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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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*Wishing you a blessed and
Happy Thanksgiving from
Fr. Angelo, Fr. Chris and staff.*

**Join us for Thanksgiving Day
Mass at 8:30am
Rosary at 8:00am**

Bring a basket with the bread and
wine that you will be serving for
your Thanksgiving meal to be
blessed.



THANKSGIVING PRAYER - PG 3

A GRATITUDE EXAMEN

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of its power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your own reasons for thankfulness!

What Gifts have You given me?
How have I Received love from others?
How is grace at work in Aspects of my life story?
Do I Trust You to continue to bless me?
Where have I Missed Your movements?
Have I used my Talents at the service of other?
Do I see a purpose for my life Underway?
How can I have the Discipline to thank You daily?
Help me give Everything back to You!



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**The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday, November 26.
We will return on Monday, December 1, 2025**



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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Monday - Thursday
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First Reading:

The people of Israel recognized that David was a natural leader, and with the Lord's blessing anointed him king of Israel. *What do you think makes someone a good leader?*

Second Reading:

Paul offers to the Colossians a beautiful piece of poetry reflecting on how Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. *Can you share a time when you were reconciled with a family member or friend?*

Gospel:

Jesus assured the repentant criminal crucified next to him that he would be with him in paradise. *Who might you offer words of comfort to this week?*

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On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together... For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking, sneering, and reviling him. They tauntingly urge him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end his suffering with a great show of power. "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not.

Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of his greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving Christ and others.

The "good thief" hanging on the cross next to Jesus realizes this just in time. Struck by our Lord's perfect humility, he recognizes that Christ is indeed the King of kings. In his last moments of life, he becomes a steward of Christ's kingdom as he counsels the criminal on our Lord's other side to repent. What is the result? Jesus promises the good thief a place with him that very day in Paradise. Our God simply cannot be outdone in generosity.

What powerful lessons this King teaches us from the Cross. We learn that true leadership is displayed in emptying ourselves for others; that true greatness is displayed by way of humility; that none of us is worthy of the call to stewardship of His kingdom but that all of us, like the good thief, are welcomed and invited to take up this call. Following in His footsteps will involve suffering and sacrifice. Yet, how can we say no to the King who loves us so completely and promises that His faithful stewards will one day be with Him in Paradise?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	11/23	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
Mon	11/24	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tues	11/25	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr Dn 2:31-45; (Ps) Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wed	11/26	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; (Ps) Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thu	11/27	Thanksgiving Day Dn 6:12-28; (Ps) Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 OR Sir 50:22-24; Ps 138:1-5; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Fri	11/28	Dn 7:2-14; (Ps) Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Sat	11/29	Dn 7:15-17; (Ps) Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sun	11/30	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	11/24	8:30 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
Tues	11/25	8:30 am	Andrew Palmisano †
Wed	11/26	8:30 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
Thu	11/27	8:30 am	Donahue Family (<i>special intention</i>)
Fri	11/28	8:30 am	Mau Flores (<i>healing</i>)
Sat	11/29	8:30 am	Richard Figoni †
		5:00 pm	Andrew Evans †
Sun	11/30	9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden † & Madeleine NgocAnh Nguyen †
		11:00 am	Dan & Jessica Mennel (<i>wedding anniversary</i>)
		5:00 pm	Andy Nagorski †



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Abigail van Buren

Heavenly Father,
We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.
We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.
We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.
We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.
May these remembrances stir us to service,
That Thy gifts to us may be used for others.
Amen.

LET OUR LIVES BE FULL OF THANKS AND GIVING.



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

Our king wears a crown of thorns,
not a crown of gold. His glory is not
in riches but in suffering.
His law is written in his own blood,
shed for the love of us.
Do we understand the gift that it is,
to be subject to such a king?

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POPE LEO XIV'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: NOVEMBER

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are
struggling with suicidal thoughts
might find the support, care, and love
they need in their community, and be
open to the beauty of life.



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:

Janette Saich; Robert Jette, Jr.; John Melehan; Colette Lackovic; Wesley Hogan; Bill Norquist; Madeline Anh Nguyen; Isabel Heil

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.



