



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  
Bulletin Upgrade**

Some of you remember Fr. Brendan McGuire from when he completed his pastoral year at St. Mary some time ago. He now serves as Pastor of Holy Spirit in New Almaden and Vicar General of

the Diocese. Within the last 2 years, Fr. Brendan has conducted studies concerning the best means of communication with parishioners in parishes throughout the diocese. In concert with the sociology department at the University of Santa Clara, selected parishioners from four different parishes were interviewed to determine how best to communicate with parishioners. The interviewer asked; from the various media sources of printed matter, internet, radio, and television which of these was the most likely source of information for parishioners? 70% of those interviewed cited the parish bulletin as the principle source of information.

At a time when newsprint is becoming increasingly threatened by online news agencies, it might seem astonishing to note that the Sunday Bulletin remains an integral source of communication among parish communities. Not surprisingly, I intend to follow the recommendation of these studies by upgrading our bulletin. Beginning the first part of September you can expect an eight page bulletin. I am very happy to see so many local businesses advertising in the bulletin, and I will make it my aim to frequent these businesses and hope that you will too.

Currently, we print only a few photos but with eight pages we will be able to print more images of parishioners at events. Moreover, with the expanded bulletin we can include even more news about parish developments and interests that are not currently posted. I am very pleased with this change and hope that more leaders--including parish staff, school faculty, and members of pastoral council--will consider how each may contribute to the overall and ongoing communication at St. Mary. There are so many events at this parish that no bulletin could possibly contain them all. Nevertheless, I hope that our plan for the future bulletin will prove an effective tool for communication among us.

I realize that the printed page is in danger of extinction and perhaps we may see its demise soon. Until such time, we will strive to make the bulletin the best means of communicating the events and views of St. Mary parish.

**REPORT ON COLLECTIONS FOR**

**7/26/09**

Actual:	\$15,070.81	YTD:	\$62,872.09
Goal:	\$19,186.27	YTD:	\$76,745.08
Variance:	(\$4,115.46)	YTD:	(\$13,872.99)

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

**Sunday, August 2, 2009**

*Second Collection - School Support*

**Monday, August 3, 2009**

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

**Tuesday, August 4, 2009**

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

**Wednesday, August 5, 2009**

**Thursday, August 6, 2009**

4:00-5:00pm .....Centering Prayer / Lectio Divina  
6:30-8:30pm .....Country Fair Meeting

**Friday, August 7, 2009**

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

**Saturday, August 8, 2009**

*Second Collection-*

*Lesotho Mission Sisters of the Holy Names*

3:30-4:30pm .....Reconciliation

**Sunday, August 9, 2009**

*Second Collection-*

*Lesotho Mission Sisters of the Holy Names*



**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**



<b>Monday, August 3</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	
<b>Tuesday, August 4</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	
<b>Wednesday, August 5</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	
<b>Thursday, August 6</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	
<b>Friday, August 7</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	
<b>Saturday, August 8</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	
	<b>5:00pm</b>	Norman Figone+
<b>Sunday, August 9</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	Agnes Barbano+
	<b>9:00am</b>	Michael Gallo+
	<b>11:15am</b>	Betty Szymczyk
	<b>6:00pm</b>	St. Mary's Parishioners



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

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

Rose Anna Higashi - Adult Education Director,  
Young Adult Ministry, RCIA Coordinator  
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### YOUNG ADULTS FREE BARBECUE ALL ARE WELCOME

Friday, August 14, 7-10 PM

Parish Office Lounge and Patio

The St. Mary's Young Adults Group will host a barbecue for all young adults (ages 18-39), single or married.

All young adults are welcome and are encouraged to invite friends, including those who are not members of St. Mary's parish. St. Mary's will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

For more information, contact Chris Miller at [camillerlg@aol.com](mailto:camillerlg@aol.com).

### RCIA AT ST MARY'S

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a year-round process to prepare adults for initiation into the Catholic Church. Currently at St. Mary's, we have six unbaptized adults and thirteen adults who have already been baptized in the RCIA process. They are learning about the Mass, Catholic devotional practices, Church history, scripture, Sacraments, and Catholic morality and social justice.

This Sunday at the 11:15 Mass, two adults who have been in the RCIA process for many months will be initiated into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Congratulations to:

Holly McDowell and

Craig VonDemfange

Please pray for them and welcome them into the Catholic community. And thanks to Stefani and Kevin Zilka who served as sponsors for Holly and Craig.

