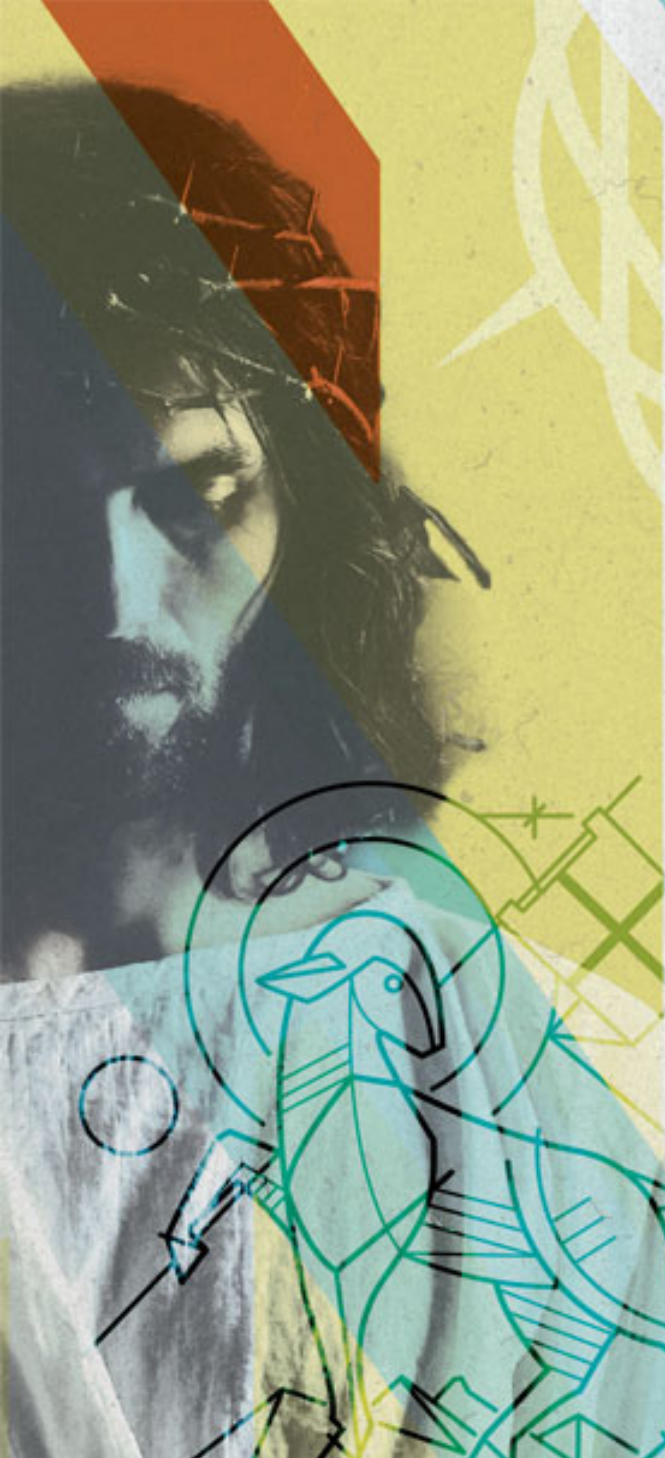


St. Mary Catholic Church

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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 14, 2024**

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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
Sundays 7 am - 8 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

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

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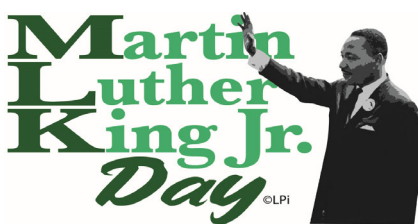
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St. Vincent de Paul, Barb Erickson	925-360-1679
Walking with Purpose, Mary Kerfs	925-708-6989

Parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship every Sunday in the parish hall after the 9:00, 11:00, and 1:00 pm Masses. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Dear sisters and brothers,

Young Samuel sleeps in the shrine, curled up in the most sacred spot in Israel, though he can scarcely appreciate it. Dedicated to God in his mother's womb, he was delivered into the service of religion without ever being asked what he wanted. He doesn't really know the God whose Word he will deliver to kings and the rank and file. He's just a boy.

