



St. Mary Catholic Church

GIVE THANKS
TO THE
LORD
FOR HE IS
GOOD

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

TO KNOW AND LOVE CHRIST, AND MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN

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MASS TIMES

Monday through Friday
6:30 am & 12:05 pm

Saturday
8:30 am

Saturday Vigil Mass
4:30 pm

Sundays
7:00 am * 9:00 am
11:00 am
1:00 pm (Spanish)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturdays 3:00-4:00 pm
In the church

DEVOTIONS

(All take place in the chapel)

Eucharistic Adoration
Mon-Fri 7 am - 8 pm
Saturdays 9 am to 4 pm

Hispanic Holy Hour
Saturdays 9 to 10 am

First Saturday Devotion
First Sat. of each month
9 to 10 am

Catholic Man Night
First Wed., 7 pm

PARISH OFFICE
2051 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Walnut Creek,
CA 94596
www.stmary-wc.org

OFFICE HOURS
8:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
Monday through Friday

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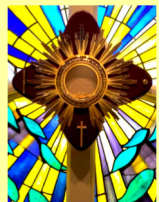
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Parish offices will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Nov. 22-24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Adoration Chapel will close on Thanksgiving Day, but will be open the rest of the week (except Sunday). Come and spend some time with Jesus in thanksgiving for our blessings, especially the gift of the Eucharist.



*There will be only one Mass on
Thanksgiving Day.*

It will be at 10:30 a.m.

*You are welcome to bring the bread
and wine you will be enjoying at your
dinner table to be blessed during Mass.*

**BLESSED
THANKSGIVING
TO YOU AND YOURS!**



TO KNOW AND LOVE CHRIST, AND MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN

Dear sisters and brothers,

Did you hear about those two men shipwrecked on an island? The minute they got to the island, one of them started screaming and yelling, "We're going to die! We're going to die!" "There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

The second man, in a quite relaxed manner, propped himself up and against a palm tree. He was acting so calmly, it drove the first man crazy. The first man began to shout, "Don't you understand? We're going to die!"

The second man replied, "You don't understand. I make \$100,000 a week."

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does that make? We're on an island with no food and no water. We're going to DIE!"

The second man, with great serenity, answered, "You just don't get it. I make \$100,000 a week, and I tithe 10 percent of the \$100,000 to the church. I have no worry whatsoever. My pastor will find me!"

It's true that I spoke in passing about tithing last weekend, and I am glad that I did. It would be good if you can discuss with your



family, discern before God and decide on what your family will give to God and his Church in the coming year 2024. I will not come looking for you asking, "Where's the money that you promised?" You have my word for it.

Our Parish Community is growing, and we need to grow it more. The needs of various ministries are growing too. What if instead of giving to honor these various needs, we give to honor the need that we have to give? Hence, I invite you to give generously, proportionately and increasingly. Finally, let your giving represent your family. That's when it becomes a true gift.

A gentle invitation to those who are yet to begin giving to the church. Make your giving intentional: a check, an Electronic Fund Transfer, or a Direct Deposit. This would help the Finance Council to budget accordingly. Moreover, should you travel over the weekend, your gift of money continues to come to the church.

So, if I come looking for you, it will only be to say a big "Thank You" and "May God bless you!"

With prayerful wishes and blessings,

Fr. William Rosario

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR ...

Beth Wainwright	Camille Giglio	Melanie Ezekiel	Angelina Carcueva	Esther Gamberutti
Danyel Sheets	Marina Rodriguez	Ashley Mrozek	Eddie Brady	Lois Belmessieri
Robin Wood	Carol Lorenzana	Jeremy Kemper	Barbara Ryan	Mary Walsh
Billy Silva	Jamie Crowley	Greg Tomlin	Vic Muzio	Arthur Gaoiran, Sr.
Marissa Magno	Darlene Fisher	Richard Lau	Stephanie Wilson	Jennifer Mary Field
Ed Regan	Eric Wilberg	Teresa Garcia	John Erickson	Brianna Tappe
Pat O'Rourke	Sophia Gibson	Henry Escano	Marilyn Kushner	
David Holmes	Richard Olmstead	Timothy Beel	Anne Kavanagh	

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MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
11/18	4:30 pm	Jon Armstrong
11/19	7:00 am	Mary D'Addabbo (L) B'D'
	9:00 am	The People of St. Mary
	11:00 am	Filomena Volpicelli
	1:00 pm	Mari Luz Ragasa
11/20	6:30 am	Sandra Sung (L)
	12:05 pm	Roanne Francisco (L)
11/21	6:30 am	Venerando Banez
	12:05 pm	Burl Welton
11/22	6:30 am	Joseph D'Addabbo (L) B'D'
	12:05 pm	Simonich Family
11/23	10:00 am	The People of St. Mary
11/24	6:30 am	Jon Armstrong
	12:05 pm	Francis Arboly
11/25	8:30 am	Enrico Banson

Help support our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by buying beautiful olive wood items made in Israel. From olive wood nativity sets to Jerusalem crosses and Christmas ornaments, these items are perfect for Christmas gifts. Sales will be after all masses on December 2 and 3.



