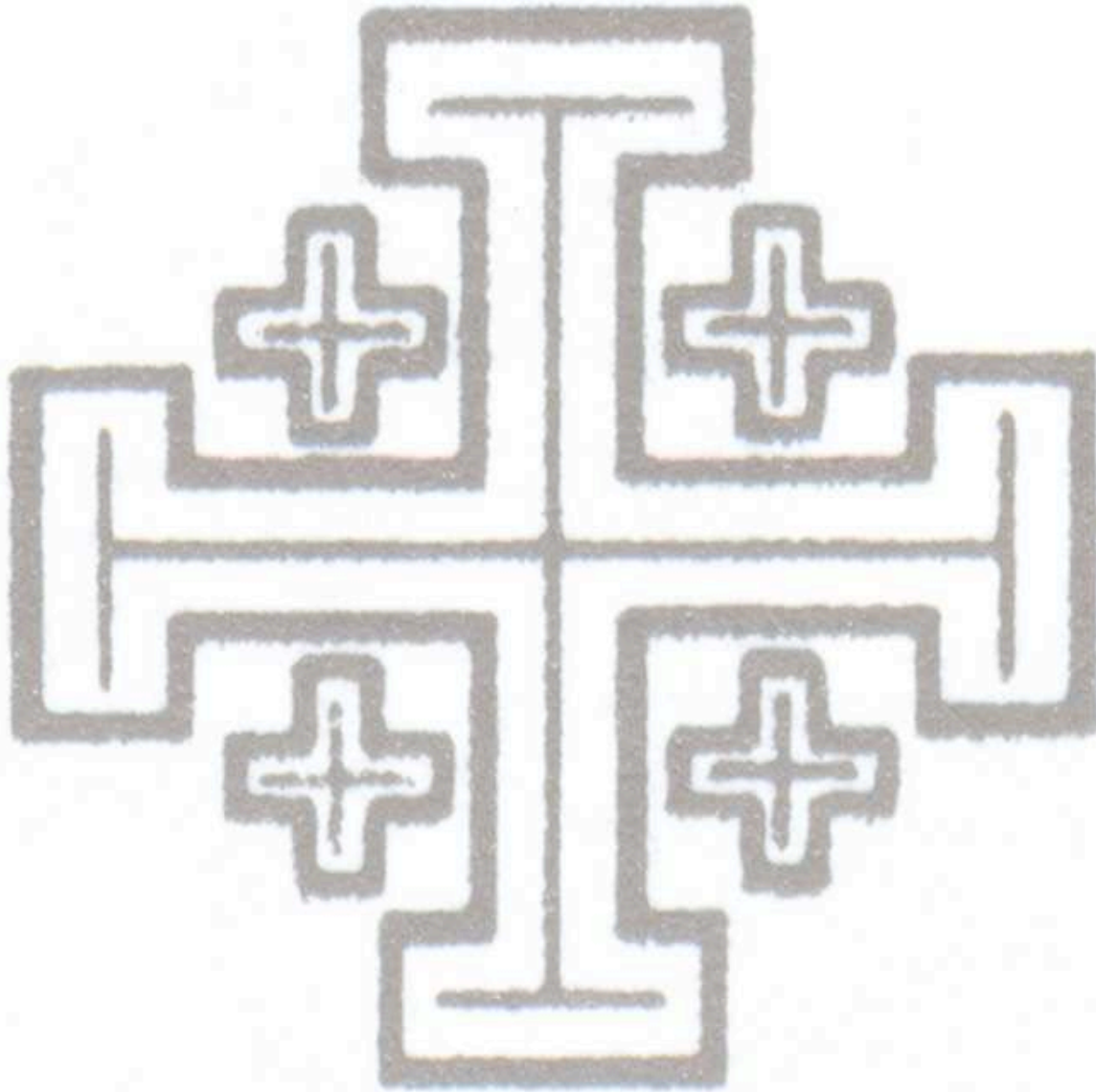


BEYOND SUNDAY
Adult Spiritual Enrichment
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception



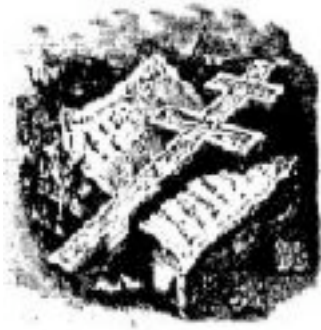
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS—DETAILS INSIDE
February 4, 18, etc., Scripture Study, Every other Thursday Morning,
9:30-11 AM, The Gospel of Luke, Parish Office Conference Room

