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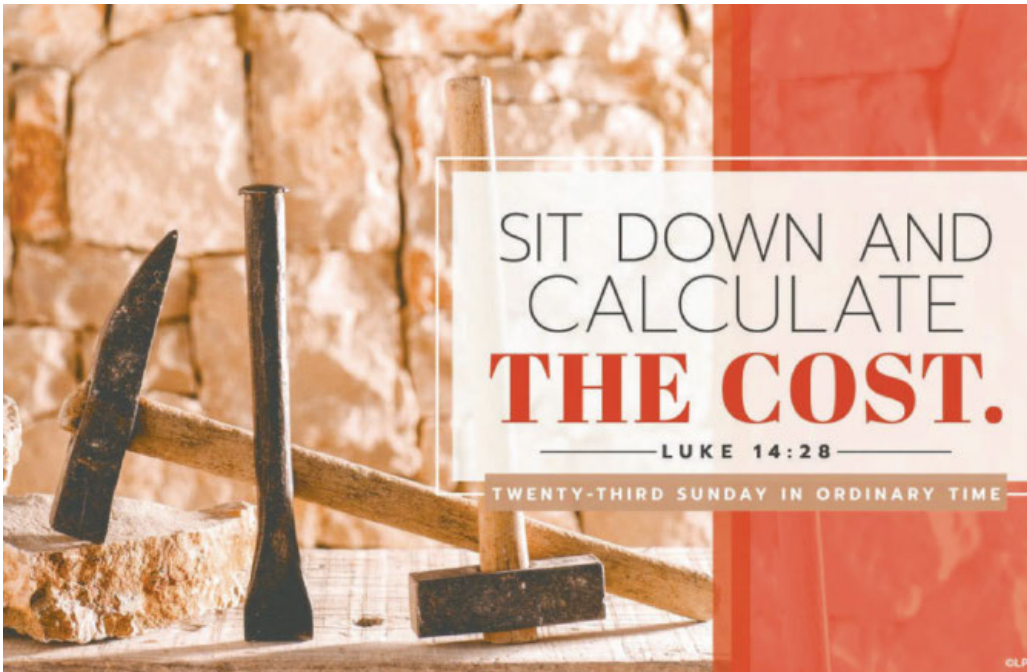
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Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am
& 5:00pm

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DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:30am

Rosary - 8:00am

Live-Stream & in church

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Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The author of Wisdom teaches us that our limited understanding can be overcome by the gift of wisdom from God's Holy Spirit. *Have you ever prayed for the gift of wisdom in discerning a difficult course of action?*

Second Reading:

Paul is asking Philemon to welcome back his runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ. *Who do you consult when making difficult life decisions?*

Gospel:

Jesus challenges the crowds to weigh carefully the high cost of discipleship. *What have you given up following Jesus?* ©LPI

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

Our First Reading, from the ancient book of Wisdom, prepares us for the challenging teaching that will follow in today's Gospel passage. "Who can know God's counsel or who can conceive what the Lord intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid... the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns."

Weighed down by financial woes, relationship stress, illness — all the concerns of modern life (and apparently, ancient life, too) — how can we possibly concern ourselves with anything more than these immediate needs? Our human "earthly" instincts limit our ability to think with an eternal perspective. But, a few verses later, we are told that God has sent His Holy Spirit from on high to assist us. "And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight." Relying on the Holy Spirit, we can live indeed live for higher goals despite all the challenges of daily life.

But this way of life will not be easy, and our Lord, knowing well our human nature, must prepare us for the challenge. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ is very straightforward about the cost of living for the higher aims of discipleship. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions, but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He goes on to say, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish, over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

To further this point, Christ shares two parables. The first is about a builder who wants to construct a tower. Christ says that before beginning, the builder must sit down and consider the cost to see if he has what is needed to complete the project. The second parable is of a king facing a potential battle. Again, Christ says he must first consider if he has sufficient troops for success before he goes off headlong into battle. Discipleship will cost us, and we must be prepared to give it our all.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live with great intentionality — putting Him first before all else — we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows that these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way of life allows us to count the cost and then run after Him with all our might.

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 9:13-18b;
Psalm 90;
Philemon 9-10, 12-17;
Luke 14:25-33

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	9/7	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
Mon	9/8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6abc; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Tues	9/9	St. Peter Claver, Priest Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wed	9/10	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b; Lk 6:20-26
Thu	9/11	Patriot Day Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Fri	9/12	The Most Holy Name of Mary 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Sat	9/13	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sun	9/14	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	9/8	8:30 am	Radigunda Lourdes Mabutas †
Tues	9/9	8:30 am	Marie Witworth †
Wed	9/10	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mary
Thu	9/11	8:30 am	The Victims and Heros of September 11
Fri	9/12	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mary
Sat	9/13	8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Mary
		5:00 pm	Antonio Bettencourt †
Sun	9/14	9:00 am	Radigunda Lourdes Mabutas †
		11:00 am	Diane Piziali †
		5:00 pm	Michael Coffey (healing)



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

Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship — and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have — we should have — with our Lord

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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.

