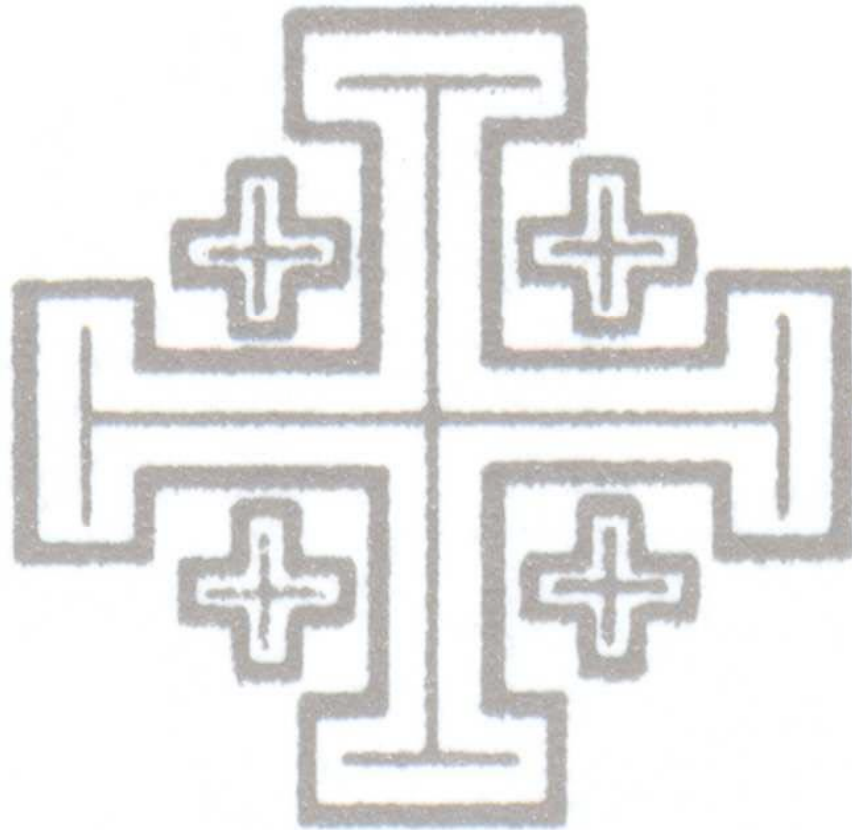


BEYOND SUNDAY
Adult Spiritual Enrichment
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception



SPRING 2009

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—DETAILS INSIDE

February 19-May 14, Every other Thursday Morning, Scripture Study, 9:30-11 AM, Voices in the Desert: Amos, Hosea and Micah, Parish Office Conference Room

February 21, Welcoming Prayer Workshop, Saturday, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM Hofmann Center

February 25, Ash Wednesday, Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 7:30 PM

February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3, Stations of the Cross, Every Friday During Lent, 8:30 AM, St. Mary's Church

March 5, The Labyrinth, a Lenten Pilgrimage, Thursday, 7:30-9 PM, Hofmann Center, Dr. Cynthia Rostankowski

March 10, Lenten Soup Supper and Taize Prayer Service, Tuesday, 6:30 PM

March 24, Parish Reconciliation Service, Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Church

April 2, Journey of Decision: Stations of the Cross with Music, Thursday, 7-8:30 PM, St. Mary's Church

April 9, Holy Thursday, 7:30 PM, Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 PM

April 10, Good Friday: 1 PM, Stations of the Cross, 3 PM, the Passion of the Lord with Passion Mime, 7:30 PM Tenebrae Service

April 11, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8 PM

April 12, Easter Sunday, Masses: 7:30, 9, and 11:15 AM
No 6 PM Mass

April 20 and May 18, Adult Confirmation Preparation Classes, Mondays 6-7 PM, Adult Education Office

April 21, 28 and May 5 and 12, "Who is God, and What That Has to Do With Us", an Easter Mission, Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 PM, Hofmann Center, Dr. Pamela Bjorklund

April 25, Wine and Cheese with the Pastor, Saturday, 6-7 PM, Hofmann Center, Fr. Justin Zawadzki

April 29, Divorce and Annulment Workshop, Wednesday, 7-9 PM, Hofmann Center, Fr. Justin Zawadzki and Bob Citelli

May 16, Farewell Party for Fr. Justin Zawadzki, Saturday, 6 PM, Special 5 PM Mass with Bishop McGrath, Dinner Following

May 19, Catholic Social Justice: Human Trafficking, Tuesday, 7:30-9 PM, Hofmann Center, a Workshop with Sr. Mary Ondreyco

May 26, Evening Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Tuesday, 7:30 PM, St. Mary's Church, Corliss Greene, Director of Music

May 31, The Feast of Pentecost
Adult Confirmations, 3 PM, St. Joseph's Basilica



**WELCOMING PRAYER WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009
9:30 AM-3:30 PM, HOFMANN CENTER**

*The Welcoming Prayer helps us to let go of emotions,
feelings and thoughts that control us.*

*This workshop will introduce participants to the method of
Welcoming Prayer and provide an opportunity to practice.*

This prayer is intended for use in daily life.

