OCTOBER 12, 2025

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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We hope to see you next year!

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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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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Naaman was cleansed of leprosy and committed to worshipping no other god except the Lord. What might be one commitment you could make to the Lord in the coming days?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches Timothy the importance of perseverance in faith. What are some obstacles you have had to overcome in life?

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Jesus praises the cleansed leper who returned to thank him personally. Is there someone in your life that you should be thanking?

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TODAY'S READINGS

2 Kings 5:14-17;

Psalm 98; 2 Timothy 2:8-13;

Luke 17:11-19

Gratitude is the key to a stewardship way of life. Today's readings demonstrate the power and vital importance of gratitude in the life of the Christian disciple, for gratitude leads us to worship God who offers us salvation.

We see the power of gratitude at work in the response of two individuals in today's readings who received the gift of physical healing, one in our First Reading, from the book of Second Kings, and the other in our Gospel Reading, from Luke.

In the First Reading, we hear the story of Namaan, a commander in the army of Syria, who presents himself to the prophet, Elisha, "the man of God," to ask for healing from his leprosy. The prophet agrees to this request and intercedes on his behalf before God, telling Namaan to wash in the Jordan River. Namaan receives complete healing from the disease.

Overjoyed, Namaan returns to Elisha, filled with gratitude to God and wanting to offer a gift in thanksgiving for this healing. Though Elisha refuses to accept a gift, Naaman declares that for the rest of his life he "will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the Lord." Namaan recognized the great blessing he had received from the Lord and, as a result of his gratitude to God, is led to worship Him for the rest of his life.

We find a similar instance of healing in the Gospel passage, this one involving 10 lepers seeking healing. They cry out to Jesus in their affliction and feeling pity for the 10, He tells them to go and show themselves to the priests. As they go on their way, all 10 are healed.

Yet, what we learn in the very next verse is surprising. "And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned." Only one of the 10 recognized the tremendous blessing he had received from Jesus and returned to thank him. It's easy to feel indignant at the failure of the nine others to return and thank Jesus. But how of 10 do we fail to recognize blessings great and small, answered prayers, healings (both physical and spiritual), that the Lord showers upon us, day and night?

The truth is that our very lives and every breath we take are His gift to us. But we can get so caught up in the stresses and distractions of daily life that we lose touch with this truth.

Gratitude begins within our minds and hearts when we take the time to recognize how blessed we truly are and when we have the humility to recognize where these blessings come from — our merciful and loving God.

The Samaritan reacts to his gift of healing in much the same way that Namaan did and demonstrates the proper response to our loving God. Recognizing what he had just received from the Lord, he "returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him." He was grateful for what God had done for him, and this gratitude led to worship.

And because of this response, Jesus offered him a far more precious gift than physical healing; He offered him the gift of salvation. "Where are the other nine? Has none but the foreigner returned to give thanks to God? ... Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

Too often, we hear the phrase, "Count your blessings," and write it off as nothing more than a trite saying. Today's readings show us otherwise. Gratitude is powerful. It deepens our faith in God and leads us to fitting worship of Him.

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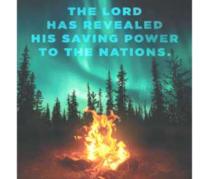
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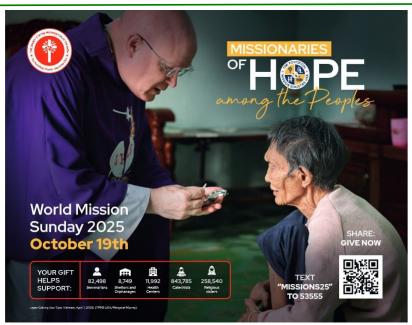
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK					
Sun	10/12	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19			
Mon	10/13	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1b-4; Lk 11:29-32			
Tues	10/14	St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41			
Wed	10/15	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46			
Thu	10/16	St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6b; Lk 11:47-54			
Fri	10/17	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7			
Sat	10/18	ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13ab, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9			
Sun	10/19	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; WORLD MISSION SUN Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8			

Mass Intentions					
Mon	10/13	8:30 am	Baby Clark (special intention)		
Tues	10/14	8:30 am	Eleanor Loffredo †		
Wed	10/15	8:30 am	Father Raphael Ueda (special intention)		
Thu	10/16	8:30 am	Blanca Lidia Escobar †		
Fri	10/17	8:30 am	Vincent Loffredo †		
Sat	10/18	8:30 am	Radigunda Lourdes Mabutas †		
		5:00 pm	Barbara White †		
Sun	10/19	9:00 am	Olivia Gray †		
		11:00 am	Olivia Gray †		
		5:00 pm	Franz Gniewosz †		





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.

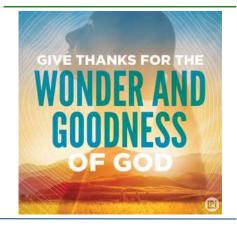
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

If we have faith, we call out to God and we beg him for healing. But when our faith is rewarded, what then? Do we take our miracle and run? No, we must return to the source of our healing to say, "You have changed me, Lord. Now help me change others." © LPi

Pope Leo XIV's Universal Prayer Intention: October

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



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: Schuyler Garfield; Armon LaMotte; Brenda Lis; Mary Elen Fox; Magdolma O'Brien; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Honora Hannan

For those who have recently died:

Richard Scudellari, Sr. Isabel Heil; Rose Belotti; Victor LoBue, Sr.; Manuel Dufresne

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.



