



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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November 29, 2009 • First Sunday Of Advent

St. Mary's Christmas Giving Tree

As with most of us at St Mary's, our family's Christmas Giving Tree experience started about 25 years ago by taking hearts from the tree and returning the gifts to the tree by the requested date. Beyond knowing that the gifts were going to charity, our family knew very little of what happened next.

I did not know at that time how involved we were going to become in the life of St Mary's Christmas Giving Tree. Over the years, the hearts led to volunteering for some of the tasks needed to make the Giving Tree a reality. My husband, daughter and I started to help with the sorting and delivering of the gifts. As we drove around delivering to the various agencies, we met many of the volunteers and the clients St Mary's parishioners were providing gifts for through the Christmas Giving Tree. We could see the happiness and joy the gifts from St Mary's parishioners were bringing to those in less fortunate circumstances.



About ten years ago, my husband and I were asked to lead the Christmas Giving Tree project for St Mary's and we have been doing it ever since. Each year when I think we are getting too old and should hand the task over to the younger and more energetic, I am again caught up in the spirit and think just "one more year".

The Christmas Giving Tree starts out in September when we meet with Terri Trotter to review the various agencies we sponsored the previous year.

In November, we start with our kickoff meeting. Volunteers at that meeting are given hearts to put together. During Thanksgiving weekend the tree goes up and the ornaments go on. From there on, it's a matter of collecting, sorting and

delivering all the wonderful new gifts donated by St Mary's parishioners.

St Mary's parishioners have been very supportive in volunteering to help with the Christmas Giving Tree. Many of the same parishioners volunteer year after year and it is always a pleasure to see everyone come together again for such a worthwhile cause. Volunteering to work on the Christmas Giving Tree project can become very addictive when you see how much joy you are bringing to others less fortunate.

Next is a profile of a few of the agencies St Mary's parishioners have supported over the last several years.

Last year we had a request from one of our parishioners, Al Chavez. He wanted to know if St Mary's Christmas Giving Tree would provide gifts for the Catholic residents at the Vasona Creek Extended Care facility. Al said the faces of the residents would light up when he mentioned Christmas. It can be a very lonely world to those living in these facilities and their faith helps them cope. We added Vasona Creek to our list and they are with us again this year.

Catholic Charities Refugee Services of Santa Clara County used to serve around 200 refugees a year. They are now serving approximately 200 refugees a month. These refugees are fleeing war torn countries or religious persecution. The refugees have lost everything, family, jobs, and their homes. Less than 1% of refugees are accepted into other countries. Refugees are selected by the US government for resettlement and residency in the United States. The refugees may wait in camps for as long as 10 years before being processed and often arrive with only the clothes on their back. Catholic Charities help these

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THIS WEEK...

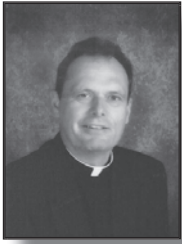
Sunday Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent Christmas Giving Tree Collection
Monday Nov.30	Peace and Justice Council 7:00 pm
Tuesday Dec. 1	Centering Prayer 7:00 pm RCIA 7:30 pm Parish Council.7:30 pm School Articulation Dinner 8:00 pm
Wednesday Dec. 2	SMS Grade 5 Retreat 8am Adult Choir Practice 7:15 pm SMS PTG MTG. 7:30 pm
Thursday Dec. 3	SMS Dept.Ed.Mtg. 8:00 am Scripture Study 9:30 am Centering Prayer 4:00 pm Baptism Catechesis 7 pm
Friday Dec. 4	Bible Study 8:00 am SMS Advent Penance Service 9:00 am
Saturday Dec. 5	Christmas Giving Tree Collection RCIA Dismissal 5:00 pm
Sunday Dec. 6	Second Sunday of Advent Christmas Giving Tree Collection Breaking Open the Word Playways 9:00 and 11:15 am Reconciliation Parent/ Child Retreat 2:00 pm WAV 7:00 pm

LOOKING AHEAD...

