



All are Welcome

ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.*



Family Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Help us to live in that love together as a family this Advent.

Prepare our hearts for Christmas. Bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 8 - *Holy Day of Obligation*
Masses at 8:30am & 7:00pm

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Wednesday, December 10 - 7:00pm in Church

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - SEE PAGE 3

THE CHOIRS OF ST. MARY
PRESENT
ADVENT CONCERT
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
7:00PM, IN CHURCH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 PM | FREE ENTRY



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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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah envisioned a future with no more wars and nations united in belief and worship of Israel's God. *What does a world totally at peace look like?*

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the Romans to live with a sense of urgency in anticipation of their own salvation. *What motivates you to live a moral life?*

Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, so you must always be prepared. *How do you plan to use the season of Advent this year to welcome Jesus into your life?*

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Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent. It is a season meant for preparation. But what exactly are we preparing for?

Two things actually — the celebration of our Savior's birth and the anticipation of His second coming. These are weighty tasks that have eternal consequences. So, let us Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths."

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to create a "perfect" Christmas day. In contrast to this worldly pressure, the Church's guidance to use these weeks as a time to focus on our spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain climb.

But the intentional and wise use of the gift of time is exactly what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent.

St. Paul makes this so clear in his letter to the Romans, our second reading today. He instructs, "It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep." And what should we do once awake? We must become like Christ. St. Paul puts it this way: "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh."

Our Lord Himself gives us several powerful images to fix in our minds as we travel through the Advent season.

First, He calls to mind for us the image of Noah preparing the ark in the days before the flood. While Noah used his time (and talents) to follow God's instructions in preparation for the coming flood, everyone else around him was "living it up." This is exactly what it can feel like for us as we attempt to focus our time on spiritual matters in the days leading up to Christmas! But when the flood came, those unprepared were carried away by the water while Noah endured unharmed. Jesus warns that this is how it will be at His second coming.

To further illustrate the suddenness with which He will return, Jesus describes it as two men out in a field. One man gets taken while the other is spared; and as two women grinding at a mill, one taken, the other spared. Then he describes his return as a thief in the night, certainly the image of a sudden and unexpected event. "Therefore, stay awake!" He implores, adding, "So, too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, Son of Man will come."

How can we Christian stewards prepare ourselves and our families for a holy celebration of Jesus' birth on Dec. 25 and for his certain second coming at a date we do not know? We can push back against the world's pressure to have the "perfect Christmas." Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, and the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for spiritual preparation: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, performing acts of kindness.

It may feel like a mountain climb, but in the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for Him to come again. Let's go climb the Lord's mountain!

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5;
Psalm 122;
Romans 13:11-14;
Matthew 24:37-44

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	11/30	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
Mon	12/1	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tues	12/2	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wed	12/3	St. Francis Xavier, Priest Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thu	12/4	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri	12/5	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Sat	12/6	St. Nicholas, Bishop Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun	12/7	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	12/1	8:30 am	Patricia Walberg (birthday)
Tues	12/2	8:30 am	John Rocchio †
Wed	12/3	8:30 am	Amelia Montagna (birthday)
Thu	12/4	8:30 am	Bill Norquist †
Fri	12/5	8:30 am	Karen Dreen †
Sat	12/6	8:30 am	Nancy Ottoboni †
		5:00 pm	Rich Scudellari †
Sun	12/7	9:00 am	Robert Jones Jr. †
		11:00 am	Ben Abijay (birthday)
		5:00 pm	Andy Nagórski † & Madeleine NgocAnh Nguyen †

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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(Holy Day of Obligation) Monday, Dec. 8 - 8:30am and 7:00pm

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7:00pm

ADVENT CONCERT: Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION (Individual Confession) Saturdays at 3:30-4:00pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday, Dec. 24: 4:00pm (Church & Howley Hall Gym); 6:00pm and 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday, Dec. 25: 9:00am and 11:00am.

