JULY 20, 2025

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.







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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

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Abraham's treatment of the three strangers modeled the value of hospitality in the ancient world. What are some ways you show kindness and warmth to others?

Second Reading:

Paul found reasons to rejoice despite suffering for his faith in Christ and his mission to the Gentiles. *How do you find joy and hope in difficult situations?*

Gospel:

Jesus teaches Martha that her anxiety and worry can be calmed by listening to his words. *How can you be present this week to an anxious friend or co-worker?*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 18:1-10a;

Psalm 15;

Colossians 1:24-28;

Luke 10:38-42

Today's readings are chock full of inspiration for living a stewardship way of life, starting with our first reading, from Genesis. Here we see the stewardship concept of hospitality at work as Abraham offers a generous welcome to three mysterious men who appear at the entrance to his tent. Some Church fathers hold that the three men are an early symbol of our Triune God; others that the three are angels. In any case, Abraham welcomes them warmly in true stewardship hospitality, offering them a good meal and some cool water with which to refresh themselves. In return for his generosity, one of the three men promises that Abraham's elderly wife would miraculously give birth to a son, a promise which indeed comes true.

In our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul uses the term "steward-ship" to describe the particular mission that has been entrusted to Him by God. That is why, he explains, that all the sufferings he endures as part of his ministry are a joy for Him — be-cause they come as a part of the privilege of serving the Lord. This is equally true for each one of us today. We are all called to be the Lord's faithful stewards, spreading the Good News of the Gospel in our sphere of influence. And while serving the Lord (through formal ministry or just in the daily duties of everyday life) involves some suffering, like Paul, we should count this as part of the privilege of being called His stewards.

Finally, in today's Gospel reading, from St. Luke, we receive a reminder about the proper use of the gift of time, a fundamental aspect of a stewardship way of life. Our passage highlights one of the most famous dinner parties ever thrown, recalling the day that Martha and Mary hosted our Lord in their home. We are told that Martha, as a good steward, welcomes Christ in but then becomes "burdened with much serving" while her sister and fellow hostess choose to simply sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak.

Martha becomes indignant at Mary's behavior and complains to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." But Jesus, in His infinite wisdom, refuses to get pulled into this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a fresh way to look at the situation. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all other things; to "sit at his feet" and listen as Mary did, giving Him the priority of our time no matter how busy we think we are.

When we truly commit to putting Christ first in our daily lives through a regular time of prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments, we will find that all our other concerns become less pressing and less overwhelming. Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace. And because God cannot be outdone in generosity. He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make to spend time with Him.

In the week ahead let's examine how well we show "hospitality" to our Lord by putting Him first through our stewardship of time. If you do not have a daily habit of prayer, commit to five minutes for the next seven days. If you are already in the habit of daily prayer, make sure you are listening at least as much as speaking. Either way, you will be blessed. What a privilege to be His stewards!

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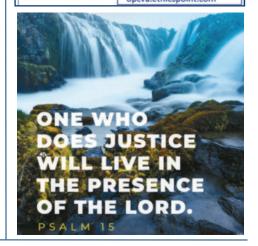
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK					
Sun	7/20	16 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42			
Mon	7/21	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Ex 14:5-18; (Ps) Ex 15:1b-6; Mt 12:38-42			
Tues	7/22	ST. MARY MAGDALENE Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18			
Wed	7/23	St. Bridget, Religious Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9			
Thu	7/24	St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17			
Fri	7/25	ST. JAMES, APOSTLE 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1b-6; Mt 20:20-28			
Sat	7/26	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30			
Sun	7/27	17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13			

			Mass Intentions
Mon	7/21	8:30 am	Clare Dinno †
Tues	7/22	8:30 am	Radigunda Lourdes Mabutas †
Wed	7/23	8:30 am	Joseph Sorrento (healing)
Thu	7/24	8:30 am	Radigunda Lourdes Mabutas †
Fri	7/25	8:30 am	Radigunda Lourdes Mabutas †
Sat	7/26	8:30 am	Andy Nagorski †
		5:00 pm	Lloyd Morales †
Sun	7/27	9:00 am	Anna Gniewosz †
		11:00 am	Paul O'Keeffe †
		5:00 pm	George Bommarito †

JULY 22 IS THE FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE WHO IS SHE?

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the woman who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.



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.