God speaks and calls Samuel by name. The boy, who hasn't heard his own mother's or father's voice in ages, generally leaps to the command of the priest when he hears his name. So he does that now. The priest rebuffs him. After repeating this pattern three times, however, eventually it dawns on the priest who it is that is really calling Samuel. He should know. It's the voice to which he himself is bound to respond. He's been waiting for that voice all his life. But Eli may never have heard it as clearly and personally as this boy does now. Eli himself was born into priesthood by virtue of his clan. Despite his office, he's really in the same position as this child, not really expecting the divine voice to speak to him.

Andrew, a disciple of John the Baptist, is in quite a different situation. He knows his master's voice very well. Andrew and another disciple stand in proximity to John, demonstrating their good status. When the Baptist says jump, they jump. But on this particular day, as Jesus walks by, the Baptist says something quite extraordinary: "Behold, the Lamb of God." And so these two dedicated disciples jump—into the discipleship of a new master. After all, they had committed themselves to listen to John, and John has just declared that Jesus is "the One."



Jesus asks these two excellent students what they're looking for. A new master, they say, in effect, when they address Jesus as Teacher. Jesus invites them to come and see for themselves. What Andrew sees is enough for him to recruit his brother at once. That is a fateful recruitment, as it turns out, for his brother is Simon, soon to be Peter.

In which story do we discover ourselves: the boy Samuel asleep in God's presence, or lively Andrew, alert and obedient at the merest suggestion? How high or far might we jump at the sound of the voice that calls us? Do we even recognize that voice of God when he speaks?

It is my wish and prayer that as we move deeper into this New Year 2024, we may recognize the voice of God as he speaks to us and live by it.

With prayerful wishes and blessings,

Fr. William Rosario



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MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
01/13	4:30 pm	The People of St. Mary
01/14	7:00 am	Jennifer D'Addabbo (L)
	9:00 am	Fernando Fasquelle
	11:00 am	Zohre Naimi
	1:00 pm	Haily Katherine Anne Kimmons
01/15	6:30 am	Nazern Salamoni
	12:05 pm	Bishop Joseph Strickland (L)
01/16	6:30 am	Veena Pawloski (L) B'D'
	12:05 pm	Lou Cousin
01/17	6:30 am	Kay Mallon (L)
	12:05 pm	Anthony Izzy
01/18	6:30 am	Jon Armstrong
	12:05 pm	Walt & Del Davenport
01/19	6:30 am	Attila Bardos (L)
	12:05 pm	Maria Tran Thi Minh
01/20	8:30 am	Mark Pawloski (L) B'D'

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

ST MARY SCHOOL



Dear St. Mary's Families,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mrs. Christiane Schmilinsky as the long-term substitute to St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception School. She is joining us in the Junior High to teach social studies, writing, and religion (6th and 7th only).



Mrs. Schmilinsky comes to us with over 10 years of teaching experience. She taught in the San Francisco Archdiocese and has been a substitute teacher at St. Mary's in the past. Her curricular passions lie within the humanities: religion, writing, and social studies. We are blessed she said yes to this ministry as we search for a permanent Junior High teacher for 2024-25.

The Schmilinsky family are long-time St. Mary parishioners and Walnut Creek residents. Mrs. Schmilinsky was formerly a volunteer catechist for St. Mary's. She began full-time on Monday, January 8. When you see her, please give her a big St. Mary School welcome.

Thank you!

Your support is changing lives.

The St Mary pantry is facing unprecedented demand, and your generous support of our neighbors in need is so appreciated!



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Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.



The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS. ©LPi



This is an annual eight-day period observed from January 18 to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25, during which Christians of various denominations come together in prayer for the restoration of full unity among all Christian peoples of the world.

