MAY 11, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### **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.

# a Prayer for Mother's Day

Lord God, We thank you today for the gift of our mothers and grandmothers.

We give thanks for our mothers and grandmothers who have died and for the unique way they have revealed for us your love.

We ask that you bless them and keep them in your care until the time comes for us to join them in your Kingdom.

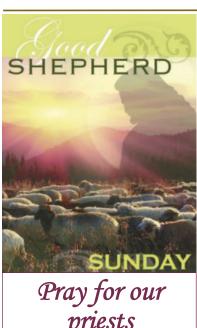
We ask your blessing upon the mothers and grandmothers who are unable to be with us today.

May they know how much we love and care for them.

We ask your blessing this day upon all mothers and grandmothers and all women who are raising children.

Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live.

Protect them, guide them and keep them in your care.
We ask all of this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.







#### 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

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#### REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

#### First Reading:

Paul and Barnabas experienced resistance from some of the Jews and leaders of the city of Antioch. What sustains you in difficult and challenging experiences?

#### **Second Reading:**

John sees a vision in which those who have

suffered and died for the faith are comforted by God and relieved of their distress. Is there a family member or friend you could comfort this week?

#### Gospel:

We hear how Jesus gives eternal life to all who follow him. *How does following Jesus impact your work or family life?* 

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TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 13:14, 43-52;

Psalm 100;

**Revelations 7:9, 14b-17**;

John 10:27-30

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen.

These disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life. Their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago to inspire and guide us modern-day disciples.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read the following verse to describe their reaction to this turn of events: "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch. But this witnessing of failure has not robbed them of their joy. What's more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It is only possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom — to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The "results" of their efforts were up to God. They knew the Holy Spirit would never abandon them when their lives were focused on serving God and others and as a result, they experienced a profound sense of joy that does not depend on external circumstances, a joy the world cannot give.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to all of us, all these years later. It can be achieved when we recognize, as did Paul and Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God's stewards does not mean a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward's life involves great challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. But in the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

How can we grow in our identity as Christian stewards so that we, too, can be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit? The Gospel reading today tells us: we must live in trust and dependence on Jesus, our Shepherd. When we cling tightly to Him by freeing ourselves from holding on too tightly to our "stuff," our time, and our achievements, we can hear His voice. He says so Himself: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." He knows us! He laid down His life for us to give us eternal life with Him. He will never ask anything of us that will harm us. A stewardship way of life is meant only to enrich us.

So, this week let us resolve to take a step towards less concern about ourselves and greater trust in Him. We will become joy-filled, Spirit-filled stewards of His good news everywhere we go.

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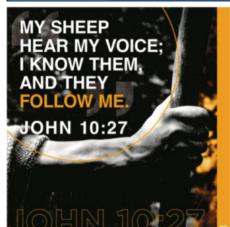
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Readings for the Week					
Sun	5/11	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30			
Mon	5/12	Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10			
Tues	5/13	Our Lady of Fatima Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30			
Wed	5/14	ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17			
Thu	5/15	St. Isidore Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20			
Fri	5/16	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6			
Sat	5/17	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14			
Sun	5/18	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35			

Mass Intentions				
Mon	5/12	8:30 am	Mavis Rodrigues-Aeria †	
Tues	5/13	8:30 am	Fr. Brad Nursey (special intention)	
Wed	5/14	8:30 am	Sr. Genie Rohner †	
Thu	5/15	8:30 am	Phero Nguyen Quoc Han †	
Fri	5/16	8:30 am	Deceased Members of the Miller and Stuglik Families †	
Sat	5/17	8:30 am	Rosemary & Robert Espe †	
		5:00 pm	Antonio Cabral Bettencourt †	
Sun	5/18	9:00 am	George Shannon †	
		11:00 am	Marcial Laplace (special intention)	
		5:00 pm	Fr. Mark Catalana †	





# 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.

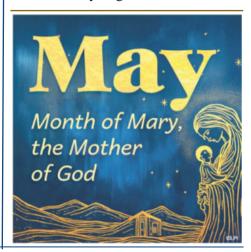
## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." To follow him, we must know him. This week, how can we know Jesus better?

#### Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention: May

#### For working conditions:

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



### 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; Ryan Heath; Dave Najour; Rose Arnaudo; George Bommarito; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam Thielmann; Honora Hannan; Tony Baldi

For those who have recently died:

Monsignor Stephen Perata; Delia Orci; Frances Hendrickson; Elisabeth Valenzuela; Shirley Stanger; Lynn Dawson; Maureen O'Connell; Sister Genie Rohner; 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.

Please remember to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the basket as marked as soon as possible or drop it off at the parish office.





# Stewardship of TREASURE

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#### OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1, 2024 to April 27, 2025
Budget - Sun Coll.	\$ 655,000.00
Budget - Easter	\$ 25,000.00
Actual	\$ 670,972.00
Difference	- \$ 9,028.00

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERING: MAY 10 & 11 DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT APPEAL

There are 40 retired priests in our Diocese and 96 others currently serving in our parishes and in other diocesan assignments. In addition, the Diocese has 28 priests reaching retirement age (70 years old) in the next 10 years and 6 in just the next three years.

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Select "Diocesan Priest Retirement Appeal" from the dropdown menu.



#### MAY 17 & 18

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

### **OUR CATHOLIC FAITH**









#### PRAYER TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Beloved Shepherd,

You guide in a way often beyond my understanding.
You lead to paths yet undiscovered.
Keep me in Your care, as together
we seek green pastures and still waters. Amen.

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#### THE TRADITION OF GENUFLECTION

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.



### AROUND THE DIOCESE

## JUNE 14 MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS AT GATE OF HEAVEN & CALVARY CEMETERY 11AM.

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#### CAMINO DE CALIFORNIA EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION VISITS THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE AT MISSION DE SANTA CLARA DE ASÍS! On

Pentecost Sunday, June 8 at 10:30am gather at Mission Santa Clara and join the Eucharistic procession to Our Lady of Peace Shrine and Church. Together with Bishop Cantú and other pilgrims process the 4.6 miles. The Camino de California Eucharistic Pilgrimage will visit all 21 California Missions, including Works of Mercy, Jubilee, and other pilgrimage events. Mission Santa Clara de Asís and Our Lady of Peace Shrine and Church are one of the 21 sites where these pilgrims will accompany our Lord in the Eucharist. Visit <a href="www.caminodecalifornia.org">www.caminodecalifornia.org</a> for more information.

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