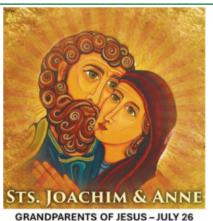
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In life, there are so many "Marthas" — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

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Pope Leo XIV's Universal Prayer Intention: July For formation in discernment:

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



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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: Mary Elen Fox; Fr. Andrew V Nguyen; Magdolma O'Brien; Ryan Heath; Dave Najour; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam Thielmann; Honora Hannan

For those who have recently died:

Frederick Cunningham III; Rose Arnaudo; Charli Joan Blackwell; George Bommarito; Bruce Welch

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.



5:00pm Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 9:00am Sunday: Cantor & 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

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.

ST. MARY MARIAN PRAYER GROUP - Tuesday mornings at 10:15am in 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. MARY SENIORS - If you are free the 3rd Monday of the month, please join us in Hofmann Center at 12 noon for a meeting of social activity and service to our parish. Bring a sack lunch.

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OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

Week Ending July 6, 2025
Sunday Collection \$ 13,303.00

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A Message from George Montanari, our ADA Chair

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As this year's ADA Chair, I am thrilled to share that St. Mary's Parish has accepted the challenge of being a leader in our Valley.

We have reached our goal — and now we are in the bonus round! Every dollar we collect from this point forward will go directly back to St. Mary.

This is our opportunity to fund our parish and make improvements that will keep our church thriving for generations to come. If you haven't yet had a chance to make your ADA gift this year, there's still plenty of time to make a difference. There are so many ways to give. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Remember, every dollar now goes directly to our parish. And if you're unable to give this year, your prayers are a cherished gift.

I am honored to serve as your ADA Chair, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

George Montanari

COUNTRY FAIR 2025



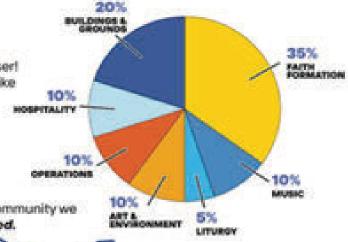


Support the Country Fair—our parish's largest fundraiser! Every dollar raised helps fund essential parish needs like facilities, hospitality, and faith formation!

HOW TO SPONSOR:

- Visit: stmaryscountryfair.org/sponsor
- Email: fair sponsorships@stmaryslg.org

Your sponsorship helps sustain the vibrant St. Mary community we all cherish. See the pie chart for how funds are used.







Volunteers make the Fair possible! It's a fun way to give back and connect with our parish community! Before volunteering, please complete the following steps required by the Diocese of San Jose:

1. Fingerprinting (One Time Only)

- · Pick up a Request Form from the parish office
- Bring form to Verify Group to get fingerprinted
- Return stamped copy to the parish office for tracking •
- Clearance confirmation will come from the Diocese

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Verify will be on-site soon to make this step even easier — dates to come!

2. Safe Environment Training (Every 3 yrs)

- Required for all volunteers age 18+
- Go to www.virtusonline.org
- Complete: Protecting God's Children Online Maltreatment Awareness Session 4.1 – San Jose
- Must be completed before valunteering.
- Screenshot the completed certificate with date.
- Email, print, or fax it to parish office.







Service is a meaningful part of the junior high experience at St. Mary's! students came together to prepare and serve at our Lenten Soup Suppers during Lent.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

JULY 20: AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE MONTHLY MASS Fr. Paul Zirimenya will celebrate Mass at 3:30PM in American Sign Language at St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish, 197

American Sign Language at St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish,1971 Saint Lawrence Dr, Santa Clara, CA. This Mass will be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

JULY 29-31: DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR JR. HIGH SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG WOMEN A

women's retreat for young Catholic women to deepen their faith and seek God's call in their lives. CityTeam Camp MayMac, 9115 E Zayante Rd., Felton, CA 95018 Register at dsi.org/catholic-life/vocations/retreats/fiat/fiat-registration/

ILM - NEW ACADEMIC YEAR BEGINS SEPTEMBER

2025. The ILM offers a 3-year course of study for lay leaders in the Church. Responding to their baptismal call, ILM graduates return to their parish to serve in various leadership roles in Liturgy, Catechetics, Social Justice, Pastoral Care, and others. Find more about the ILM at **bit.ly/ilm eng**

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY MINISTRY

The Institute for Leadership in Ministry, in collaboration with the Office of Adult Spirituality and Family Life, is pleased to offer an Introduction to Family. The course consists of two sessions per week over three weeks, followed by one Saturday session focused on how to establish a parish team. Visit

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