The problem of unity is the problem of the whole Church. Therefore, since the publication of the Decree on Ecumenism by Vatican II in the 1960s, all Catholics are encouraged to participate in this unified observance of prayer on the part of all Christians of the world. The goal is that "there will be one flock, one shepherd" (Jn 10:16b), precisely because Jesus died in order "to gather into one body all the scattered people of God" (Jn 11:52b).

We pray, O gracious Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in Christ.

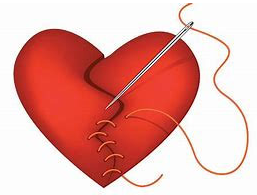
As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit is God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP

St. John Vianney Parish is offering a new Divorce Recovery Workshop. This workshop has been developed and enhanced for over 30 years and has proven to help over 100,000 attendees recover from their divorce. The first half focuses on the past to help each attendee understand what went wrong with their marriage and help them take ownership of their part in the divorce. The facilitator takes time to help each attendee identify and grieve their losses and to process their anger. Most importantly, it helps each attendee understand what it means to be the authentic person God intended us to be and provides insights into how to avoid victim thinking. The second half of the workshop focuses on the future. Each attendee learns the importance of self-esteem and love for self and others.



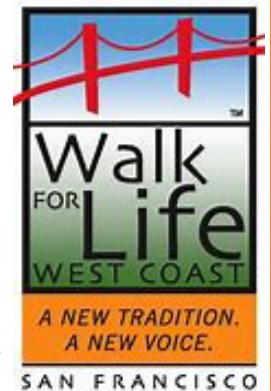
This workshop is for anyone who is still experiencing the pain of a divorce. It does not matter whether you are in the process of divorcing or already divorced. If this describes you, we encourage you to sign up. The workshop begins on Wednesday, January 17, and runs for 10 consecutive weeks from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. While in person attendance is strongly recommended, a Zoom option will be available. You can sign up by calling the parish office at 925-939-7911, ext 0. Or you can reach out to Jerry Mellin at 925-787-8865, jerryfmellin@gmail.com or Debbie Mellin at 925-787-3040, dmellin88@gmail.com.

20th Annual Walk for Life West Coast— January 20, 2024

2024 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Walk for Life West Coast, 20 years of standing for the littlest and most vulnerable among us, and 20 years of fearlessly asserting that Abortion Hurts Women. While we are challenged and called to greater efforts by the post-Dobbs defeat of pro-life efforts around the country, at the same time we are transcendently encouraged and elated by the fact that at least 32,000 lives have been saved! While we are mindful of the challenges ahead, and motivated by the need to make abortion unthinkable, our fundamental orientation is, and always will be, towards joy: the joy of love, of life, and of hope.

So this year we will offer some special treats for both kids and adults including, but not limited to:

- A 'selfie' space at the Info Faire
- Pro-life face painting for kids at the Info Faire
- Free books (1 per person) for both kids and adults while supplies last – you can pick them up at the Walk for Life table at the Info Faire.
- For the first time, the Civic Center playground will be open so your kids will have a place to play before the Walk begins
- And more!



Info Faire: 11:00 am - Rally: 12:30 pm. Saturday, January 20 - Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR ...

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

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SPEAKING PRO-LIFE IN WORD AND ACTION

AN EVENING OF INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION

St. Isidore Catholic Church | Thursday, February 1, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Admission
FREE

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OFFERING

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



REVEREND WALTER HOYE II is the president and founder of the *Issues4life Foundation*, as well as other Civil Rights and Pro-Life organizations. In 2008, the Reverend was arrested and jailed for exercising his right of free speech and peaceful protest against abortion. Reverend Hoye will speak about the effects abortion has had on the Black American population, close to the point of irreversible damage, and what we can do to effectively reach out to Black women who are seeking abortion.



VALERIE HILL serves as Chief Executive Officer for RealOptions Pregnancy Medical Clinics. She also oversees various outreach programs serving high schools, colleges and communities in the area. She will tell us about the services RealOptions provides and educate us on the abortion pill and the effects it has on women, countering the misinformation put out by various sources.