OCTOBER 18 & 19

5pm Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 9am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 11am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 5pm Sunday: Parish Adult Choir

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 <u>stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de</u> <u>-paul</u>

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Tim O'Rorke at ti@timororke.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

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OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

Week Ending September 28, 2025
Sunday Collection \$ 9,745.00

Please consider ONLINE GIVING

2nd OFFERING: Oct 18 & 19 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples

World Mission Sunday is when Catholics around the world unite to support the missionary work of the Church. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, it remains the only annual global collection that directly supports the 1,124 mission territories. Your prayer and financial gift join those from every parish around the world to ensure missionaries can continue their essential work building churches, forming priests, supporting catechists, and serving communities in need. Please be generous on World Mission Sunday. Envelopes are available in the church.

2nd OFFERING: Oct 25 & 26 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Mary's conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) has been serving the needs of the disadvantaged in Los Gatos since 1965. Funds we receive during this Annual Appeal support our work through 2026 which include rental assistance, utility needs, laundry vouchers, sleeping bags, tents, food gift cards and other assistance for our working poor and unhoused neighbors.

If you write a check, please make it payable to St. Vincent de Paul. Envelopes will be available in the pews and vestibule.

To Make an Online Gift, please visit

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

POPE LEO XIV ASKED CATHOLICS TO PRAY THE ROSARY EACH DAY IN OCTOBER FOR PEACE

The pope made his request at the end of his weekly general audience Sept. 24 and the day after he said he had spoken again with the pastor of Holy Family Church in Gaza City, the only Latin-rite Catholic parish in Gaza.

"I invite everyone to pray the rosary every day during the coming month -- for peace -- personally, with your families and in your communities," he said.

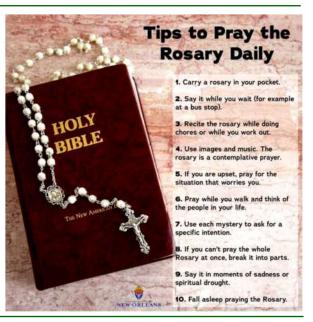
Catholic News Service - September 25, 2025

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7.

It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The Rosary is appealing and simple. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Every time we pray the Our Father we are reminded that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. Praying the Hail Mary reminds us that we are joining with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they help to make us aware that Mary was and is still intimately joined with her son, Jesus, in all the mysteries of earthly and heavenly existence. The constant repetition of prayer creates an atmosphere of contemplation.

The traditional fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary were finalized by the sixteenth century. The mysteries are grouped into sets: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, the Glorious Mysteries, and, in 2002, Pope John Paul II announced the new Luminous Mysteries.



WHY DO PRIESTS KISS THE ALTAR AT MASS?



It is clear that from the earliest times a kiss was not only a token of love, but also under certain circumstances a symbol of profound respect. For example, the son of Sirach (Ecclus., xxix, 5) describes how would-be borrowers, when they wish to ingratiate themselves "kiss the hands of the lender, and in promises they humble their voice". It is in accordance with this symbolism, so universally understood and practiced, that the Church enjoins the kissing of many holy objects, e.g. relics, the book of the Gospels, the cross, blessed palms, candles, the hands of the clergy and nearly all the utensils and vestments connected with the liturgy.

Every time a priest kisses or reverences the altar, he does so in order to honor the altar of sacrifice (which represents Christ) where the miracle of the Eucharist occurs. The kiss also signifies the union of the Spouse (Christ) and his Bride (the Church). Another reason, deeply rooted in ancient Christian tradition, is to reverence the relics of the saint or martyr placed within the altar itself.

During the first centuries of church history, Masses were often celebrated in the underground catacombs on stone slabs covering the tomb of a martyr. This was done in order to reverence the martyr and their heroic and ultimate sacrifice for the Lord. This also was done out of necessity: Being a Christian was illegal throughout the Roman Empire (thus the existence of martyrs) and the Mass had to be celebrated in secret.

When the emperor Constantine legalized Christianity early in the fourth century, the celebration of the Mass moved from underground to above ground, from the catacombs to public buildings or churches. When this transition occurred, the practice and tradition of venerating the martyrs was not left behind but continued to be an important dimension of the Mass.

When a priest kisses the altar, he is reverencing the person of Christ, which the altar represents, and is also, even if they are not present, continuing the ancient tradition of honoring the great and heroic sacrifice of the martyrs.

ST. MARY SCHOOL



OCT. 15

Howley Hall (Gym) St. Mary School

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

OCT 20 ST. THERESE DE LISIEUX RELICS MASS AND VENERATION. Please join us witness the Relics of Saint There's of Lisieux who will arrive on Monday October 20 at our Lady of La Vang Parish in time for Mass at 4:00pm. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Cantu followed by public veneration till 6:45pm when the relics depart to the Carmelite Monastery. All are invited to a reception at the Parish grounds at 7:00pm.

SOLEMN VESPERS AND EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF MOST REVEREND ANDRES C. LIGOT. With

praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of San José joyfully invites you to witness the Solemn Vespers and to the Solemn Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Andres C. Ligot, JCD, DD as Auxiliary Bishop of San José. In-person attendance to both events is by invitation only.

SOLEMN VESPERS: Sunday, November 2. 6:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION MASS: Monday, November 3, 2:00pm at our Lady of La Vang.

The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocese's YouTube and Facebook channels. Visit dsj.org for the livestream direct link the week of the event.

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST

Children Kindergarten to 5th grade that are currently enrolled in DSJ Catholic Schools or at a Faith Formation Program are invited to participate. The theme for this year's Christmas cards is "The Birth of Jesus brings Hope to the World."

The deadline to submit entry is October 15, 2025.

Card artwork submission: Mail your entry to:
Diocese of San José
Communications Office-Christmas Card
1150 N. First St., San Jose, CA 95112

Design guideline: Please design for the COVER of the card only. ALL entries must be hand-drawn from start to finish. Designs must be in horizontal format: 8.5x11 inch size.

No digital creations will be considered. The first to third place winners from last year can be seen at the flyer below.

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