For more information about Inquiry into Catholicism and the RCIA Process, please contact: Rose Anna Higashi, Director of Adult Education and the RCIA at (408) 354-4061, ext 135 or [rhigashi@stmaryslg.org](mailto:rhigashi@stmaryslg.org)



### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2009

Because the Assumption falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation in 2009, although the faithful are still encouraged to mark the day with some form of prayer and thanksgiving for the gift and model of Mary in the life of the Church

## WAV

### WELCOMING ALL VOICES

Carol Thornton, Youth Director  
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### Movie Focus: Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince Contains themes relevant to the lives of teens

The Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano says this film is the best adaptation of the J.K. Rowling series so far and gave it four stars. That's high praise from Vatican City! Judging from the conversations I have had (or overheard) there is a great deal of excitement locally around the recent cinematic release of "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince". It seems that the movie is attracting both teens and families and provides some great topics for conversation and discussion. Relationships are the central focus of the movie, as well as the concept of good vs. evil. Here are a few ideas to get some discussion started:

- If you really like somebody, how should you let that person know it?
- What were some of the ways the characters in the movie got the attention of the opposite sex? Were they positive or negative ways of attracting attention?
- At the end, Professor Snape does something bad but for apparently good reasons. Does a good reason ever justify an evil action?

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Terri Trotter - Director  
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### Catechetical Ministries

Registration packets for all Faith Formation programs, pre-school through High School were mailed out on Friday, July 24 to all families in the parish. If you did not receive a packet, they will be available in the Pastoral Ministries Office or on our website.

We are looking for junior volunteers (7th grade through high school), to help facilitate small group activities for our Sunday morning pre-school and kindergarten faith formation program. We begin on Sunday, Sept. 13 and we meet during the 9:00a.m. mass. If you are interested, please call Terri at 354-4061x122.

## Pastoral Care & Community Ministry

Jane Ferguson, Director  
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Visit Our Website at

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

**"How do I live out my faith in today's world?"**

**Lecture by Jack Jezreel – Thurs., Aug. 6th, 7-9 pm**

**Santa Clara University Recital Hall (at Franklin & Lafayette)**

If you have ever wondered about the "kingdom of God" and our contribution to "thy kingdom come," you know that Jesus was very clear about our call to discipleship. Jack Jezreel's commitment to Gospel living is catching. Treat yourself and a friend to this evening!

Jack is the founder and director of JustFaith Ministries. His visit is sponsored by Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul, and other ecumenical partners who share the vision and mission of Step Up Silicon Valley: Campaign to Cut Poverty. There is free parking off Lafayette Street. Suggested donation: \$5-10. For more information contact Pat Plant 408 279-0220 or [pat@sanjosepby.org](mailto:pat@sanjosepby.org)

**"Place Matters: Where you Live Predicts Your Health"**

**Movie and Discussion – Thurs., Aug. 20th, 7-8 pm**

**St. Mary's Parish, Hofmann Center**

Why is your neighborhood such a good predictor of your health? This PBS award-winning documentary will explore the social justice implications of health, looking at how living in a neglected neighborhood subjects residents to constant stress with few resources to cope. This movie will be facilitated by Paul Hepfer, vice president of programs for the Health Trust of Santa Clara County. All are invited.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21  
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or  
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 ó 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;  
Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19;  
Mk 9:2-10  
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28  
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20  
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 ó 5:2;  
Jn 6:41-51

### "What's Happening At Saint Mary's"

Please refer to our website with regard to  
**PARKING ISSUES** at St. Mary's

[www.stmaryslg.org/parish](http://www.stmaryslg.org/parish)

## Volunteer Your Time, Talent, or Treasure

**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.**

**Volunteer at the Santee Mission**

**Teach ESL to our neighboring Catholic Congregation**

St. Mary's parishioner, Marcia Green, RN, who volunteers with several of our other parishioners at the Santee Mission, which is run by the Sister of the Holy Names, has initiated a call for other volunteers from St. Mary's to help out at the mission. Marcia writes, "In an effort to better address the issue of school dropouts in their Latino community, the Catholic congregation of the Santee mission in East San Jose are inviting volunteers to assist in teaching English (ESL) to their adult community. Training and materials will be provided. Time: 6p.m.-7p.m. or 7p.m.-8p.m. two evenings per week beginning in September. Carpooling is an option." Please contact Jane Ferguson 408-354-4061 ext. 125 or [jferguson@stmaryslg.org](mailto:jferguson@stmaryslg.org) for more information.

**Volunteer at Catholic Charities**

For a list of opportunities visit their website at  
<http://www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/>

**Volunteer at Sacred Heart Community Services**

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<http://www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/>