



WELCOME TO  
OF  
ST. MARY THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*St. Mary's parish is 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.*

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**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**

Saturday 5:00 pm (vigil) Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 am & 6:00 pm

Week Days: 7:30 am Monday-Saturday

Holy Days: Check bulletin or website

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment

*Registration forms are available at the entrances of the church or in the Parish Office. Completed registration forms can be dropped in the collection basket, brought, or mailed to the Parish Office.*



**Pastor's Letter**

Many people--mostly extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist--have asked if I intend to change the manner by which we distribute communion at the Sunday Liturgy. I hope my response remains consistent and reasonable even as I write a reply to these and other sometimes confusing liturgical matters.

Presently, the extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers that assist the priest celebrating the Sunday Mass receive communion after the members of the assembly. This practice is not uncommon as some pastors in Catholic Parishes wish to emphasize the ministers' commitment to the service of God's people. Symbolically, the minister takes communion last in order to emphasize the place of humble service in the context of communal worship. The reasoning behind this symbolism makes imminent sense, though it may seem a bit nuanced for most Catholics.

From a fundamental view, while I am inclined to follow the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), I realize that pastoral need or local custom may inhibit us from complete compliance with the GIRM. As recent as 2003, the Vatican's emphasis to comply with the GIRM has led many pastors to reconsider the universal liturgical law vis-a-vis local custom and practice. Even so, there is enough room in the universal law for local custom to prevail so long as it does not stray too far from the GIRM. This is so because the universal liturgical law cannot address the conditions of every communal setting. Recognizing the universal liturgical law in light of what we do here at St. Mary is essential to our communion with the Church throughout the world. For instance, the prayer at the beginning, middle, and end of Mass is an English translation of what assemblies everywhere pray on a given Sunday in their own language. If we are one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, then we do well to practice in a like manner. Consequently, we may decide on a practice that the universal law does not address directly and comply with the universal law for what is essential to remaining in communion with the Catholic Church.

Given this, it is clear that change is a normal course for liturgical practice, though too many changes can distract us from what is essential. In the liturgy, we celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ's saving death and resurrection. This is essential to us. How we go about celebrating the Paschal Mystery includes much of what is universally accepted by Church Assemblies and the local custom. Changes in the liturgy are inevitable, and the manner by which the extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers distribute and receive communion will soon change too. However, I wish to emphasize the importance of communicating reasonably why these changes are made to as many as possible in the parish before I institute any change. A good case study for this will come in the fall of 2010 when the diocese will introduce a new English translation of the Sacramentary. This translation has ecclesial approbation from the Vatican and will more closely follow a latin transliteration of the liturgical and universal prayer. All of these matters will take time to institute and it is important to me that as many people that can understand will understand with the proper time and catechesis necessary for what is essential to what we celebrate every Sunday; namely, Christ's Paschal Mystery.

*Fr. Rick*

**This Week  
at St. Mary of the  
Immaculate Conception  
Monday-Saturday -- Mass at 7:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, July 26, 2009**

*Crisis Pregnancy Collection-Pediatric Center for Life  
Second Collection - Church Worship Environment*  
9:00am.....Coffee Sunday  
7:00-8:45pm.....Music & Social Justice In Our Time

**Monday, July 27, 2009**

6:00-7:00pm .....Holy Hour of Adoration  
6:30-9:00pm.....Women's Relationship Support Group

**Tuesday, July 28, 2009**

7:00-8:00pm .....Centering Prayer / Lectio Divina  
7:30-9:00pm.....RCIA

**Wednesday, July 29, 2009**

**Thursday, July 30, 2009**

4:00-5:00pm .....Centering Prayer / Lectio Divina

**Friday, July 31, 2009**

6:30-8:00am .....Friday Morning Men's Group  
8:00-8:55am.....Bible Study

**Saturday, August 1, 2009**

*Second Collection - School Support*  
8:30am-12:30pm .....JustFaith Engaging Spirituality  
3:30-4:30pm .....Reconciliation