**Immaculate Conception Day
Celebration
(see schedule inside and on the
website)**

**Christmas Traditions December 11
Parish Reconciliation Service
December 15**

For more detailed information about what is happening now and in the future at St. Mary's go to our online calendar on our website or on the computer in the parish office.



ADVENT MARKS A
TIME OF PATIENCE

My father had a cloth poster in his room that read, "Lord give me patience, and

I want it now!" So appropriate for him who was often found wanting patience even as it evaded his every move. How does one find patience? I suppose it is very much like asking how one finds happiness. Those that look for it will search all their lives. Those that are happy find it with who and where they are.

Like happiness, patience is more of a state of mind rather than a state of being. It is something that finds us, and for that reason we could easily miss it when it does. For many of us, we lack patience when our expectations of time and energy are not met. By car, San Jose is a mere 15 minutes away from Los Gatos on the freeway system. If one plans to make an appointment in San Jose, it is safe to assume that it will take 20 minutes to arrive on time—unless of course there is traffic as a result of an accident.

Think of a time that you have been impatient. You know how it feels. First, you feel the frustration of knowing that whatever your situation is now will take more time or energy than originally expected. This will put you behind, and your plans that day will likely result in greater frustration as you move from one moment to the next with the distraction that your expectations are not in line with what is actually occurring. Ugh!

I believe parents have more of these experiences than my brother priests and I—or maybe just different. This seems more especially true of a pregnant mother. There is no way to predict how the birth process will go or how long it will take. One cannot be impatient about this matter. It requires the kind of patience God has with us. Being made in the image and likeness of God means that we hold a stake in divinity, though we are not fully divine. God waits patiently for us to recognize the divinity we share as God's children. So much of the brokenness and darkness of the world may be answered by our adherence to God's Word alive in us. How we treat each other is important and requires patience. When we are patient, we can

begin to understand the way things are rather than attempting to arrange things to suit what we want.

Advent is a season to align our selves with the portents and events of the cosmos. Such things require patience or else we may miss it when patience finds us.



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PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT:

TERRI TROTTER

One of the questions I usually begin with when I interview people for this column is to describe what they do at St. Mary's. When I interviewed Terri Trotter, I was astounded to see that her job description filled an entire page in my notes!

Terri Trotter has been working at St. Mary's in one form or another for the last 21 years.

"I started as the preschool coordinator, and started the Playways to God program. And then they said, 'well, if you're doing preschool, can you do elementary too?' and then 'if you're doing elementary, can you do middle school?' and it went from there."

Terri's job as Director of Faith Formation covers all St. Mary's programs for children from preschool to junior high, all baptismal, reconciliation, and Eucharist preparation, and the Rite of Christian Initiation for children, seven years of age and older who have never been baptized. Terri has also just started

a new class for special needs children, during the 11:15 mass.

Terri also helps with Pastoral Care and Community Ministry outreach, and she represents St. Mary's within our Deanery. Terri is also on the Bishop's Catechetical Board for the Diocese, which sets the structure for all the faith formation activities within the Diocese.

What made you want to be so involved at St. Mary's, I asked.

"I was born and raised in California. I lived in San Mateo and moved to Los Gatos in 6th grade, went to Fisher Middle School, and then Los Gatos High School. I went to San Jose State and got my degree in Literature and Comparative Religions. And during my time at San Jose State, Jeanne Martin [who worked at St. Mary's at the time] asked me to help with the youth group. Then I was an RCIA sponsor, so I got involved in RCIA too."

"I got married and went to work at Fairchild Semiconductor, and was working what felt like a seven days a week. I got pregnant with my son Jordan

and decided work at Fairchild was too stressful, so Jeanne asked me if I wanted a part-time job here. That's how I got started."

"I love working with the people here at St. Mary's. I love the flexibility of the job compared to the corporate world. The reason I've lasted at St. Mary's is because I'm an extrovert, and I love working with people. I love working with the families, the kids, and the babies."

"I love bringing that gospel message to people and making God a part of their lives. [I believe] everything you do, should make God's love attainable."