The members of St. Mary's FIL-AM Ministry will have their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 3, in the St. Elizabeth Room from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will have some FIL-AM members from St. John Vianney as well as our parish priests, Fr. William and Father Bich, and the St. Mary Church office and faith formation staffs join us in this celebration. This is a POTLUCK party. Bring your favorite dish to share. ALSO, bring a canned food item for our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry. Please RSVP to elena.gaoiran@gmail.com. (or call 925-525-7089) We will see you there. We plan to have fun and build memories together. Bring your PAROL if you own one and we will select a winner for the best PAROL, which is one of our favorite Filipino traditions.

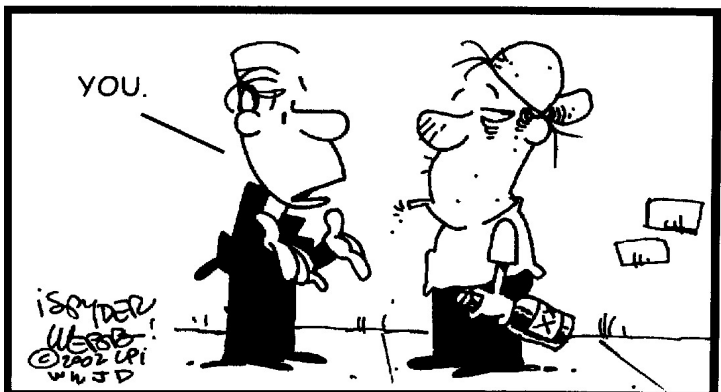
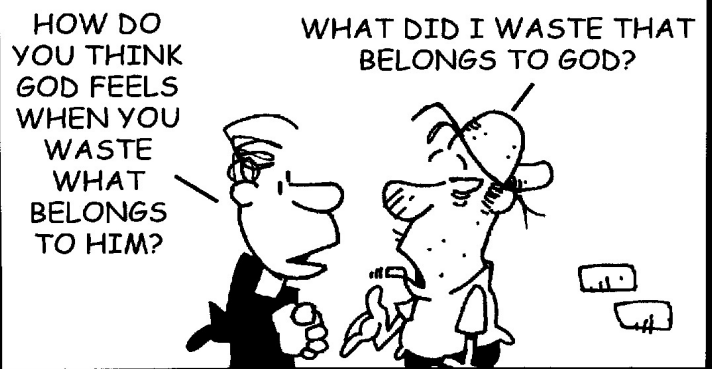


Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world. Let us pray...

God our Father,
Graciously accept from your humble people
a thankful heart and spirit.
Everything we have and are able to share
with others ultimately comes from your love
of your creations.
Often we think that everything we have
is our own creation.
We ask you this day to create in us
a spirit of gratitude,
that we may always know
that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ, our brother,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



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When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.



How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our possession. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it. — Father John Muir. ©LPi

Reserve your spot for our first holiday Sip & Shop!!!

Ticket price includes a glass of champagne & savory bites from Honey + Brie! Each ticket purchased will be entered into a drawing to win holiday items from participating vendors. Please return the **RSVP form** to the school office no later than Friday, November 24. For questions, please contact Kristy Overstreet at kristy.overstreet19@gmail.com

Sip & Shop RSVP

WHERE: St. Mary School Gymnasium

WHEN: Wednesday, December 6

6:30-9:30pm

Name: _____

Total Number of Tickets: _____ X \$50 = \$ _____

Cash: _____

Check: _____

Charge Via FACTS: _____

Ticket price includes a glass of champagne & savory bites from Honey + Brie!

Each ticket purchased will be entered into a drawing to win holiday items provided by our local vendors!!

Please return this form & payment section by
Friday, November 24, 2023

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You are cordially invited to celebrate
Advent with **Magnificat**,
a Ministry to Catholic Women,
at our December Prayer Breakfast.



Join us for a morning of praise and inspiration with our speaker, Mari Santoyo!

Saturday Dec. 16 ~ 9:30am -12:30pm
St. John Vianney Parish, Mullen Commons
1650 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Walnut Creek

Mari is a devoted wife, mother and member of St. Clement Parish in Hayward. She will share with us her dramatic story of how the Blessed Mother's intercession held her family together when her son was born at 23 weeks gestational age. She trusts Jesus through Mary as a source of unwavering strength in the many facets of her daily life.

Tickets are \$33 if postmarked by 12/10//23; after that, please call to reserve. Or register online at <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ca-walnut-creek>

For more information, call Jennifer Rogers (503) 709-8449 or email magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
of Contra Costa County

St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County Nonprofit of the Year - 2023



In honor of the work St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County has done in the county for over 59 years to provide basic needs assistance to thousands of families in need, District 7 California State Senator Steve Glazer has selected SVdP as his 2023 California Nonprofit of the Year! In 2022 SVdP distributed \$1.9 million in direct financial aid, i.e., rent and utility assistance, and over \$3 million in in-kind aid—food, clothing, furniture, medical & dental care.