**Sunday, August 2, 2009**

*Second Collection - School Support*



**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**



<b>Monday, July 27</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	Fernand Renan-Dehnad
<b>Tuesday, July 28</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	
<b>Wednesday, July 29</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	Joseph Rafferty+
<b>Thursday, July 30</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	Jim & Martha Murphy -Special Intention
<b>Friday, July 31</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	
<b>Saturday, August 1</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	
	<b>5:00pm</b>	Karen Figone+
<b>Sunday, August 2</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	Frank DeMatini+
	<b>9:00am</b>	Volney Van Dalsem+
	<b>11:15am</b>	Betty Szymczyk
	<b>6:00pm</b>	St. Mary's Parishioners

**REPORT ON COLLECTIONS FOR**

**7/19/09**

Actual:	\$14,511.59	YTD:	\$47,801.28
Goal:	\$19,186.27	YTD:	\$57,558.81
Variance:	(\$4,674.68)	YTD:	(\$9,757.53)

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

Rose Anna Higashi - Adult Education Director,  
Young Adult Ministry, RCIA Coordinator  
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### YOUNG ADULTS AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's has an active group of young adults (ages eighteen to thirty-nine) who meet throughout the year for faith sharing, socializing and Christian service. On Friday, August 14, the Young Adults will host a bar-beque at 7:00pm in the Parish Office lounge and patio. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. All young adults are welcome and are encouraged to bring a friend and a side dish to share. For more information, contact: Chris Miller at [camillerlg@aol.com](mailto:camillerlg@aol.com).

The Diocese of San Jose has recently hired Bob Mallon to coordinate the Young Adult Ministry for the diocese. For information about Young Adult activities throughout the Diocese of San Jose, check Bob's website at: [mallon@dsj.org](mailto:mallon@dsj.org).

### CONVERSION TO CATHOLICISM

Are you attracted to the Catholic way of life and interested in finding out how to join the Catholic Church? RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) welcomes inquirers into Catholicism and provides information and spiritual guidance for those who are preparing to be initiated into the Catholic Church. RCIA is a year-round process and is open to adults who have already been baptized in other faith communities as well as those who have little or no religious background.

Last Sunday, July 19, at the 11:15 Mass, four new members of the RCIA group participated in the Rite of Welcome, celebrating the beginning of their journey toward initiation into the Catholic Church. Please pray for these catechumens and candidate and support them as they learn about the Catholic faith and participate in the life of our parish. Also, please pray for their sponsors, Catholic Christians who serve as spiritual mentors and friends throughout the RCIA process.

**CATECHUMENS** (*Unbaptized People who are Preparing for Initiation into the Catholic Church*)

Hawk Kim and his sponsor Dan Yang  
Jennifer Kwon and her sponsor Bernadette Yang  
Alexander Kim and his sponsor Terri Trotter

**CANDIDATE** (*Previously Baptized Christian Preparing for Initiation into the Catholic Church*)

Hans Schmitt and his sponsor Al Van Dalen

For more information, please contact Rose Anna Higashi at 354-4061 ext 135 or [rhigashi@stmaryslg.org](mailto:rhigashi@stmaryslg.org)

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Terri Trotter - Director  
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### What is Catechesis?

When the first disciples began to share the Good News, they proclaimed their experience of the person of Jesus Christ, living, healing, saving, and teaching. Jesus revealed to each one the very life of God and God's plan for his people. Jesus didn't come just to tell us about God. He came to show us God and to put us in touch with God. That is the reality of the incarnation: that God walked with us, spoke with us, ate with us, dreamed with us in the person of Jesus. This loving plan of salvation revealed in the person of Jesus and handed on to the Church is the very heart of catechesis. All catechesis involves more than instruction. It is about a guided encounter with the entire Christian life, a journey toward on-going conversion to Christ. As important as good content is, catechesis involves a lot more than content. Catechesis brings content to bear on our lives such that we celebrate our faith in prayer with the community of believers, such that our entire lives are converted to lifelong growing into discipleship of Christ, and such that we learn to share this conviction with all those who turn to us as we share faith with them. Catechesis is a key element of the Church's pastoral activity. The word we live and proclaim, the sacraments we celebrate and teach belong to the life of the Church, the body of Christ of which we are all a member.

*If you are interested in becoming a catechist for any age-level, please call Terri @ 354-4061x122 or e-mail me at [ttrotter@stmaryslg.org](mailto:ttrotter@stmaryslg.org)*

### Holy Hour of Adoration

Join fellow parishioners at St. Mary's for a personal encounter with our Lord every Monday evening between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

The adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful way to find peace and gain great graces.

It is a true gift from our Lord.

