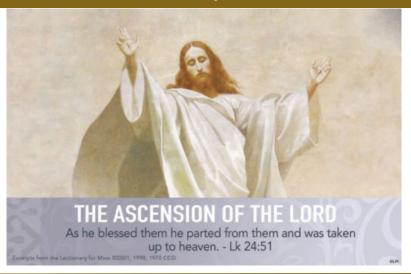
JUNE 1, 2025 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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### EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION TRAVELING THROUGH THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025
From Mission Santa Clara to Our Lady of Peace
LED BY BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ

10:30am - Gather at Mission Santa Clara

11:00am - Depart Mission Santa Clara

Walk 4.6 miles "with our Lord" to Our Lady of Peace, Santa Clara

1:00pm - Lunch provided at Our Lady of Peace by Knights of Columbus Ch 5796

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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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 408-354-3726

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#### ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

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### REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

#### First Reading:

As Stephen was being martyred, we hear how he forgave those who were stoning him to death. When have you found it hard to forgive someone?

#### **Second Reading:**

The Book of Revelation (and the entire Bible) concludes with John's prayer of petition: "Come, Lord Jesus!" Is there something you really need from the Lord?

#### Gospel:

Jesus speaks of believers as God's gift to him. What gift might you offer this week to a family member or friend?

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On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Both the First Reading and today's Gospel draw our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples just before ascending to the Father. In the First Reading, from Acts, He tells them (and us) "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Then in the Gospel, from Luke, we read, "Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent, and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made — looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

On this Feast of the Ascension, take the time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!

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TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:1-11;

Psalm 47;

Ephesians 1:17-23; OR

Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23;

Luke 24:46-53

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK						
Sun	6/1	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD; WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53				
Mon	6/2	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3b, 4, 5ac, 6-7b; Jn 16:29-33				
Tues	6/3	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a				
Wed	6/4	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b; Jn 17:11b-19				
Thu	6/5	St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26				
Fri	6/6	St. Norbert, Bishop Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19				
Sat	6/7	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5, 7; Jn 21:20-25				
Sun	6/8	PENTECOST SUNDAY Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26				

			MASS INTENTIONS
Mon	6/2	8:30 am	George Maldonado †
Tues	6/3	8:30 am	Jamie McKeogh (special intention)
Wed	6/4	8:30 am Thomas & Mary Ann Ward (wedding anniversary)	
Thu	6/5	8:30 am	Barbara Baxter †
Fri	6/6	8:30 am	Ethel & Nicholas Baxter †
			Fr. Richard Howley (1982) †
Sat	6/7	8:30 am	Lou Bruno †
		5:00 pm	Antonio Bettencourt †
Sun	6/8	9:00 am	Christine Destro (birthday)
		11:00 am	Julia Clem †
		5:00 pm	Robert Hapgood Cowden †

# 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:

Fr. Andrew V Nguyen; 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:

Elisabeth Valenzuela; Bruce Kennedy; Bobette Hayes Williamson

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.



# 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.

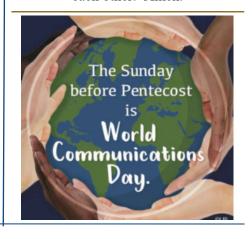
# LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Father, they are your gift to me."
This is what Christ says of his disciples. It is what he says of us. "I wish that where I am, they also may be with me." Do we have the courage to be where Christ is? Can we be the gift?

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#### PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Help us to be one, Lord Jesus, as you prayed to the Father.
Gather us all to you, diverse in culture, gift, call, way of life, and perspective.
May the love we have for you overflow into the love we have for each other. Amen.



### FAITH IN ACTION



5:00pm Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

9:00am Sunday: Parish Choirs (Children & Adults)

11:00am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

5:00pm Sunday: Young Adults

## DIAPER DRIVE 2025: IMPACT REPORT



Thank you to all who contributed to Diaper Drive 2025. We are grateful for the generosity of our students, families, and parishioners across Saint Mary Parish & School of Los Gatos.

Together we donated:

- 1,500+ diapers
- 200+ packs of wipes
- 200+ handmade comfort items (baby blankets, bibs, and hats)
- 10 containers of baby formula

Donations collected were distributed to 4 organizations:

- ♦ Hispanic Ministry of Diocese of Monterey serving Migrant Farmworker Communities
- ♦ Heritage Home of San Jose
- ♦ Sacred Heart Community Services
- ♦ Birthright

We were blessed to be able to increase student volunteer participation this year. Six grades participated, up from four grades last year. Thank you to the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes for their excellent community service work in Hofmann Center in early April.

