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AUGUST 24, 2025

TWENTY-FIRST 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.



The Parish Office will be closed next Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day. We will return on Tuesday, September 2.



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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Fr. Christopher Bologo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
11:00 AM MASS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Isaiah reveals to us God's plan to gather and unite all His people and witness His glory in the age to come. *What are you hoping for in the future?*

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews offers words of encouragement for community members struggling and discouraged in their faith. *Is there a friend or co-worker you could look to support this week?*

Gospel:

Jesus speaks to the crowds of the dire consequences of rejecting his call to salvation. *What could be some effective ways to bring others to faith in Jesus?*

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Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

In fact, the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, mentions "discipline" five times in the six verses of today's passage. Some examples: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord." "Endure your trials as discipline." "Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines." In this passage we also learn why we should embrace God's discipline: "Later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it."

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

Then He goes on to tell the parable of the master of the house who locked his door to those outside. Jesus says, "You will stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord open the door for us.'" But the master will say in reply that he does not know them. Jesus continues, "And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' But the master will insist, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.'" Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus leaves us with great hope that it is indeed possible to make it through the narrow gate. He tells us, "People will come from the east and the west, and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Holiness of life, true discipleship, is meant for everyone — young and old, rich and poor, powerful and lowly.

In the week ahead let's strive to embrace the spiritual disciplines that can transform us into real disciples of Christ and lead us into the Kingdom of God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 66:18-21;
Psalm 117;
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13;
Luke 13:22-30

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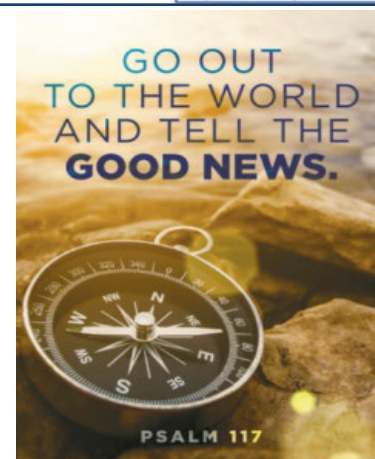
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	8/24	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1b- 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
Mon	8/25	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tues	8/26	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wed	8/27	St. Monica 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32
Thu	8/28	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Fri	8/29	The Passion of St. John the Baptist 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mk 6:17-29
Sat	8/30	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sun	8/31	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	8/25	8:30 am	Joan Langholff (<i>special intention</i>)
Tues	8/26	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mary
Wed	8/27	8:30 am	Nancy Ottoboni †
Thu	8/28	8:30 am	Bartholomew Ottoboni †
Fri	8/29	8:30 am	Noah Flora †
Sat	8/30	8:30 am	Kingston Coffey (<i>birthday</i>)
		5:00 pm	Brenda Lis (<i>healing</i>)
Sun	8/31	9:00 am	Anna Paulsen †
		11:00 am	Rose Arnaudo †
		5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Mary



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registrations for 2025 - 2026 Children's Catechetical Ministry, First Eucharist Preparation, Christian Initiation, Adult and Youth Confirmation is open.

Visit stmaryslg.org/faith-formation-registration-form

Questions? Email parish.office@stmaryslg.org



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.*

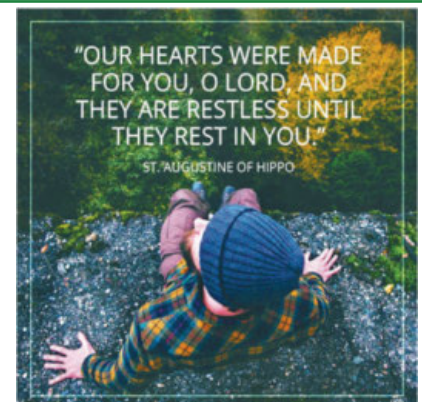
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,” Jesus tells us. “Many will attempt...but will not be strong enough.” So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for help.

