OCTOBER 19, 2025

29TH 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.







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

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Moses needed to rely on his brother (Aaron) and his friend (Hur) to assist him in defeating the Amalekites. Can you think of a time when you really needed the support of your family or friends?

Second Reading:

Paul instructs Timothy to be persistent in relying

on what Sacred Scripture teaches us. How do you use Scripture as a guide for your life?

Gospel:

With the parable of the persistent widow, Jesus teaches the disciples about the importance of praying often to God. *When do you find yourself praying?*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 17:8-13;

Psalm 121;

2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2;

Luke 18:1-8

The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. They are intentionally presented in this order with the idea that we cannot expect people to respond to calls to increase their prayer life, their formation, and their service within and outside the parish if they do not first feel welcomed and valued through the warmth of hospitality. It just makes good sense.

However, those who are already well-versed in the spirituality and practicalities of stewardship know well that stewardship cannot succeed unless it is steeped in prayer. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.

In our first reading, from Exodus, we find Moses interceding for the Israelites as they engage in a fierce battle against Amalek. As long as Moses keeps his hands raised, the Israelites succeed. But when his hands grow tired and droop, the Israelites begin to lose ground.

In his wisdom, Moses anticipated that he would need support from his community as he engaged in this spiritual battle. He brought Aaron and Hur along with him to support him (quite literally) as he began to grow weary. Moses relied on his friends to hold his hands up so that they remained steady until the battle was won. We modern-day stewards would do well to follow the example of Moses and gather together in our families and as a faith community to support each other in our own spiritual battles, great or small.

In St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives wise counsel on a particularly efficacious source of prayer — the Holy Scriptures. He reminds us that "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction and for training in righteousness" so that when we truly study it and pray with it, we may be "competent, equipped for every good work" the Lord has for us to do. Paul says that it is not enough to simply study and pray over the Scripture, however. He exhorts us to proclaim it! And to be persistent in proclaiming it "whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." Since we cannot give what we do not possess, it is vital that we develop a relationship with God, and in a special way through praying over His living Word to us.

In the Gospel passage from Luke . He tells the parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in her pursuit of a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he "neither feared God nor respected any human." Yet even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow's persistence.

Jesus uses this outlandish example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father. If even a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more (infinitely more) eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him. If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response than the one we were expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response, whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best one for us.

As Christian stewards, our job is to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer, prioritize Scripture, and lean on our community for support. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK					
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			
Mon	10/20	St. Paul of the Cross, Priest Rom 4:20-25; (Ps) Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21			
Tues	10/21	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38			
Wed	10/22	St. John Paul II, Pope Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48			
Thu	10/23	St. John of Capistrano, Priest Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53			
Fri	10/24	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59			
Sat	10/25	Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9			
Sun	10/26	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14			

Mass Intentions					
Mon	10/20	8:30 am	Richard Scudellari †		
Tues	10/21	8:30 am	Terry Stambaugh †		
Wed	10/22	8:30 am	Arnold Bruni †		
Thu	10/23	8:30 am	Jane McDonald †		
Fri	10/24	8:30 am	Walter Allspach †		
Sat	10/25	8:30 am	Cam Tran †		
		5:00 pm	Vic LoBue Sr. †		
Sun	10/26	9:00 am	Mia Shimuzu (healing)		
		11:00 am	Emily Ferron & Kassey Millsap (special intention)		
		5:00 pm	Kellan Andrew Ferron (special intention)		

MASS OF CONSOLATION



You are invited to join us for a special Mass of Consolation on

Saturday, November 8 at 11:00 am

We recall with affection the members of our parish community who have died this year.

If you wish, please bring a photo or memento of your beloved to be placed on a table near the altar for this Mass.



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

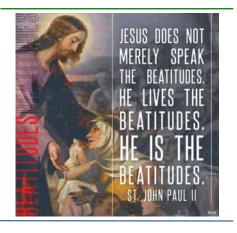
We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.

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

For those who have recently died:

Bill Norquist; 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

Managing God's Gift To Us

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OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

Week Ending October 5, 2025
Sunday Collection \$ 12,338.00

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

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.

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

"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.

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The Catholic Church has four Marian Dogmas - defined doctrines concerning Mary that faithful Catholics must believe:

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Theotokos): Mary is the mother of Jesus, who is the Second Person of the Trinity made man. Because mothers give birth to persons, not natures, and Jesus is a Divine Person, Mary is rightly called the Mother of God.

PERPETUAL VIRGINITY

Mary was a virgin before, during, and after giving birth to Jesus. Her virginal integrity was maintained and even sanctified by Christ's birth.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

By a unique grace, Mary was preserved free from all stain of original sin from the moment of her own conception, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ.

ASSUMPTION: Having completed her earthly life, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory. This privilege is fitting because she was completely free from sin (due to her Immaculate Conception) and did not undergo the physical decay of her body.

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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.



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