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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MARCH 16, 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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.)

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal. As of March 4 we have raised \$130,743.00 toward our goal through the support of 149 households.

Gifts can be made by scanning the QR code on the right, through our parish office or online at www.dsj.org/ADA

"We brought nothing into the world, nor have we the power to take anything out...those who want to be rich are falling into temptation and a trap...the love of money is the root of all evil."

- 1 Timothy 6:7-9



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

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Moses taught the Israelites the importance of remembering the story of their release from Egyptian slavery. This event defined them as a people loved by God. *What is a story from your family that has helped define you?*

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the Christians in Rome to have a genuine faith in Jesus in both heart and mind. *As the season of Lent begins, how might you show others the sincerity of your faith?*

Gospel:

We hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil as he was preparing to begin his public ministry. *What temptation can you confront this Lent?*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:4-10;
Psalm 91;
Romans 10:8-13;
Luke 4:1-13

And so, it begins — the holy and, for some, daunting, season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection. Our outlook as Christian stewards can help us embrace this season with enthusiasm and even joy.

The First Reading, from Deuteronomy, presents a beautiful and positive way to approach Lent. The passage begins with Moses speaking to the people. He reminds them that the Lord saw their affliction and responded mercifully to their cry by delivering them from oppression in Egypt, and by bringing them to a land flowing with milk and honey. Moses teaches the people how they should respond to such a wonderful God. He instructs them to approach the Lord with these words: "Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me." In other words, Moses teaches the people to respond as grateful stewards for all that God has done for them.

As grateful stewards ourselves, we can look at these 40 days as "soil" that God is giving us as a gift to grow closer to Him and become more like Him. We can choose to use each of these days intentionally to make a generous response to our God, who sent His own Son to deliver us from the affliction and oppression caused by sin.

Jesus, by His own example in today's Gospel, demonstrates the necessity of setting aside a period devoted especially to prayer and fasting as a means of strengthening our spiritual muscles. Just before the launch of His public ministry, He is "led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." In imitation of Jesus, we should ask the Holy Spirit to lead us into the desert, too — the desert of our interior lives where our thoughts and desires reside.

While our Lord was strong enough to withstand the temptations of the devil on His own, we most certainly are not! We must turn to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to show us where we need to grow interiorly and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance throughout these forty days of growth.

We may discover we are weak in our knowledge of the faith and can devote these Lenten days to spiritual reading or Bible study. We may discover our prayer life has gone by the wayside, and we must discipline ourselves anew and commit to a regular, daily time for prayer. Perhaps we have given in to selfishness and comfort-seeking and we can determine to give up our favorite coffee drink or social media "fix" and find a project that serves the poor in our community.

If these spiritual exercises hurt a little, that means we are doing them right! It means we will have some wonderful "first fruits" to present to our Lord at the close of this season; we will be prepared to enter the grace-filled days of the Triduum, and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	3/16	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36
Mon	3/17	St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tues	3/18	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wed	3/19	ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Thu	3/20	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Fri	3/21	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sat	3/22	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sun	3/23	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36 <i>Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	3/17	8:30 am	Pierre Mailloux †
Tues	3/18	8:30 am	Jeana Diez Canseco (<i>healing</i>)
Wed	3/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Thu	3/20	8:30 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
Fri	3/21	8:30 am	Sean Nelson †
Sat	3/22	8:30 am	Andy Nagorski †
		5:00 pm	Maria Haydee Urazan (<i>special intention</i>)
Sun	3/23	9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
		11:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory †
		5:00 pm	Kevin and Sean Coffey (<i>special intention</i>)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us on all Fridays in Lent

MARCH 7 | MARCH 14

MARCH 21 | MARCH 28

APRIL 4 | APRIL 11

12:00 noon | 7:00 pm

Soup supper in Hofmann Center after the
7:00pm Stations of the Cross on all Fridays.

Everyone is welcome.



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 is desperately hungry when the devil tells him to turn stone into bread. But his divine will is stronger than the weakness of his human body, and he resists the devil. In this season of fasting and self-denial, let's remember Jesus' strength.

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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.

DISCOVER

TRUE

GREATNESS



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:
Janel Shultz; Jack Hanley; Ryan Heath; Dave Najour; Rose Arnaudo; George Bommarito; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam Thielmann; Michelle Antonowicz; Elisabeth Venesualea; Honora Hannan

For those who have recently died:

Diane Piziali; Herb Robbins; Paul Mahoney, Sr.; Patricia San Juan; Janet Mannina; Linda Austin; Helena Hugger; Renee & Noel Preaseau

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 22 & 23

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

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 stmarvslg.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

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.



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

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OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

Due to a software glitch, the collections report for the weekend of March 2 was not available at the time this bulletin heads for publication. We apologize for the inconvenience.



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DIAPER DRIVE

Supporting Birthright,
 Heritage Home of San Jose,
 Hispanic Ministry of Diocese of Monterey,
 & Sacred Heart Community Services

MARCH 5 - APRIL 4

Diapers (newborn to toddler)
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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

THE CREED

What is a Creed?

A creed is a profession of faith. In reciting the words 'I believe' or 'We believe', Catholics give their assent to the divine truths, revealed by God, in Sacred Scripture and the living Tradition of the Church. While creeds do not contain everything about the faith, credal formulas do provide us with something of a distilled summary.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Apostles' Creed is a synthesis of the faith passed down from the Apostles. It is often recited as part of an individual's prayer, for example at the beginning of the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**



The Three Parts of the Creed

Both the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed echo the Trinitarian Baptismal formula we find in Matthew 28:19: 'baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Both Creeds help us to understand who God is as opposed to who God is not.

'The first part speaks of the first divine Person and the wonderful work of creation; the next speaks of the second divine Person and the mystery of his redemption of men; the final part speaks of the third divine Person, the origin and source of our sanctification.' (Roman Catechism I, I, 4).

THE NICENE CREED

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed (or Nicene Creed) emerged from the ecumenical councils of Nicaea (AD325) and Constantinople (AD381). It is recited at Mass (though occasionally, for example during Lent, the Apostles' Creed is sometimes used).

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



ASH WEDNESDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS



APPLE NIGHT

Wednesday, March 19th, 7-8pm
Abby Sobrato Junior High Library

Join us for an interactive parent session full of Apple tips, tricks, and answers to your tech questions - perfect for any skill level!



Spots are limited, reserve your seat today!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

March 16th - 20th
Hofmann Center

Book fair hours will be posted on our website. Check smsig.org for updates!



AROUND THE DIOCESE

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

BIBLICAL WALK-THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION

Starting Thursday March 6 from 7-8:30 p.m.
5-week Young Adult Lenten Bible Study
Santa Teresa Parish, 794 Calero Avenue, San Jose

HOW THE SACRAMENTS MAKE US SAINTS – FREE EVENT - March 27 starting at 6:15 p.m. with reception,

talk at 7 p.m. Fr. David Michael Moses
St William Parish, 611 S. El Monte Avenue, Los Altos
<https://tinyurl.com/frdavidmichaelmoses>

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT (SPANISH), FRI-SUN, MARCH 21-23, Friday 6pm to Sunday 3pm, St. Patrick's Seminary - Menlo Park (320 Middlefield Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025). Find out if God is calling you to the priesthood. Meet the priests and seminarians of San Jose. Experience their life and get your questions, doubts, concerns answered. Meet other men like you who are discerning. You will have the chance to explore the priesthood and learn about the steps for discernment, values of priestly life, and the structure of seminary formation. It will be a weekend of prayer, discussions, fraternity, recreation, and fellowship.

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