ANDREA WALLE is a Patient Service Assistant Manager for the Oakland Clinic, Community Outreach Eastbay Manager, and Education team lead for RealOptions Obria Medical Clinic. She will provide education on the Abortion Pill Reversal and tell a few glory stories.



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Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La Liturgia de hoy nos coloca inmediatamente en un sentido de alerta al llamado de Dios, al encuentro y a la respuesta. Samuel, aun siendo niño, fue llamado en el silencio de la noche. A la tercera vez responde y da comienzo su preparación para su misión profética: “¡Samuel, Samuel! Samuel respondió. Habla, que tu servidor escucha” (1 Samuel 3,10). Los primeros discípulos, a la voz de Juan que les indica: “Ese es el Cordero de Dios”, lo siguen y se quedan con él aquel día. Los cristianos, por el bautismo, se encuentran con Cristo. Desde aquel momento, por la fe, da comienzo la preparación para dar respuesta a la misión y al compromiso de seguir a Jesús en el servicio de los más necesitados.



¿Cómo ha sido nuestro encuentro, respuesta y seguimiento a la misión encomendada por Dios en nuestra vida? Las respuestas varían de acuerdo a nuestra vocación, a nuestros ideales y metas trazadas en la vida. ¿Quiénes son nuestros modelos a seguir en la actualidad? ¿Qué miran los hijos en sus padres que puedan seguir como ejemplo? Preguntémonos qué buscamos, a quién seguimos, cómo cultivamos nuestra relación con Dios, con la familia, con la naturaleza y el cosmos. Si Jesús en esta Eucaristía me pregunta ¿Qué buscas? ¿Cuál será mi respuesta? Cabe también preguntarle ¿Dónde vives? Nos diría, vivo en los pobres, los enfermos, los desamparados, y los tristes. ¿Tú, dónde crees que vive Jesús?

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“Venid y ved,” dijo Jesús a los discípulos que tenían curiosidad por saber más de él. Hoy, él susurra esta invitación en lo más profundo de nuestro corazón.
Ten valor: ve y mira lo que Cristo quiere mostrarte. ©LPi



Pedimos, oh Santísima Trinidad, Padre, Hijo, y Espíritu Santo, que todos seamos uno como vosotros sois uno. En vuestra comunidad de completa unidad, tenemos nuestro comienzo y nuestro fin. A vosotros rogamos por el don de la unidad visible entre todos los que creemos en Cristo.

En esta conmemoración de la Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos, la Palabra de Dios nos recuerda que todos los seres humanos son nuestros prójimos y que debemos amarlos como a nosotros mismos y como amamos a Dios. Ayúdanos a superar las barreras y divisiones que hemos creado en contra de tu voluntad.

Concédenos, Señor, un nuevo Espíritu de amor y solidaridad para que proclamemos tu Buena Nueva a toda la creación. Te lo pedimos por tu Hijo, Jesucristo, que contigo y el Espíritu Santo es Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.
Amén.

Lecturas de la semana

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Lunes:	1 Sm 15, 16-23/Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23/Mc 2, 18-22
Martes:	1 Sm 16, 1-13/Sal 88, 20. 21-22. 27-28/Mc 2, 23-28
Miércoles:	1 Sm 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51/Sal 143, 1. 2. 9-10/Mc 3, 1-6
Jueves:	1 Sm 18, 6-9; 19, 1-7/Sal 55, 2-3. 9-10. 10-11. 12-13/Mc 3, 7-12
Viernes:	1 Sm 24, 3-21/Sal 56, 2. 3-4. 6 y 11/Mc 3, 13-19
Sábado:	2 Sm 1, 1-4. 11-12. 17. 19. 23-27/Sal 79, 2-3. 5-7/Mc 3, 20-21
Domingo:	Jon 3, 1-5. 10/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (4)/1 Cor 7, 29-31/Mc 1, 14-20