Chloe Leinwand is a life-long parishioner of St. Mary's. Currently she sings in the 11:15 choir and is head of St. Mary's Young Adult Group. She holds a BA in Creative Writing from Scripps College.

Know anyone you would like Chloe to interview? Email her at chloe@apr.com.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT— INTERESTING THINGS TO KNOW!!!

What is the color of chasuble that priests wear during Advent at Masses?

It's purple! Purple has traditionally been the primary color of Advent, symbolizing repentance and fasting. Purple is also the color of royalty, demonstrating the anticipation and reception of the coming King celebrated during Advent. The purple of Advent is also the color of suffering used during Lent. This points to an important connection between Jesus' birth and death. The nativity, the Incarnation, cannot be separated from the crucifixion. *What does the Advent Wreath represent?*

The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, five candles are typically arranged (three purple candles and one pink candle. In the center of the wreath sits a white candle). During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent services. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. As a whole, these candles represent the **coming of the light of Christ into the world.**

What are the meanings of lighting candles during the season of Advent?

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the **prophecy candle** in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Each week on Sunday, an additional candle is lit. On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. This candle is called the **Bethlehem candle**, symbolizing Christ's manger. This candle got its name because of the period of preparation for the coming of Jesus. Just as John the Baptist prepared a way for Jesus, Mary and Joseph also had a place prepared for them by God in Bethlehem so that the birth of Jesus was a fulfillment of the scripture that was previously prophesized.

On the third Sunday of Advent the

pink, or rose-colored candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the **Shepherds candle** and it represents joy. This candle received its name because of the Shepherds who came to find the tiny King and received great joy in coming to the Lord.

The fourth and last purple candle, oftentimes called the **Angels candle**, represents peace and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent. The Angels Candle got its name because it was the angels that announced the birth of Christ.

On Christmas Eve, the white center candle is traditionally lit. This candle is called the **Christ candle** and represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The color of white represents purity. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. Also, those who receive Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow.

PARISH POTLUCK ON THE IMMACULATE CONCEPT VIGIL CELEBRATION DECEMBER 7, 6-8:00 P.M.

After the Immaculate Conception vigil prayer, procession and benediction (6-7:00p.m.) everyone is invited to share in a Holy Spirit Potluck in Hoffman Center. (Holy Spirit Potluck means bring your favorite dish to share with 8-10 people.) Green salad, dinner rolls, and beverages will be provided. Hot entrées may be taken to the Hoffman Center kitchen before the vigil, where kitchen staff will warm the entrées according to instructions. Come celebrate with our parish community our patron, St. Mary, on this festive occasion, and enjoy the blessings of a Holy Spirit Potluck.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

SINGING PRAISES...

On this Thanksgiving weekend, I'm grateful for the gift of my husband and children, our friends, and my church family. I'm grateful that I have a job where I get to think about and practice my first love, music, every day. I'm grateful for the faces I see in the congregation and in my choir and fellow musicians each Sunday morning. I'm grateful to my colleagues who support me and encourage me in my work. I'm grateful that I work in a place that cherishes kindness and compassion. I'm grateful that I'm encouraged to concentrate on God's love and grace in my job, as well as in my personal life. And I'm just getting started... there's so much to be thankful for... I wish you all the best of Thanksgiving weekends...

*Let us pray for our parishioners who are sick, including
Fr. Jorge da Silva,
Chester Antonowicz,
Kevin Ryan, Patricia
Melehan and Heidi*

Medina that Jesus be their source of strength and comfort.