FACILITATOR: CHERRY HAISTEN

M.A. in Ministry, Seattle University School of Theology

Suggested Donation, \$25, includes Box Lunch

To confirm your attendance, please contact:

Colleen at 354-4061, ext 125 or cpacheco@stmaryslg.org

LENT AT ST. MARY'S

THE LABYRINTH: A LENTEN PILGRIMAGE



**With Dr. Cynthia Rostankowski,
St. Mary's Parishioner and
Professor of Philosophy and Humanities
at San Jose State University**

**Thursday, March 5, 7:30-9 PM
Hofmann Center**

Dr. Rostankowski will provide us with a fascinating visual presentation on the historic use of the labyrinth in Catholic spirituality as a prayerful journey.

We will also have the opportunity to make our own Lenten pilgrimage by walking the labyrinth which will be installed in Howley Hall.

The Labyrinth will remain in Howley Hall for private devotion at specific times from Thursday, March 5 through Monday, March 8.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-8:30 PM

During Lent, we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. St. Mary's annual Lenten Soup Supper calls us to all three of these ministries.

At 6:30 PM, Corliss Greene, Director of Music at St. Mary's, will lead us in a prayer service in the church using the beautiful chants of the Christian community in Taize, France.

At 7:00 PM we will move to Howley Hall for a simple supper of soup and bread prepared by Phil Micciche and other parish volunteers.

After supper, the St. Mary's Peace and Justice Council will share a presentation on the Santee Mission, a ministry to the poor in East San Jose. This ministry is the work of the Sisters of the Holy Names, and Sr. Miriam Daniel Fahey, SNJM, will be present to talk about her work with a primarily immigrant and refugee population in the poorest neighborhood in San Jose.

This evening of fellowship is free to all. The food is donated by the volunteers who cook and serve this simple but delicious meal.

All who attend will have an opportunity to participate in the Lenten spirit of almsgiving by donating to the Santee Mission.

SCRIPTURE STUDY AT ST. MARY'S



The St. Mary's Scripture Study class meets every other Thursday morning from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Conference Room of the Parish Office building. Spring classes are ongoing from February 19-May 14. New members are welcome to join at any time.

This spring, the group is studying:

**Voices in the Desert:
Amos, Hosea and Micah**

We will interpret these Old Testament prophetic books within their historical backgrounds, drawing on the discoveries of archaeology and the critical tools of literary analysis to determine what these ancient religious writings mean now for our world.

This friendly and informal group uses the Little Rock Scripture Study videos and study guides and is facilitated by parishioner Michelle Parides. All parishioners and friends, including non-Catholics, are welcome.



PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 PM, St. Mary's Church

We are a Sacramental people, and the Church offers us the Sacrament of Reconciliation to heal us when we have offended God, others or ourselves. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the community during Lent to prepare for the joy of Christ's Resurrection at Easter.

The community Penance Liturgy will include music, scripture, prayer, an examination of conscience and time for private confessions and absolution.

You are welcome to attend this service even if you do not choose to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, formerly known as Confession.

JOURNEY OF DECISION:
A Dramatization of the Stations of the Cross
With Music

Thursday, April 2, 7-8:30 PM
St. Mary's Church

Join your fellow parishioners as they re-enact Jesus' journey to his crucifixion. This traditional Catholic devotion has been updated for contemporary spirituality. Music will be provided by the musicians from the 9 AM Mass.



HOLY WEEK

The Easter Triduum

The three days of the Easter Triduum begin with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, continue on Good Friday, and culminate with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening.

Holy Thursday, April 9

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, including presentation of the Holy Oils and Washing of the Feet

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass until 10:00 PM in Hofmann Center

Good Friday, April 10: The Lord's Passion

12:00 Noon Gathering and Private Prayer

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Passion of the Lord and Communion Service with Passion Mime by St. Mary's Youth

7:30 PM Tenebrae Evening Prayer Service

Tenebrae, which means "darkness" in Latin is the Good Friday Evening Prayer liturgy. The service, focusing on the seven last words of Jesus, includes scripture, music, extinguishing candles until the entire church is in darkness, and veneration of the cross. Cantor Brigid Moreton will lead the assembly in traditional Taize chants.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 11

8:00 PM

Service of Light

Liturgy of the Word, including the story of Salvation History

Liturgy of Baptism—four adult Catechumens will be Baptized

Presentation of Candidates for Full Communion

Celebration of Confirmation for Adults in RCIA

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Reception in Hofmann Center following the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 12, Masses at 7:30, 9 and 11:15 AM

**CELEBRATING EASTER AT ST. MARY'S
THE EASTER SEASON**

**“WHO IS GOD AND WHAT THAT HAS TO DO
WITH US”
AN EASTER MISSION**

***FOUR TUESDAY EVENINGS,
APRIL 21 AND 28, AND MAY 5 AND 12***

Sponsored by the St. Mary's Spirituality Council

During the Easter Season, which continues from Easter Sunday to the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord in all aspects of our lives. The white liturgical colors in the church remind us of our own resurrections through the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Join Catholic Spiritual Director
Dr. Pamela Bjorklund
for this prayerful Easter Season Mission in which we
will reflect on the mystery of God's presence and his
unconditional love in our daily lives.**

This mission is free.

