Psalm 103;
1 Corinthians 15:45-49;
Luke 6:27-38

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In today’s Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic.”

It makes one want to say, “Seriously, Lord?” And He doesn’t stop there. Jesus adds, “Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.”

It seems so unfair! Unless, that is, we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means “my” cloak, “my” tunic, “my” money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive “doormats” to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” As the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus understands human nature well. He knows that we naturally desire only good and nothing bad for ourselves. And there is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward’s love!

In fact, Jesus tells us that anything short of this is not love at all. “For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.”

We are made for much higher than that. Jesus says instead, “Love your enemies and do good to them and lend expecting nothing back.” That is true greatness in God’s view. When we love like that, He promises our “reward in heaven will be great.” A stewardship way of life is a life worth living because it is modeled after nothing less than our Most High God.

And if that is still not incentive enough to embrace this way of life, Jesus gives us one more bit of loving motivation. “Give and gifts will be given to you: a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” Our wonderful God and Father simply will not be outdone in love.

Be generous with your gifts — with your life — and just watch what He will do!

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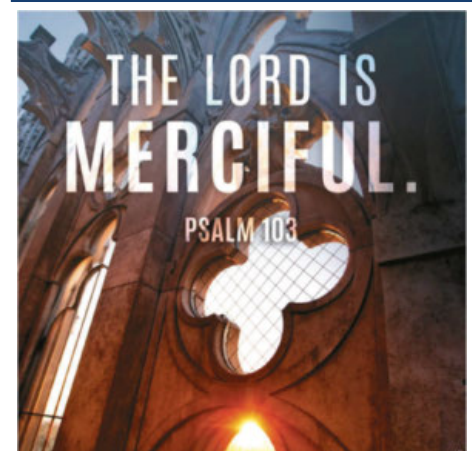
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	2/23	7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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
Mon	2/24	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tues	2/25	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wed	2/26	Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175; Mk 9:38-40
Thu	2/27	St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Fri	2/28	Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35; Mk 10:1-12
Sat	3/1	Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sun	3/2	8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	2/24	8:30 am	Gloria Palmisano †
Tues	2/25	8:30 am	Jeanette & Bernard Connolly †
Wed	2/26	8:30 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
Thu	2/27	8:30 am	Tom Franceschi †
Fri	2/28	8:30 am	Martin T. McKeon (<i>healing</i>)
Sat	3/1	8:30 am	Martin J. McKeon †
		5:00 pm	Cora Lee Tucker †
Sun	3/2	9:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory †
		11:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory †
		5:00 pm	Marilyn Arthur †



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

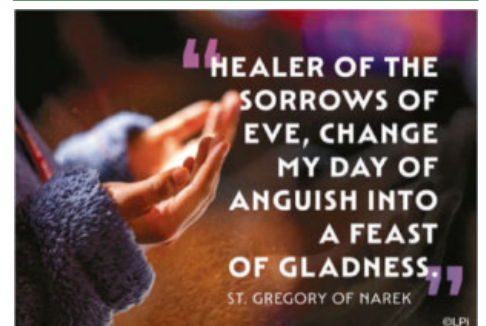
Jesus' message today is one of radical generosity and abundant mercy, and it scandalized the people of his time. It shook them to their core. It should do the same for us. Are we ready to live as Jesus lived? Are we ready to offer love in the face of hate?


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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: MARCH

For families in crisis:


Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.





SHARE YOUR LUCKY CHARM.

Give blood for those in need.



Blood Drive

Los Gatos Community


Located at St. Mary's Church in the Hoffman Center
Parking lot on Bean Street
219 Bean Ave Los Gatos, CA 95030

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.


To schedule your appointment or for more information visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: LosGatos or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276. Identification is required.

For a limited time, the American Red Cross is screening all donations from self-identified multiracial and Black or African American donors for sickle cell trait. Gain additional insight into personal health and how screening may help patients with sickle cell disease in crisis.



Give in March for a \$10 Gift Card by email & successful donations get A1C testing. rcblood.org/march



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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:
Ryan Heath; Dave Najour; 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:
Mary Beth Proffitt; Linda Austin; Helena Hugger; Renee & Noel Preaseau; Sr. Mariam Daniel Sahey; Fr. Reynaldo Sarmiento

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.



