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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

APRIL 6, 2025

FIFTH 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.*

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."
- Jn 8:6b-7



PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

The Elect (full initiation):

Apollo Candel
Luke Candel
Garrett Goodman
Cierra Harding
Avery Reyes
Brooklyn Reyes
Monique Smith

The Candidates (Eucharist and Confirmation):

Miryana Joksovic
Vincent Sotto

who will be receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil



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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If it is a non-medical emergency and you need to reach a priest, call the parish office, and follow the prompts.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

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Palms will be available at all Masses
VIGIL MASS - Saturday, April 13 - 5:00pm
SUNDAY - April 14
9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

TRIDUUM & EASTER SCHEDULE ON PAGE 5



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 **\$187,530.00** toward our goal through the support of **202 households**. (as at March 16, 2025, week 7)

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



REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah teaches us that the Lord forgets our sins and offers us a new beginning so that we might praise him. *What could you do today to honor and praise the Lord?*

Second Reading:

Paul tells the believers in Phillipi of his deep desire and hope to know Jesus and the power of his resurrection. In *what ways have you drawn closer to Jesus during this season of Lent?*

Gospel:

Jesus showed mercy toward the sinful woman when others were quick to judge her. *Is there someone in your life who you could show mercy over judgment this week?*

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Once again, this week we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. Consider these key verses from each of our readings on this fifth Sunday of Lent: First from Isaiah, "Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Next from St. Paul, "Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." Then the verse before the Gospel: "Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful." And finally, from the Gospel, these words from Christ to the woman caught in adultery, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

A clear theme emerges from these verses — when we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, but He will also make us completely new creations in Christ. Indeed, it seems our heavenly Father delights in doing this for His children. What gratitude we owe to Him!

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." "Again, He bent down and wrote on the ground." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. This tells us that Our Lord is not at all distant and aloof from His children. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," He bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

If ever you feel unworthy to be called His disciple — to serve in a ministry or tell others about your faith — because of your past or because of a vexing sin you can't seem to overcome, take heart! Seek out God's forgiveness in the healing sacrament of Confession. Then, forget what is behind you, be filled with gratitude that He has made you brand new — and go! He's counting on you to share His good news through your witness and through your service to those around you.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of being called His disciples. But that is simply cause for greater joy in serving Him and seizing the prize of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 43:16-21;

Psalm 126;

Philippians 3:8-14;

John 8:1-11

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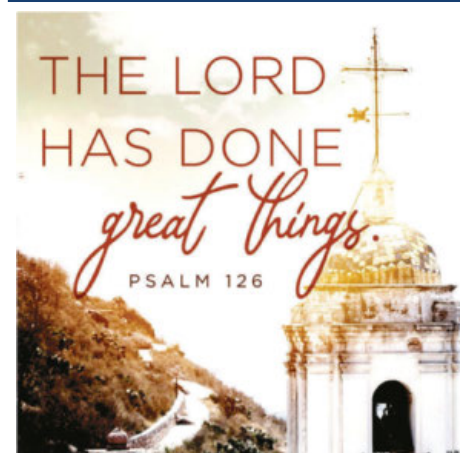
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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>
Mon	4/7	St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tues	4/8	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wed	4/9	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thu	4/10	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Fri	4/11	St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Sat	4/13	Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sun	4/13	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Procession: Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	4/7	8:30 am	Linda Austin †
Tues	4/8	8:30 am	Patricia San Juan †
Wed	4/9	8:30 am	Linda Austin †
Thu	4/10	8:30 am	Jon McCracken †
Fri	4/11	8:30 am	George Jansen †
Sat	4/12	8:30 am	Cathy Harrell †
		5:00 pm	Sharon Page †
Sun	4/13	9:00 am	All Souls in Purgatory †
		11:00 am	Julia Clem †
		5:00 pm	Domenic Norcia †

**ST. MARY PARISH
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
**Sunday, April 27th, Howley
Hall after the 9:00am &
11:00am Mass**



Proceeds & donations will benefit
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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

“Go, and sin no more,” Jesus tells the woman caught in adultery. Her life, like ours, has been saved. She, like us, has a chance for a new beginning. So he begs her, and he begs us: be changed by it. Let the mercy transform you. Go, and sin no more.