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POPE LEO XIV'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: SEPTEMBER *For our relationship with all of creation*

Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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; Magdolma O'Brien; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Honora Hannan

For those who have recently died:

William Mercer, Sr.; Karen Renbarger; Carlos Velasquez Jr.; Barbara White; Christine Russell; Frederick Cunningham III; Rose Arnaudo

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.



AUGUST 30 & 31

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.

Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

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Week Ending August 10, 2025	
Sunday Collection	\$ 12,036.00

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GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE: Support the Salesians of Don Bosco

The **Salesians of Don Bosco** are a religious order in India dedicated to serving vulnerable children and youth. In the spirit of the Gospel, we offer a safe haven and a brighter future for those who need it most. Our mission focuses on the holistic development of poor and marginalized children.

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Beyond our youth programs, we serve in parishes and mission stations, bringing hope and love to new communities. We are also on the front lines providing immediate relief when natural disasters strike.

This Jubilee Year of HOPE, we ask for your support. Your financial contribution helps us continue our vital work and be a beacon of hope for countless children and communities.

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CATECHISM INSTRUCTOR FOR 4th & 5th GRADE CLASS.

We need your help! We need volunteers for instructing a 4th and 5th grade class this year. The Faith Formation team will help you and we have a lesson plan that is easy to follow. We have a substitute available in case it is needed. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

ASSISTANT VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers help catechists in class with the projects. No experience necessary (ages +14).

CONTACT: (408) 354-3726 x 110

WHEN: Two Sundays a month (holidays off)

TIME: 10:05 - 10:50 AM

WHERE: At St. Mary



JESUS says,
"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."
Matthew 10:14

AMERICANS ON THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD - *multi-part series*

SERVANT OF GOD NICHOLAS BLACK ELK

Black Elk, a member of the Lakota Native American tribe, was born sometime between 1858 and 1866 and was a cousin to the famous Lakota warrior Crazy Horse. After surviving the infamous massacre at Wounded Knee and adventuring throughout Europe while touring with Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West show, Black Elk converted to Catholicism in 1904 after marrying a Catholic woman. He took the name Nicholas upon his baptism.



NICHOLAS BLACK ELK

Like many of his ancestors, Nicholas Black Elk had previously been a medicine man, which combined the roles of medical doctor, spiritual adviser and counselor. Due to his enthusiasm and his excellent memory for learning Scripture and Church teaching, Jesuit missionaries in South Dakota chose Nicholas Black Elk as a catechist in 1907, a role he served in faithfully for 50 years. He traveled around on horseback teaching the Catholic faith, and his efforts brought more than 400 people into the Church.

Nicholas Black Elk died in 1950. The Diocese of Rapid City opened his sainthood cause in 2016, and in 2019 all collected research materials were sent to the Vatican.

VENERABLE HENRIETTE DELILLE

Born in 1812 to a wealthy French father and a free Creole woman of Spanish, French and African descent, Henriette DeLille was groomed throughout her childhood to become a part of the *plaçage* system, whereby free women of color entered into common-law marriages with wealthy white plantation owners. But Henriette declared that her religious convictions could not be reconciled with the *plaçage* lifestyle for which she was being prepared. Raised Catholic, she believed that the *plaçage* system violated Church teaching on the sanctity of marriage.

In 1836, wanting to dedicate her life to God, Henriette used the proceeds of an inheritance to found a small, initially unrecognized order of nuns, the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her group would eventually become the Sisters of the Holy Family, officially founded at St. Augustine's Church in 1842. The sisters taught religion and other subjects to slaves, even though it was illegal to do so at the time, punishable by death or life imprisonment.

DeLille died in 1862 at age 50. The Sisters of the Holy Family — which received papal recognition in 1949 — remains an active order in Louisiana today, with its sisters working in nursing homes and as teachers, administrators and in other pastoral positions.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans opened DeLille's cause in 1988, and Pope Benedict XVI declared her "Venerable" in 2010.

Jonah McKeown - National Catholic Register

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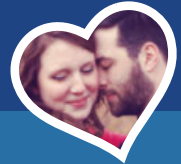
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