All parishioners and friends are welcome.

Refreshments will be served at each session.

For more information, contact Rose Anna Higashi, Director of Adult Spiritual Education at St. Mary's. 354-4061, ext 135 or rhigashi@stmaryslg.org.

***MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, ANNULMENT AND
REMARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH***

A Faith-Based Workshop

Wednesday, April 29, 7-9 PM, Hofmann Center

Co-facilitated by
Fr. Justin Zawadzki
and Parishioner Bob Citelli

*A failed marriage need not drive Catholics from active
participation in the church and the Sacraments.*

*This practical workshop is designed to help Catholics find
healing from the trauma of divorce.*

There will be time for questions and answers about:

Misconceptions about divorce
Participation in the Sacraments
Procedures for petitioning for an annulment
Requirements for remarriage

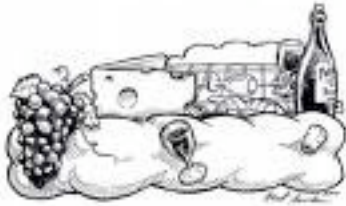
*For information, or to submit questions in advance,
contact:*

Fr. Justin: (408) 354-4061 ext 139 or jrz@stmaryslg.org

*Or Bob Citelli ((408) 399-9771 or
rcitelli@sales-and-marketing.net*

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**OUR PASTOR, FR. JUSTIN ZAWADZKI,
WILL RETIRE THIS SPRING.
SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME WITH
FR. JUSTIN BEFORE HE LEAVES.**



**Wine and Cheese with the Pastor
Saturday, April 25, 6-7 PM, Hofmann Center**

The St. Mary's Spirituality Council invites all parishioners and friends to gather after the 5 PM mass for refreshments and an informal question and answer session with Fr. Justin.

Stay for a few minutes or for an hour. Fr. Justin will be happy to answer any questions about the Catholic faith.



**Farewell Party for Fr. Justin
Saturday, May 16, 6 PM, Howley Hall**

The 5 PM Mass will be a special occasion, as Bishop Patrick McGrath will attend to help us say farewell to our beloved pastor.

Dinner will follow on the parish grounds. All parishioners are invited. Look for details in the bulletin.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE
TEACHES US TO RESPECT
THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

**Human Trafficking:
Even in Santa Clara County
Women and Children are Being Enslaved**

Sr. Mary Ondreyco, SNJM
will discuss this tragic social justice issue.

**Tuesday, May 19, 7:30-9 PM
Hofmann Center**

Sponsored by the St. Mary's Peace and Justice Council and
the RCIA

All Are Welcome
Free
Refreshments Will Be Served

**EVENING PRAYER
TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**



**Tuesday, May 26
7:30 PM
St. Mary's Church**

**Music by Corliss Greene
Director of Music at St. Mary's**

*Prepare for the Feast of Pentecost with scripture,
prayer and beautiful sacred music.*

Along with Easter and Christmas, The Feast of Pentecost is one of the great celebrations of the Catholic liturgical year. This feast, commemorated fifty days after Easter, memorializes the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.

The Feast of Pentecost is popularly regarded as the birthday of the Church because from that point on, the apostles carried the Good New of Christ to the whole world.



This year we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, May 31. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red, remembering the tongues of fire that descended on the apostles through the mediation of the Holy Spirit.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

**On May 31, the Feast of Pentecost,
Bishop Patrick McGrath will celebrate the
Sacrament of Confirmation with
Adults throughout the Diocese of San Jose
3:00 PM
St. Joseph's Cathedral Basilica**

Adult Confirmation Preparation Classes:

Adults who have previously been baptized and received First Communion in the Catholic Church but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend the Adult Confirmation Preparation classes and the Easter Mission at St. Mary's.

Mondays, April 20 and May 18, 6-7 PM

Adult Education Office in the Parish Office Building

Participants will need to attend both class sessions and are strongly encouraged to participate in the Easter Mission with Dr. Pamela Bjorklund, on Tuesday evenings, April 21 and 28 and May 5 and 12.

Please bring a copy of your Baptism Certificate if possible.

Please contact Rose Anna Higashi, Director of Adult Education to register: (408) 354-4061, ext 135 or rhigashi@stmaryslg.org.