(No Mass at 8:30am and 5:00pm)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 8:30am



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

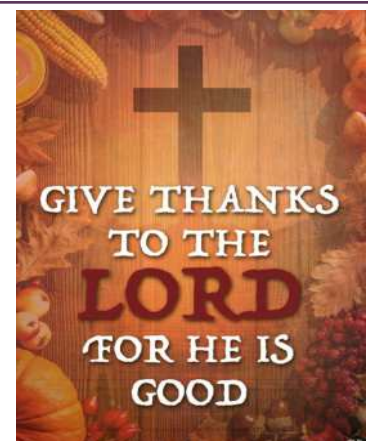
*My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“You do not know on which day
your Lord will come,” Jesus says.
He is reminding us that we do not
know the mind of God. But we do
know the heart of God, and we know
that it is filled with mercy for those
who heed the warning: Stay awake!
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POPE LEO XIV'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in
areas of war or conflict, especially in
the Middle East, might be seeds of
peace, reconciliation, and hope.



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

For those who have recently died:

Stella Sabatelle; Cynthia Pearl; 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.



DECEMBER 6 & 7

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

Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

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Your weekly offerings enable us to meet our monthly obligations and continue to support the many parish programs at St. Mary.

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Online. Instructions can be found at

stmaryslg.org/getting-started-with-online-giving

OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

Week Ending November 16, 2025

Sunday Collection

\$ 7,725.00

Please consider ONLINE GIVING

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!

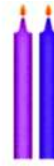
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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



ADVENT 2025



	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HOPE	30 LIGHT THE FIRST CANDLE - REFLECT ON ISAIAH 9:2	1 CREATE A PRAYER CHAIN	2 SHARE SCRIPTURE OF HOPE WITH A FRIEND	3 WRITE AN ENCOURAGING NOTE FOR SOMEONE IN NEED	4 HOPE JAR: CREATE A JAR WITH HOPEFUL MESSAGES	5 SHARE A TESTIMONY OF HOPE	6 COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY
PEACE	7 LIGHT THE SECOND CANDLE- REFLECT ON JOHN 14:27	8 PRAYER NIGHT	9 RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS	10 CREATE PEACEFUL FAMILY TIME	11 INVITE KIDS TO DRAW WHAT PEACE LOOKS LIKE FOR THEM	12 PRAY ABOUT ANY CONFLICT RESOLUTION	13 ORGANIZE A PEACE WALK
JOY	14 LIGHT THE THIRD CANDLE - REFLECT ON ISAIAH 25	15 WRITE AND REFLECT ON 3 THINGS THAT BRING YOU JOY	16 DONATE TOYS OR GIFTS TO YOUR LOCAL SHELTER	17 GO CAROLING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD	18 WEAR BRIGHT COLORS AND CELEBRATE JOY	19 HOST A CHRISTMAS GATHERING AND SHARE MEMORIES	20 VOLUNTEER AT A LOCAL NONPROFIT
LOVE	21 LIGHT THE FOURTH CANDLE - REFLECT ON 1 JOHN 4:7-12	22 CREATE A GRATITUDE LIST	23 LOVE IN ACTION: DO SOMETHING KIND FOR A STRANGER	24 CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS EVE WITH COMMUNION	25 REFLECT ON LUKE 2 WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY	26 CELEBRATE LOVE BY HOSTING A POTLUCK	27 PRAY OVER FAMILIES IN YOUR CONGREGATION
	28 LOVE SUNDAY: SHARE TESTIMONIES OF GOD'S LOVE	29	30	31			

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 or scan the QR Code above

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE





WE HAVE SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR,
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



From St. Mary School

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



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**LAYETTE
TEA**

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Location: St. Frances Cabrini - Essex Hall
15333 Woodward 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

**DEC 18: CLOSING MASS JUBILEE YEAR
OF HOPE OF THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ**
7:00pm at the **Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph**,
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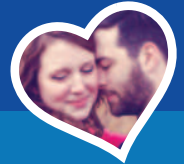
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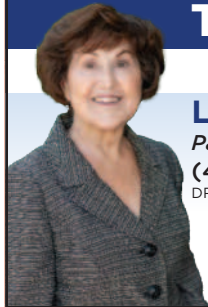
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