NOVEMBER 29 & 30

5pm Saturday: St. Bede Children's Schola
 9am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
 11am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ
 5pm Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

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 Tim O'Rorke at tj@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.

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OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

Due to the early publication submission of this bulletin, the collection reports for November 9 & 16 are not available. Please check our upcoming e-bulletins at

stmaryslg.org/enewsletter

Please consider signing up for the e-bulletins if you are not yet receiving them at stmaryslg.org/enewsletter

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING



Contributions toward the purchase of flowers for the celebration of our Lord's birth are greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one, Christmas Flower Offering envelopes are available at the doors of the church and can be placed in the offertory baskets at Mass or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Contributions can also be made online at our website -

bit.ly/3MLP0o2.

The names of all those to be remembered will be published in the Christmas bulletin. **Please return the envelopes by December 8.** Thank you for your help in making our sanctuary even more beautiful this Christmas!

Christmas Flower Offering



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Did you know?

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

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FAITH IN ACTION

2025 CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. Mary Parish will be collecting \$25 gift cards on behalf of the following organizations:

Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice & Empowerment: Provides educational programs, college scholarships, immigration legal services, housing and rental assistance for families and individuals in San Jose.

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Center for Farmworker Families: Supports the financial and nutritional well-being and independence of binational farmworkers and their families. **\$25 gift cards from Safeway**

Front Door Communities: Provides meals, clothing and other essential items to our unhoused neighbors in San Jose.

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St. Julie Billiart Parish's Emergency Food Pantry: Provides food and basic necessities to over 1,400 clients monthly in San Jose.

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Heritage Home: Helps pregnant women and new mothers overcome homelessness and other hardships by providing a safe place to live, meals and counseling.

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THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER 7.

Gift cards can be placed in the Giving Tree Donation drop boxes in the vestibule, the collection baskets or brought to the parish office. Make an online gift at bit.ly/48SySv3

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY? WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY?



The mysteries of the Rosary are meant to guide your meditation and focus as you pray each decade. Here's what you do with them:

1. **Announce the Mystery:** At the beginning of each decade (a set of 10 Hail Marys), state the mystery you are meditating on (e.g., "The First Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation").
2. **Reflect on the Mystery:** As you pray the 10 Hail Marys, think about the event from the life of Jesus or Mary described in that mystery.
 - Visualize the scene as if you are there.
 - Consider the meaning and significance of the mystery in your own life.
 - Contemplate what God might be revealing to you through this moment.
3. **Relate It to Your Intentions:** Offer your prayers for specific intentions while keeping the mystery in mind. For example, if you're meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries, you might reflect on Christ's suffering and unite it with your own struggles or prayers for others.
4. **Focus on Virtues:** Each mystery highlights specific virtues or lessons (e.g., humility, faith, perseverance). As you meditate, ask for the grace to grow in these virtues.

WHY ARE THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY IMPORTANT?

The mysteries of the Rosary are important because they give the Rosary depth. They transform it from a series of repetitive prayers into a meditative journey through the life, teachings, and sacrifice of Jesus, drawing you closer to him and his Blessed Mother.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

IN HONOR OF

Our Lady of Guadalupe

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

Friday, December 5

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

6 pm - Procession begins
7 pm - Mass begins



70 ANNIVERSARY LAYETTE TEA

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Location: St. Frances Cabrini - Essex Hall
15333 Woodard Rd.
San Jose, CA

Time: Doors open at 12:00 PM for drop
off of items
Program begins at 1:00 PM.



For more information about this invitation visit
bit.ly/3Jp9nJu.

Visit the diocesan layette page year round
dsj.org/layette-program

Acclaimed Irish tenor Emmet Cahill will be performing
“A BROADWAY CHRISTMAS” CONCERT in Los Altos.
Saturday, November 29, 2025

12:00 pm – Meet & Greet / 1:00pm – Concert
St. William Church, 611 S. El Monte Ave, Los Altos

Tickets: \$45 per person Open seating.

Also performing during the pre-show will be the Greene
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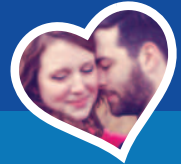
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