To place a name on this list (for three weeks), contact Pastoral Care, 354-4061 Ext. 123. You also are invited to write names in St. Mary's Book of Petitions and Prayers in front of Mary's statue in church.

eNEWSLETTER

If you know would like to receive the monthly eNewsletter you can go on the website and sign up or you can send them this link: <http://www.stmaryslg.org/parish/#signup>

Mass Intentions

Mon. Nov. 30	7:30 am	Bard Howe
Tues. Dec. 1	7:30 am	Special Intention
Wed. Dec. 2	7:30 am	Special Intention
Thur. Dec 3	7:30 am	John Pearne†
Fri. Dec 4	7:30 am	Dr. Leonard Monteleone†
Sat. Dec 5	7:30 am	Dr. Lawrence Comfort†
	5:00 pm	David Yegge †
Sun. Dec 6	7:30 am	Fr. Hofmann †
	9:00 am	Merkyl Family†
	11:15am	Anaclea & Enrico Reyes†
	6:00 pm	St. Mary's Parishioners

Family Faith Formation

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT....

This is the time of year that we wait. We wait to celebrate Christmas, but more important we wait for Christ's second coming as we look forward to the time of fulfillment.

Our waiting is not passive but has the added element of active watching. Watching is partly a waiting process, but it is purposely doing something while we wait.

Watching requires our attention and the use of our senses. Historically, "standing watch" has been a duty with grave responsibility. If a person assigned to stand watch fails or falls asleep instead of remaining on guard, the whole group is in jeopardy. During Advent, we Catholics accept the responsibility of standing watch. We have much to do while we wait as Christ continues to come deeper into each of our hearts.

As a family here is one activity to do together during this time of waiting:

Make or buy an advent wreath to place on your table and each week light the candles and say a prayer together. The symbolism of the wreath is rich—The circle represents God's love, which has no beginning and no end. The evergreens represent eternity and remind us of the hope of everlasting life. The three violet candles remind us, "Repent and hear the Good News" The rose candle, which we light during the third week of Advent, is the color of joy. It reminds us that as we turn more toward God, our joy increases.



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refugees adapt to life in the United States with language classes, job training and help finding housing. The donation of new gifts and clothing the Christmas Giving Tree provides is a godsend to these individuals who have lost everything.

Emergency Housing Consortium was started 30 years ago by Barry Del Buono. A former priest, he saw the great need in Santa Clara Valley to house the homeless. Cities and states had dropped the ball and were ignoring the plight of the homeless. Barry, with seed money from Apple and additional support from the Boccardo and Sobrato families, stepped in. That initial start grew to become one of the largest homeless shelters in Santa Clara County. The Boccardo Center houses about 250 homeless adults every night. Touring the center in 2006 with Sister Ginny was an eye opening experience for me and I could see how gifts from the Christmas Giving Tree truly benefited the clients at the center.

Next Door Solution for Battered Women has been serving Santa Clara County since 1971. Starting as a room in a safe home, Next Door has grown to be the largest agency dealing with domestic violence in Santa Clara County. Next Door offers a safe haven for women and children of domestic violence, counseling and classes. Every year, Next Door offers a Holiday boutique of new gifts for its clients. These women and children have had their choices taken away from them by their abusers. As a way to help empower these women and children, the gifts are separated into gifts for children and gifts for the moms. The children are able to select gifts for mom and the moms are able to select gifts for their children. They are also offered a wrapping station to wrap their gifts.

Casa de Clara is one of the agencies St Mary's parishioners have sponsored the longest with the Christmas Giving Tree. Casa de Clara is run by the Catholic Workers. The Catholic Workers movement was founded by Dorothy Day in 1933. It is a lay group of Catholics whose mission is to "live in accordance with the justice and charity of Jesus Christ." The Casa is a small house on

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WAV/ High School Youth Ministry

GIVING THANKS

ON AND BEYOND THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day is a wonderful, specific occasion to thank God for all we have and are. However, it should not be the only time of year that we give thanks. Here is a simple process, based on St

Ignatius' Examen, for giving thanks:



• Each evening before going to sleep, recall that you are in the holy

presence of God.

- Bring to mind one moment from your day that you are most grateful for, recalling the details of what took place or what was said.
- Then think of one moment that you are least grateful for, reflecting on the details of the moment and why it was unpleasant.
- Thank God for everything that happened that day and rest in the knowledge that God loves you and can make something good come from even your most difficult moments.

"If the only prayer that you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would be enough."