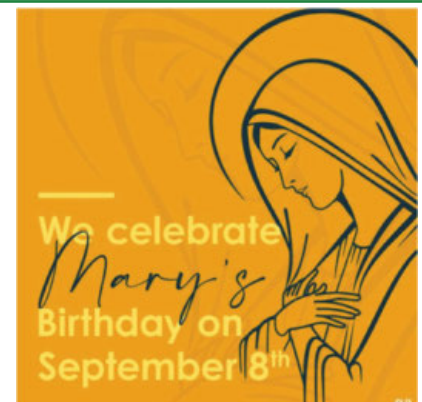


FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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 kjestus@stmaryslg.org



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:

Manuel Dufresne; Sister Fran Kearney; 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.



SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

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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CONTACT: Katherine Jestus - (408) 354-3726 x 123 or email: kjestus@stmaryslg.org

WHEN: Two Sundays a month (holidays off)

TIME: 10:05 - 10:50 AM

WHERE: St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception



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"

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

AMERICANS ON THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD - multi-part series

VENERABLE ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN

Ordained a priest of the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois, at the age of 24, Archbishop Sheen was appointed auxiliary bishop of New York in 1951, where he remained until his appointment as bishop of Rochester, New York, in 1966. He received a titular appointment three years later, making him an archbishop. He moved back to New York City until his death in 1979.



FULTON SHEEN

During his lifetime, Archbishop Sheen published dozens of books and hosted popular radio and television shows, even winning an Emmy for "Most Outstanding Television Personality."

In 2019, Sheen's remains were transferred from the Archdiocese of New York to Peoria, following a long legal battle over his burial place.

The Diocese of Peoria opened Archbishop Sheen's cause for sainthood in 2002, and in 2012, Benedict XVI recognized his life of heroic virtue, landing Archbishop Sheen the title of "Venerable." Sheen was originally scheduled to be beatified in 2019, but a number of unexpected factors have led to his sainthood cause being suspended since then, though interest by the faithful continues.

SERVANT OF GOD RHODA WISE

Rhoda Wise (1888-1948) was a Canton, Ohio, woman who converted to Catholicism after being introduced to the Rosary.

She suffered greatly for years under serious medical problems, including a permanently injured foot and a 39-pound ovarian cyst that was surgically removed in 1932. Wise claimed she was completely healed of her ailments after receiving a visit from Jesus in her home.



RHODA WISE

During Wise's life, some 300 to 500 people a week came to her home seeking help, and many additional healings were reported. One of those healings was of a skeptical Rita Rizzo — the future Mother Mary Angelica, the foundress of EWTN — who at the time was suffering from severe stomach problems and "so engrossed in survival that religion did not affect me," she later admitted.

Wise advised praying a novena to St. Thérèse, which Rita did. After doing so, she says her stomach ailment, which had caused her suffering for years, was healed overnight. She spent a lot of time over the next few years volunteering at the house and learning from Rhoda.

The Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, opened Wise's cause for canonization in 2016, granting her the title "Servant of God."

Jonah McKeown - National Catholic Register



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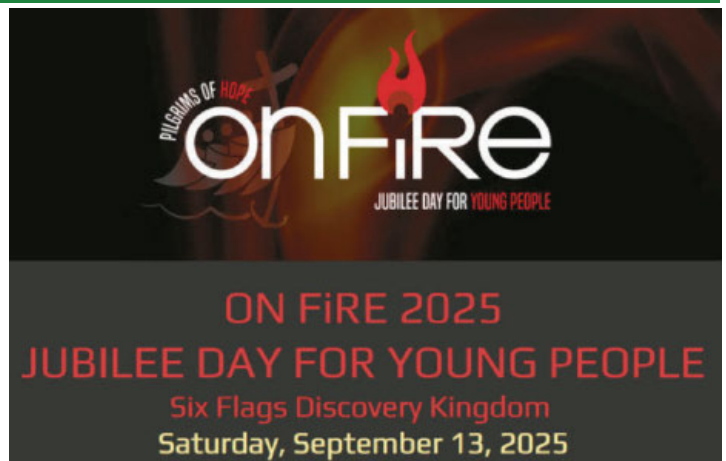


AROUND THE DIOCESE

Marisol Mendoza, the Department of Catholic Schools' new Director of School Operational Vitality. Please welcome Marisol who worked for over 12 years in the private and non-profit education sector, finding deep fulfillment in guiding students toward graduation and celebrating their academic achievements. She later joined the U.S. Department of Education, overseeing compliance for colleges and universities across the Country. Her work ensured institutions adhered to federal and state regulations and, most importantly, that eligible students received the financial aid they deserved. Marisol led workshops for parents and students on how to prepare financially for college. She also served as a Youth Science Institute (YSI) board member in Los Gatos.

Sep 27 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign Kick-off Mass with Bishop Cantú.

The Mass is at 5:00 pm at St. Francis Cabrini Parish. The 40 days for Life prayer campaign is from September 24th thru November 2nd as we join other Christians for prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Visit <https://www.dsj.org/event/2025-40-days-for-life-campaign-2/2025-09-27/>



ON FiRE NorCal is for Catholic High School Youth and Young Adults in their 20's and 30's and will be held at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom Theme Park in Vallejo, CA.

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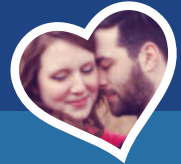
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