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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MARCH 30, 2025

FOURTH 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.*



IMPORTANT:

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- **WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY** - see page 4 - APRIL 5 & 6



**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. To date we have raised **\$175,575.00** toward our goal through the support of **189 households**. (as at March 16, 2025)

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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:

As Israel settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), they learned God removed the “reproach” of Egypt from them and they could freely eat from the land. *What have you discovered about yourself or others during this season of Lent?*

Second Reading:

Paul taught that reconciliation with God and with each other was key to being a “new creation.” *How often do you experience reconciliation with God or with others?*

Gospel:

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, in a real sense, both sons are lost. *How might you help a lost family member or friend this week?*

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For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not “measuring up” in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth.

In fact, the word “lent” comes from the Old English word, “lencten,” which means spring. Lent is intended to be a springtime for us in our spiritual lives where all can become new again.

St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading today, “Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ.”

The Gospel Reading, too, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us; it is the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son.

We are all familiar with this amazing story — the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn’t that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us.

In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally “comes to his senses”—awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach.

But it was enough for the loving father. “While still a long way off, the father caught sight of him.” The son was still a long way off from a deep understanding of what he had lost and what he was about to gain. But that small and imperfect openness to the father’s love was enough. In fact, the father is “filled with compassion for him” and immediately sets about preparing feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father’s love and mercy.

Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father! Be refreshed in this love. We are new creations thanks to this reconciling love.

And what comfort this passage gives to those of us who watch with sorrowful hearts for a return to faith for own “prodigal” loved ones. Our Father is watching and waiting for their return to Him even more eagerly and patiently than we are.

We owe God everything! But let’s start by giving him one little thing. Take even a faltering step closer to Him — go to confession, join in the Stations of the Cross, call a family member or friend you are at odds with and try to reconcile. With just the tiniest bit of spiritual “spring cleaning” we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father’s loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what lent is all about.

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TODAY’S READINGS

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12;

Psalm 34;

Corinthians 5:17-21;

Luke 5:17-21

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	3/30	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 <i>Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41</i>
Mon	3/31	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tues	4/1	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wed	4/2	St. Francis of Paola, Hermit Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thu	4/3	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Fri	4/4	St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat	4/5	St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sun	4/6	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 <i>Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45</i>

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	3/31	8:30 am	Carla & Renzo Botta (birthday)
Tues	4/1	8:30 am	Christopher Harbour (birthday)
Wed	4/2	8:30 am	Kelly & Claudia Coffey (wedding anniversary)
Thu	4/3	8:30 am	Augustine De La Riva (healing)
Fri	4/4	8:30 am	Frank Catalana †
Sat	4/5	8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory †
		5:00 pm	Antonio Bettencourt †
Sun	4/6	9:00 am	Marie Plumhoff (Sharon Martin's mother) †
		11:00 am	Denise Laplace (special intention)
		5:00 pm	Bob and Carol Gianuario †

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.

CRS RICE BOWLS DUE SUNDAY APRIL 28.



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.*

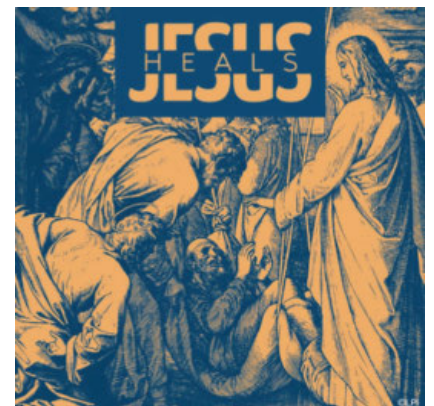
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption. ©LPi

POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: APRIL

For the use of the new technologies :

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



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; Rose Arnaudo;
 George Bommarito; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam
 Thielmann; Michelle Antonowicz; Honora Hannan**

For those who have recently died:

**Sister Eugenie "Genie" Rohner; Herb Robbins; Paul
 Mahoney, Sr.; Diane Piziali**

*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.*



APRIL 5 & 6

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

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

A nice way to remember or honor someone at Easter and help make our church beautiful, is with a donation to the Easter Flower Offering. The donations are used throughout the year to beautify the church.



Easter 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. You may also go online to make your offering <https://bit.ly/41KDwrO>

Please clearly print names on the envelope. All donations need to be submitted by Sunday, April 6 to be listed in the Easter bulletin.

"WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY" next week!



Please join the **Knights of Columbus**, and **The American Wheelchair Mission**, for a brief presentation on how you can help someone in need receive a free wheelchair. **\$42,000 will deliver a container of 280 brand new wheelchairs to an American Wheelchair Mission approved country.**

Your tax-deductible donation goes towards the purchase and delivery of these life-altering chairs. Please help Fr. Angelo in his effort to reach his goal of one full container of wheelchairs.

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Managing God's Gift To Us

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Our Goal for April is \$80,000.00

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 Online. Instructions can be found at

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

OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1 to Mar 16, 2025
Budget	\$ 570,000.00
Actual	\$ 580,111.00
Difference	+ \$ 10,111.00



St Mary School & Parish

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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 Formula (newborn to toddler)
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 Handmade items (baby hats, blankets, bibs)

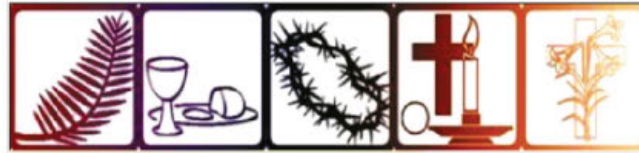


Donations greatly appreciated online or delivered to the yellow bins at the school & parish offices

Volunteer opportunities available.
 For more information, please contact Dianna McKay
 at 408-691-0145 or diannamckay2013@gmail.com

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 13

Palms will be available at all Masses

VIGIL MASS - Saturday, March 23 - 5:00pm

SUNDAY - 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 18

No Rosary and 8:30am Mass

12:30pm CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

7:00pm TENEBRAE - a service of scripture & song

HOLY THURSDAY | APRIL 17 | 7:00 PM

No Rosary and 8:30am Mass

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - in church & livestreamed

ADORATION AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE

After Mass in Hofmann Center till 10:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY | APRIL 19 | 8:00 PM

No Rosary and 8:30am Mass. No Confessions & No Mass at 5:00pm

EASTER VIGIL - 8:00PM

The Initiation of New Members into the Church

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

No Mass at 5:00pm

FAMILY CONVERSION - RELATIONSHIP CONVERSION

(a short reflection)

Lent can be a good time to reflect on the people who mean the most to us and the relationships we hold most dear. For those of us who live in industrialized countries, it can be jarring to realize that our time together as a family might amount to no more than a few minutes a day. Our lives are independent as we scatter in different directions each day for work, school or childcare.

This season of reflection and renewal might be an appropriate time to pray about our family lives and how we can be more thoughtful and prayerful about Lent as a family.

Perhaps we could hold a family meeting over dinner or some other relaxed place. We could discuss Lent and the symbols of the season using the resources here. We might want to talk about how our faith life is not a journey we make alone, but one we are in as a community, as a family.

One Lenten family practice might include a daily act of love for our family. Can we look around and see some small thing that needs to be done to make our lives together better? Is there laundry to sort or dishes to be washed? Is there a floor that needs sweeping or a room that needs dusting? Just one effort by each of us each day can make a dramatic difference in sharing the workload in the family. The grace we are reaching for goes beyond getting the garbage taken out, for example. We know it is a grace when my experience of taking the garbage out, feels to me like an act of love, an act of solidarity as a family. Perhaps the simplest way to prepare for this grace is to pray:

Dear Lord, may this simple, ordinary sacrifice of my time for the sake of those I love, draw us closer together as a family whose hearts you are drawing to yourself in the togetherness of our family love.

One of the real graces of Lent has to do with forgiveness and reconciliation - mercy and healing. This is never simply a matter between Jesus and me. It always has something to do with my family and with my relationships - how we are with each other. What in us needs mercy and healing? What patterns that we have need our reflections and common family choices and actions this Lent?





ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY MASS CELEBRATING FATHERS



SCHEDULE A CAMPUS TOUR TODAY!

smslg.org/campus-tours



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>

EVENING REFLECTION FOR WOMEN - MAY 7 at

St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish. *First Wednesday monthly.*

6:00pm Mass, 7:00pm Talk followed by fellowship.

Registration fee: \$15.00. Scan the QR code to save your seat.

Please bring an appetizer to share.



All Things Women

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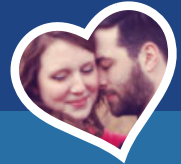
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