New this year, our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes completed a reflection and planning activity. The students worked in groups to come up with lists of non profits they have, or would like to, donate their time, talent, or treasure. Then we had a group discussion on the benefits and challenges of volunteering - the students broadly observed that volunteering is an important and meaningful way to spend time, although prioritization and transportation (they can't drive themselves yet!) are challenges. As a takeaway, each student was given the personal challenge to complete a volunteer activity of their choosing by the end of the school year (this is not a school assignment - just a personal challenge).

A special shout out and thank you to:

- Kathie Gaylord and Dorothy Smith, St Mary Parishioners, for delivering donations to Heritage Home and Birthright.
- Claudia DeLaRiva-Coffey, a St Mary Parishioner and School parent for delivering and distributing the donations to Hispanic Ministry at Diocese of Monterey so they may be provided to the migrant Farmworker families in need.

# Stewardship of TREASURE

### Managing God's Gift To Us

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE! Our Goal for June is \$85,000.00

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.

## To make an online gift: stmaryslg.org/online-giving

Please consider setting up a recurring or one-time gift Online. Instructions can be found at stmarvslg.org/getting-started-with-online-giving

#### OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Week Ending May 18, 2025
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 10,720.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 4,348.00

### 2<sup>ND</sup> OFFERINGS: MAY 31 & JUNE 1 SCHOOL SUPPORT

Thank you for remembering St. Mary School for the monthly Sunday Second Collection. These funds have a direct impact on our school's operating budget and helps support students and families in need of financial assistance. *Thank you for your generosity!* 

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### CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of San Jose to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Your support spreads the gospel message! Learn more at <a href="www.usccb.org/ccc">www.usccb.org/ccc</a>.

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## OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

## The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates Jesus' ascension into Heaven.

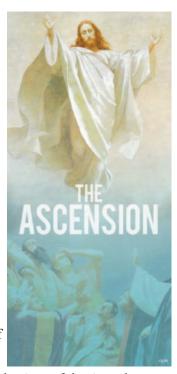
Historically, this holy has been celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday – the Thursday in the sixth week of Easter. Most U.S. dioceses, however, have moved the celebration of the Ascension to the seventh Sunday of Easter. For this reason, it is now often referred to as "Ascension Sunday." The day of celebration – Thursday or Sunday – seems to vary from diocese to diocese and country to country in 2025.

When celebrated on a Thursday, the Ascension of the Lord remains a **holy day of obligation**. The Church expects Catholics to attend Mass every Sunday already, so when the Ascension is celebrated on a Sunday, attendance is doubly encouraged.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Pray with the words of St. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory." (Col. 3:1-4)

Pray with the Collect Prayer for Ascension Sunday: "Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever."



Listen and pray with Day 322 in the Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz, which draws on the Acts of the Apostles, Romans, and Proverbs.

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## COMMONLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

### When is the Ascension of the Lord?

Historically, the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday on the Thursday in the sixth week of Easter. In the last decade, there has been a shift in the U.S. to celebrate the Ascension on the seventh Sunday of Easter. In 2025, Ascension Sunday is May 29.



When celebrated on the Thursday in the sixth week of Easter, the Ascension is a holy day of obligation. When celebrated on the seventh Sunday of Easter, Catholics are already expected to attend Mass that day.

#### When did Jesus ascend into Heaven?

Based on the Acts of the Apostles, the Church holds that Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

#### Is the Ascension the same as Pentecost?

The Ascension and Pentecost are not the same, though they are connected. It was 10 days after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven that the Holy Spirit was able to descend upon His disciples. Pentecost signals the end of the Easter season and is also the day we recognize as the birth of the Church.

#### What happened between the Ascension and Pentecost?

For ten days, Jesus' disciples and Mary patiently and prayerfully waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

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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.

# JUNE 14 MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS AT GATE OF HEAVEN & CALVARY CEMETERY 11:00AM

Please call location for more information:

- ♦ Calvery Cemetery (833) 428-0379
- ♦ Gate of Heaven Cemetery (833) 304-0763

#### **QUO VADIS RETREAT: JUNE 18-20, 2025**

A junior high and high school men's retreat for young Catholic men seeking to deepen their faith and listen to God's call in their lives.

More info & to register visit <u>dsj.org/catholic-life/vocations/</u>retreats/quo-vadis/

# CATHOLIC NIGHT AT THE SAN JOSE GIANTS FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 7PM!

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