Meister Eckhart (1260-1327)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

ADVENT

December 4	Reconciliation Service for School 9:00 AM
December 6	Second Sunday of Advent*
December 7	Evening Prayer 6:00 PM
December 8	Immaculate Conception of Mary / Holy Day of Obligation: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM & 7:30 PM
December 10	(Thursday) Reconciliation Service for First Communion Children 7:00 PM
December 13	Third Sunday of Advent*
December 15	Parish Reconciliation Service 7:30 PM
December 20	Fourth Sunday of Advent*

CHRISTMAS

December 24	Vigil of Christmas 4:00 PM – Howley Hall 4:00PM – Church 6:00PM 10:00PM
December 25	Christmas 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:15AM (NO 6:00 PM Mass)
January 1	(Friday) Mary Mother of God 7:30 AM

* Denotes regular Sunday mass schedule

Pastoral Care and Community Ministry

ST. MARY'S 2009 CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE— *Please Take a Heart & Fulfill a Wish*

The Christmas Giving Tree will be set up in the main vestibule of the church the weekend of November 28 and 29. Please consider taking one or more of the many brightly colored paper heart ornaments and fulfill the gift wish. All gifts are due back on Sunday, December 13. This year the parish will support eleven agencies that minister to those in need in Santa Clara County. In addition to gifts, we gratefully accept monetary donations made out to “St. Mary’s”, note: Giving Tree. Anyone who wishes to receive a receipt for tax purposes please call Terri Trotter @ 354-4061x122.

HANDICAPABLES AT ST. MARY'S *Can you offer support?*

On Saturday, February 6 our parish

will host a luncheon meeting and mass for Catholic Charities Handicapables Group. In preparation for this event, we are looking a lead volunteer a team to host the event. This is a heartwarming hospitality experience that celebrates members of our Diocese with disabilities. If you can assist in any way please contact Colleen Pacheco at (408) 354-4061 cpacheco@sbcglobal.net.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE WORKING BOY'S CENTER!

Thank you to the entire St. Mary's Parish Community for your loving and generous support for our ministry partner, the Working Boy's Center, in Quito, Ecuador. It was a fabulous weekend beginning with Sr. Cindy Sullivan, BVM, from the WBC sharing at all the Masses along with Fr. Rick and Fr. Justin.

She clearly felt the warm embrace and support from all of you. True to form, the parish came through for our brothers and sisters in Ecuador with their love, prayers and donations. Through sales and donations, St. Mary's raised over \$15,000 for the Working Boy's Center which provides direct support for families working to overcome poverty through self-sufficiency. FABULOUS!! Equally important, the Ecuadorian Soup Supper was a wonderful success with over 200 people sharing in the life and culture of our Ecuadorian friends through a great meal, music, fellowship and Sr. Cindy's testimonial. Thank you all for your participation and generosity!!

Adult Enrichment

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS UPDATE

Initiations Into the Catholic Church

This year we have been blessed with a large number of adults in our RCIA process who are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church. Adults who have never been baptized, known as Catechumens, will be baptized next April at the Easter Vigil, and they will receive the other two Sacrament of Initiation—Confirmation and Eucharist—at the same service,

However, Christians who have already been baptized, including those who have received additional Sacraments of Initiation in other faith communities, can be initiated into the Catholic Church at any appropriate time during the liturgical calendar. Previously baptized Christians who are in the RCIA process are known as Candidates.

Last Sunday, November 22, on the Feast of Christ the King, three Candidates were received into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist (First Communion.) Please pray for these new Catholics and welcome them into our community:

Debbie Bergantz, sponsored by Martha Murphy; Alexander Sawsienowicz, sponsored by Tom Kent; Klaudia Warren, sponsored by Rose Kent.

Three other Candidates from the RCIA process, a mother and her two adult daughters, will be received into the Church on Sunday, December 13, at the 11:15 mass. Please pray for the Schwartz family and welcome them as they join our church during this joyful Advent season.:

Rise Schwartz, sponsored by Anne Wustrow; Sarah Schwartz, sponsored by Mary Hogan; Stephanie Schwartz, sponsored by Wesley Hogan

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES *Volunteers Needed*

Mark Your Calendars!