As He said in the garden of Gethsemane,

*"Could you not keep watch for one hour with Me."*



**LET US PRAY** or our parishioners who are sick, especially, *Jensen Barrett* that Jesus be her source of strength and comfort.



# YOU ARE CALLED

## Pastoral Care & Community Ministry

Jane Ferguson, Director  
email: [jferguson@stmaryslg.org](mailto:jferguson@stmaryslg.org)

Visit Our Website at

<http://www.stmaryslg.org/parish/pastoral-care.html>

### Social Disparities and Health Series

*"Collateral Damage..." July 23, 7-9 p.m.*

#### **Sacred Heart Church, 13716 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga**

Two billion people worldwide are infected with the TB bacillus, but only 9 million people a year actually get the disease. The story of the Marshall Islands can help us understand why. All are invited to view this episode from the award-winning PBS documentary, "Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?" The episode on "Collateral Damage" will be shown at our neighboring Catholic parish, Sacred Heart Church in Saratoga.

### Music and Social Justice

*By Local Composer and JustFaith Alumni*

*Henry Mollicone*

**Sunday, July 26th at 7 p.m. in Hofmann Center**

Everyone is invited to this lecture by Saratoga-based composer Henry Mollicone. Mr. Mollicone, an alumni of St. Mary's JustFaith program, will explore the ways music has been used by composers and musicians to raise awareness, and sometimes funding, for social justice issues. The talk will include references to the South African struggle against apartheid, the civil rights movement of the 1960s to the present day, with a look back into the slavery of the 19th century. Musical examples, in both the popular and classical traditions are provided to illustrate the great importance and power of music in addressing these issues. Examples include music from Joan Baez, John Lennon, Malena Makeba, Ronnie Gilbert of The Weavers, and classical composers Benjamin Britten, Dimitri Shostakovich, and a soulful performance of Wade In The Water sung by Fannie Lou Hammer.

If you would like to bring an appetizer to share at this event, please arrive a little early, Call Jane at 354-4061 ext 123 for more information.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

## Volunteer Your Time, Talent, or Treasure

### Please Consider Being a Part of Our Youth Ministry Team!

*Share your talents with our teens!*

In order to reach out and support our young people in their Catholic faith we need the love and gifts of a wide variety of our parishioners. Can you pray for us? Are you able to lead a small group? Do you like being involved in retreats? Can you cook or bake? Can you pick up and deliver snacks? Do you have a story to share? Are you a good listener? We need and welcome you! Please call Carol at 354-4061 x121 to see how you can lend a hand.

### Crisis Pregnancy Outreach

#### **This Weekend**

#### **Pediatric Center For Life to benefit**

The crisis pregnancy ministry will be collecting diapers, baby wipes, diaper cream, new or gently used baby and children's clothing sizes newborn to 5T, baby blankets, bottles, hooded towels, pacifiers, baby soap and shampoo at all of the masses this weekend. The items collected this month will be donated to the Pediatric Center for Life, which provides medical care, counseling and resources for low-income, pregnant woman in Santa Clara County.

### **Support Sisters of the Holy Names in Lesotho, South Africa**

#### Special Collection at all St. Mary's Masses Aug. 8-9

There are almost 100 native Sisters of the Holy Names in Lesotho (in South Africa) who are serving the needs of their people in one of the world's poorest regions. Christianity is the country's dominant religion. Sister Nicki Thomas, our school principal at St. Mary's, has visited with her Sisters in Lesotho as they run schools and operate health clinics for thousands of children and their families in need. The Sisters care for many of the children who are orphaned as a result of their parents dying from the HIV / AIDS epidemic in this region. You can support the work of the Sisters of the Holy Names in Lesotho through your charitable donations, which may be offered at a special collection at all the masses at St. Mary's the weekend of August 8th and 9th. 100% of your gift helps the Sisters carry out their ministries. No gift is too small. To contribute, please bring your cash or checks (payable to Sisters of the Holy Names/Lesotho) to St. Mary's Church, August 8-9, for our special collection. You may also drop your donations off in the St. Mary's School Office, or mail them directly to **Sisters of the Holy Names, Lesotho Projects**, P.O. Box 907, Los Gatos, CA 95031. **Thank you.**

*To help publicize the Lesotho special collection, can you help distribute bookmarks to parishioners after one of our church Masses August 1-2? If so, please call 354-4061 ext 123.*