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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:
**Magdolma O'Brien; Janel Shultz; Jack Hanley; Ryan Heath;
 Dave Najour; Rose Arnaudo; George Bommarito; Ken
 Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam Thielmann; Michelle
 Antonowicz; Elisabeth Venesualea; Honora Hannan; Tony
 Baldi**

For those who have recently died:

**Sister 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 12 & 13

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. 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

"WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY"



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.
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Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for April is \$80,000.00

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 programs at St. Mary. Thank you for your faithful support.

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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 23, 2025
Budget	\$ 585,000.00
Actual	\$ 591,384.00
Difference	+ \$ 6,384.00

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

A nice way to remember or honor someone at Easter and
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 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/easter-flower-offering>

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



PROTECTING CROPS FROM NATURAL DISASTERS IN BANGLADESH

Shahadat's village, and much of Bangladesh, is located on
 flat lowlands. The intense rainy season causes flooding
 that often destroys farms and crops. Find out how
 Shahadat learned new farming skills from a Catholic
 Relief Services program that enabled him to increase the
 yield of his vegetable crops despite the challenges of
 climate change. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-4 to read this
 week's Story of Hope.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

PASCHAL TRIDUUM & EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE



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



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 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

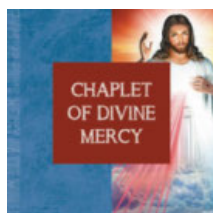
No Mass at 5:00pm

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God's mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions of Christ imploring her to spread the message of his Divine Mercy, specifically through the recitation of this chaplet.

Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the chaplet opens with a recitation of the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed.

The beads usually used for the Our Father are used to recite this prayer: ***"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world,"*** followed by ten Hail Marys and the words ***"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."***



A Prayer for Joy and Hope Based on Psalm 126

Lord,
Thank You for the times when You bring joy into our lives.
Even when things seem hard, You give us moments of happiness that lift our spirits.

Help us to trust You when we face challenges. Remind us that just as You helped us before, You will guide us through whatever comes our way.

Give us hope, Lord, when we feel lost or unsure. Help us believe that better days are ahead, even when it's hard to see.

Help us to remember that You are always with us.
In joy and in struggle, we know that You are near.

We ask You to fill our hearts with peace and strength, as we walk this journey with You by our side. Amen.

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WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN UP TO:

Our 2nd graders had a blast exploring the wonders of the Monterey Bay Aquarium! This field trip brought their science lessons to life!

SCHEDULE A CAMPUS TOUR TODAY!

smslg.org/campus-tours



AROUND THE DIOCESE

CHRISM MASS 2025 - April 8 @ 7:30 pm

Live streamed Mass at

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APR 18 MEDITATIVE EVENING ON THE SHROUD OF TURIN by Fr. Andrew Dalton LC at St. William Parish. You are invited to explore the science, history, and Scriptures related to the Shroud of Turin presented by Fr. Andrew Dalton, LC on **Good Friday, April 18 at 5PM at St. William Church**. Fr. Dalton is an international Shroud speaker and Professor of Theology at the Pontifical University Regina Apostolorum in Rome. Hospitality will follow the presentation. **Event is free but please register at**

<https://tinyurl.com/sns-sw-shroud2025>

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.



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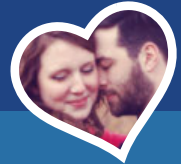
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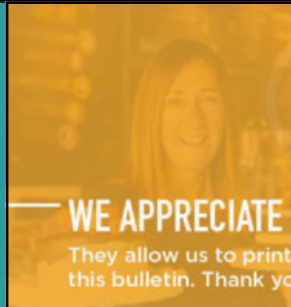
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