*Friday, December 11, 7-8:30 PM
Hoffman Center*

Once again, St. Mary's will host this family friendly event, which focuses on the food, music, customs and artistic traditions of Christmas around the world. We are a multicultural parish, and we need our own parishioners to volunteer to share the Christmas traditions from the countries of their ancestors. This year's Christmas Traditions event will be organized by the St. Mary's Young Adults Group, and we are hoping to feature holiday customs from Vietnam, Mexico, Ireland and China. If you or your ancestors came from one of these countries, please contact Chloe

Leinwand, Leader of the Young Adults Group, at: chloe@apr.com or call her at (408) 656-9870. If your family comes from some other country and you would like to share your customs, contact us anyway, as we don't want to exclude anyone.

Christmas is a time for joyful giving. You can give a gift to your parish by sharing the food and customs of your heritage with those who worship with you.

All parishioners, including extended families and friends are invited to this free, friendly event.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL: MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:00 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Procession with the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
6:30 pm - Evening Prayer & Benediction
7:00 pm - Potluck Celebration for our Patron Saint

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 am Mass
School Mass: 9:00 am
Evening Mass: 7:30 pm

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Sixth Street that was donated to the Catholic Workers. Casa de Clara houses up to 12 women and children. When I first contacted Casa de Clara many years ago, the person I talked to was an old college roommate I had not seen in almost 30 years. It's a small world after all.

Sacred Heart Community Services has been a part of St Mary's Christmas Giving Tree since the Tree's beginning. The gifts are set up in a store-like setting. Depending on supply, the parents can select one or two new gifts for their child or family. We have seen the line stretch for two blocks where parents are patiently waiting to select their gifts. It brought joy to our faces when we noticed the little boy crossing the street with his mom proudly carrying his new light saber.

The above are just a few of the charities St Mary's parishioners have helped over the years with their generosity and volunteer efforts. All of the clients at the agencies feel very blessed and grateful for the love and support they have received from St Mary's parishioners through the Christmas Giving Tree.

Let's keep up the good work and continue to make the Christmas Giving Tree a success for years to come.

Karen & Mike Camara are long-time parishioners who have faithfully helped lead the parish to "live our faith" each Christmas.

Report on Collections

	Last Week
Goal	\$19,186.27
Actual	\$17,038.50
Variance	(\$2,147.77)
Goal	\$368,026.05
Actual	\$368,026.05
Variance	(\$15,699.35)

Collection information will be updated next week

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MASS TIMES

Daily: Mon - Sat 7:30 am Saturday (Vigil): 5 pm Sunday: 7:30, 9 & 11:15 am and 6 pm
Reconciliation: 3:30 pm on Saturdays

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Annual Children's Christmas Parade has been set for Saturday, December 5, 2009. The parade forms on Almendra Ave. at No. Santa Cruz Ave. to Main St., east on Main St. to Church St., where it will terminate. Traffic entering Los Gatos will be detoured by means of temporary barricades, cones and officers posted at strategic locations. Queries concerning street closures and alternate routes should be addressed to Sgt. J.R. Langer, at (408) 354-6851, and those pertaining to the parade itself to LGS Recreation at (408) 354-8700 x266.

St. Mary First Grade class is representing the school. Please come and enjoy the fun!

ST. MARY ART AND ENVIRONMENT

The St Mary's Arts & Environment Committee is dedicated to creating, executing and maintaining a welcoming and prayerful church environment reflective of the different liturgical seasons. For those interested in becoming a part of or volunteering for the Committee, we invite you to contact Fr Justin Le. Come make a difference!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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CALLING ALL SHOPPERS!!

Come to the Country Store's Christmas Sale to find tremendous deals on fabulous gifts for your friends, family and even yourself! Decorative items for your home and wonderful hostess gifts at the perfect price! Sunday, December 6th only, from 10:00AM (following mass) until 1:00PM. Oak Tree Courtyard.