To get help, learn more, volunteer, or donate, please visit: www.svdpc-cc.org



Thanksgiving



Thanks to your generous giving, these are some of the ways we supported our neighbors in need this past year:

20 people were helped with rent, car repairs, utilities etc.

3,056 people visited the pantry, shopping for almost 11,000 household members

10,185 bags of groceries were distributed worth approx. \$648,700

Over 2,000 hours of volunteer service were donated

For more information, please call 925-937-2817 or email: stmary.stvdpc@gmail.com

**St Mary's
St. Vincent de Paul**



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Vatican's International Exhibition of
Eucharistic Miracles of the World

Eucharistic Miracles

THIS WEEKEND!

IN THE GYM

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Miracle at
Lanciano
Italy 8th
Century

Presented by: Faith Based Communications
www.FaithBasedComm.com

Free Presentations

*Miracle stories, scientific study, and
Scriptural basis for belief in the Real Presence*

November 18-19

PRESENTATIONS

Immediately following all weekend Masses

EXHIBIT

Saturday 5:30-7:30 PM & Sunday 8 AM—4 PM

Browse Free Vatican Exhibit

Highlighting 1,800 years of Miracles

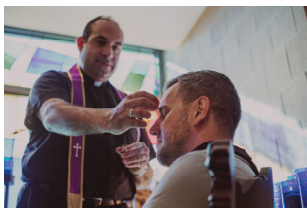
Created by Blessed Carlo Acutis—as seen on EWTN

Why are
Consecrated Hosts
changing into
tormented heart tissue
in church after church
throughout the world today?

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Unción de los Enfermos

Si no es solo para las personas que se están muriendo, ¿cuándo debe alguien recibir el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos?



Una de las realidades desafortunadas en la Iglesia de hoy es que muy pocas personas entienden el significado y el valor del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, en gran parte porque muchas personas todavía piensan erróneamente en este sacramento como "Últimos Ritos" o "Extremaunción."

En su vida y ministerio, Jesús sanó a los enfermos. En este sacramento, la Iglesia continúa la misión sanadora de Jesús y, en la esperanza, ora para que Dios conceda la curación a la persona que sufre. Pero incluso si no hay sanación física, el sacramento ofrece sanación espiritual a través de los dones de paz y valentía del Espíritu Santo. Por lo tanto, se anima a cualquier persona que viva con una enfermedad grave (incluidas enfermedades emocionales o psicológicas) y a los ancianos a celebrar este sacramento cuando sea necesario.

El ritual de la Unción de los Enfermos también incluye oraciones y bendiciones especiales para aquellos que se enfrentan a la muerte, incluido el viático (comunión dada a los moribundos, confiando en que el Señor Jesús será su compañero en el camino, mientras hacen su viaje final). ©LPi

33er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las tres lecturas de este domingo nos recuerdan que estamos al final del año litúrgico. La primera narra la belleza de una mujer hacendosa y trabajadora, la que con sus manos hace labores hermosas y socorre al que está en desgracia. Pablo hace una invitación personal para vivir confiados en el encuentro definitivo con el Señor. "Todos ustedes son hijos de la luz e hijos del día: no somos de la noche ni de las tinieblas". (Tsalonicenses 5:3). El Evangelio hace hincapié en los talentos que Dios nos ha regalado, pues de ellos daremos cuenta a Dios. ¿Qué regalos he recibido de Dios? ¿Cómo los hago producir? Existe un regalo de Dios para todos y es universal; se llama amor.

Señor, ayúdame a hacer crecer los regalos que me has dado. Que sepa compartir lo que soy y lo que tengo, que no sea egoísta, ni estéril en mis propósitos. También ayúdame a ayudar a mi familia y amigos que han enterrado sus talentos por miedo a perder y equivocarse. "Todos hemos recibido de Dios un patrimonio como seres humanos, una riqueza humana, del tipo que sea. Y como discípulos de Cristo, también hemos recibido la fe, el Evangelio, el Espíritu Santo, los sacramentos, y tantas otras cosas. Estos dones hay que emplearlos para hacer el bien, el bien en esta vida, como servicio a Dios y a los hermanos" (Papa Francisco).

Recuerda esta frase: "Al atardecer de la vida, seremos examinados en el amor" (San Juan de la Cruz).

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Lecturas de la semana

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Lunes: 1 Mac 1, 10-15. 41-43. 54-57. 62-64/Sal 118, 53. 61. 134. 150. 155. 158/Lc 18, 35-43

Martes: 2 Mac 6, 18-31/Sal 3, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Lc 19, 1-10

Miércoles: 2 Mac 7, 1. 20-31/Sal 16, 1. 5-6. 8 y 15/Lc 19, 11-28

Jueves: 1 Mac 2, 15-29/Sal 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15/Lc 19, 41-44

Viernes: 1 Mac 4, 36-37. 52-59/1 Cr 29, 10. 11. 11-12. 12/Lc 19, 45-48

Sábado: 1 Mac 6, 1-13/Sal 9, 2-3. 4 y 6. 16 y 19/Lc 20, 27-40

Domingo: Ez 34, 11-12. 15-17/Sal 22, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 (1)/1 Co 15, 20-26. 28/Mt 25, 31-46



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