MARCH 1 & 2

5:00pm: Saturday: Adult Choir & Piano/Organ
 9:00am: Sunday: Cantor & 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 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Junior High Library.



Visit us at 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

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.

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.

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

stmaryslg.org/getting-started-with-online-giving

OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1 to Feb 9, 2025
Budget	\$ 495,000.00
Actual	\$ 492,530.00
Difference	- \$ 2,470.00

2ND OFFERING: FEB 22 & 23

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Your gift helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now grappling with the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach.

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More information at 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

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Baptism
"Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."



Anointing of the Sick
"By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them, and indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ."



Confirmation
Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."



Holy Orders
Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate.



Eucharist
The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.



Marriage
"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."



Confession
"Those who approach the sacrament of Confession obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion."



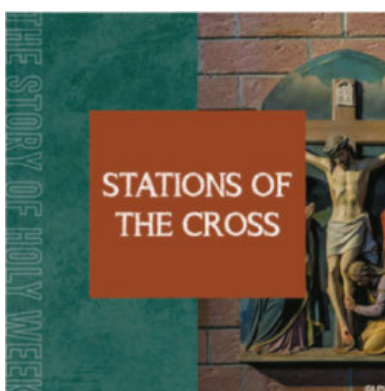
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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



DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! – STATIONS OF THE CROSS, EXPLAINED



Since the earliest days of the church, Christians have meditated upon Christ's passion and death. Over the centuries, the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to experience the places and moments central to the story of Holy Week.

In the earliest years of Christianity, the locations central to the story of Holy Week — the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the Holy Sepulcher, and more — were destinations for pilgrims who wanted to experience Christ's sacrificial love for us in a physical way. In the years after the Crusades, pilgrimage to the Holy Land became impossible for most Christians, and the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to pray through the passion and death of Christ.

Throughout history the number of stations has varied, with different traditions focusing on different events. In the 18th century, the number was officially fixed at 14 by Pope Clement XII. These stations are taken from the Gospel accounts of Christ's passion and death, though there are several which are derived from tradition and apocryphal sources, such as the meeting of Mother and Son and St. Veronica wiping the face of Christ.



We celebrated our 100th day of school!

HAPPY 100 DAY OF SCHOOL

TK dressed up like they were 100 years old, while Kindergarten joined in on the celebration with 100-day activities. 1st grade got creative, bringing in mystery bottles with 100 hidden items inside!

All School Mass led by 6th & 7th Graders

AROUND THE DIOCESE



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in Santa Clara University's GPPM
www.scu.edu/markey-center



Join us for the next installment in our series

Enlivening Prayer

The Creed: Proclaiming the Heart of Our Faith

Saturday, March 1

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Santa Teresa Parish

794 Calero Ave, San Jose, CA 95123

Every week, Catholic Christians recite a 1700-year old statement of faith. But where did this prayer come from, and what do the words we say really mean? How can they deepen our relationship with God: Father, Son, and Spirit?

Join us for an interactive workshop on the story of our faith professed each week in the Creed. Gain insights that will help you profess, teach, and share our faith with greater intentionality, commitment, and care!

All are welcome. Register [here](#).

In Compliance with ADA/504, please direct accommodations requests to: Lynne Lubertel (408) 554-4031 - at least 72 hours of notice



Dr. Paul J. Schutz serves as Associate Professor and Interim Executive Director of the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries at Santa Clara University.

As a Catholic theologian, Schutz studies foundational Catholic doctrines with a focus on the relationship between faith, science, and the ecological crisis. His forthcoming book, *Theological Ecology*, places the idea of the fullness of life at the center of reflection on the relationship between God and the world.

Please join Bishop Oscar Cantú for a
*Mass of Healing and Reconciliation
for Survivors of Clergy Abuse*

SATURDAY
March 8, 2025
5:30 PM

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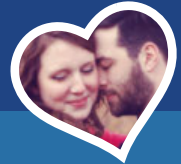
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