- February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11,** Bible Study for Women: the Book of Ruth, 7:30-9 PM, Adult Education Office
- February 17,** Ash Wednesday, Masses at 7:30 and 7:30 PM
Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes, Noon
- February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26,** Stations of the Cross,
Every Friday During Lent, 7 PM, St. Mary Church
- 8:30 AM Mass Every Friday During Lent in Addition to 7:30 AM Mass**
- February 26,** Young Adults Movie Night, 7:30 PM, Hofmann Center
- March 9,** Lenten Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross, Tuesday,
6:30 PM, Stations in the Church, Supper in Howley Hall
- March 13,** Experience Centering Prayer, Saturday, 9 AM-11:30 AM
Hofmann Center
- March 16,** Parish Reconciliation Service, Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Church
- March 20,** Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick, Morning of Reflection,
Saturday, 9:30-11:30 AM, Hofmann Center
- March 25,** Journey of Decision: Stations of the Cross with Music,
Thursday, 7-8:30 PM, St. Mary Church
- March 27,** The Labyrinth Revisited, Taize Prayer Around the Cross,
Lunch and Fellowship, Saturday, March 20, 10 AM-1 PM
- April 1,** Holy Thursday, 7:30 PM, Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight
- April 2,** Good Friday: Noon-3 PM: Passion Mime,
Stations of the Cross, Communion Service with
Proclamation of the Lord's Passion and Veneration
7:30 PM Tenebrae Evening Prayer Service
- April 3,** Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8 PM
- April 4,** Easter Sunday, Masses: 7:30, 9, and 11:15 AM No 6 PM Mass
- April 12 and May 10,** Adult Confirmation Preparation Classes, Mondays
6-7 PM, Adult Education Office (The Confirmation Class will also
attend the Easter Mission listed below.)
- April 13, 20, 27 and May 4,** Paul's First Letter to the Coninthians, an
Easter Mission, Fr. Rick Rodoni, Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 PM,
Hofmann Center,
- May 11,** Music and the Mystics, Dr. Cynthia Rostankowski
and Corliss Greene, 7:30-9 PM Hofmann Center
- May 18,** Evening Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Tuesday, 7:30 PM,
St. Mary Church, Corliss Greene, Director of Music
- May 23,** The Feast of Pentecost, Youth and Adult Confirmations,
9 AM, St. Mary Church
- April 15,** Advance Directives "Go Wish" Workshop
7:00-8:30PM, Hofman



LIVING WITH THE SCRIPTURES AT ST MARY



***THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:
THE GOSPEL OF LUKE***

This friendly group meets every other Thursday morning using the Little Rock Scripture Study video and study guides. Parishioner Michelle Parides facilitates. Join us on February 18 and March 4 as we conclude our study of the Gospel of Luke.

9:30-11 AM in the Parish Office Conference Room

FRIDAY MORNING LECTIONARY STUDY

This group meets every Friday morning following the 7:30 AM Mass. Together we read and reflect on the readings that we will hear proclaimed at the masses the following Sunday. Facilitated by parishioner Dick Volpe.

8-9 AM in the Parish Office Conference Room

For information on the Thursday or Friday morning Bible study classes, contact Rose Anna Higashi, Director of Adult Education, at (408) 354-4061, ext 135 or rhigashi@stmaryslg.org

***WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF RUTH
THURSDAY EVENINGS***

This new Bible study group is designed for women. Together we will share a reflective reading of the Book of Ruth. By carefully listening to what Ruth has to say, we might find bits and pieces of our stories entwined in hers. Facilitated by parishioner Josie Cirone.

February 4, 11, 18, 25, and March 4 and 11, 7:30-9 PM
Adult Education Office

For information contact Josie Cirone at (650) 400-2365 or josiecirone@aol.com

NEW FAITH SHARING GROUP



We have several Small Christian Communities at St. Mary. These groups meet regularly to pray, share out faith and reflect on the scripture passages that we hear in our Sunday masses. This informal small group setting allows participants to talk about our faith and the issues we are facing in our daily lives as we strive to live the Gospel message as Catholic Christians.

A new faith sharing group is being formed now. It is open to all. If you would like to participate, contact ***Timothy O'Rorke at 655-7404 or tj@timororke.com***.

YOUNG ADULTS AT ST. MARY

MOVIE NIGHT FEBRUARY 26

Friday, February 26, 7:30 PM, Parish Office Lounge



Join the young adults from St. Mary and nearby parishes for an evening of fun and fellowship as we watch the classic film, *Casablanca* together, eat popcorn and socialize. All are welcome, including non-Catholics and young adults (ages 18-40) from other parishes.

For information, contact Chloe Leinwand at: chloe@apr.com or 656-9870.

THE LABYRINTH REVISITED, TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS, LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP



**SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 10 AM-NOON,
HOFMANN CENTER**

As we prepare for Holy Week, the Young Adults at St. Mary invite the entire parish community to join us for a discussion of the Labyrinth as a form of Christian prayer, reflection and pilgrimage.



Dr. Cynthia Rostankowski, Professor of Humanities at San Jose State University, will add to the presentation on the Labyrinth she gave last year and share some new insights with us.

Our morning of reflection will also include prayer around the cross using the beautiful chants of the Taize Christian Community in France.

We will conclude with lunch and fellowship.

This event, including lunch, is free, and all are welcome.

All participants will have an opportunity to walk the Labyrinth, which will be installed in Hofmann Center and will remain throughout Saturday evening. Parishioners are welcome to walk the Labyrinth as a private devotion before and after masses on Palm Sunday in Howley Hall.

For more information, contact Chloe Leinwand at: chloe@apr.com or (408) 656-9870.

LENT AT ST. MARY



*During the six weeks before Easter, we enter into a period of
Prayer
Fasting and
Almsgiving
as we prepare for the joyful Resurrection of the Lord.*

*Ash Wednesday, February, 17, and
Good Friday, April 2, are
Days of fasting and abstinence from eating meat.*

*We also abstain from eating meat during all Fridays during Lent as a
form of penance.*

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER WITH STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday, March 9, 6:30-8:30 PM



In the Lenten spirit of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we will pray together, share a simple meal, and reflect on our call to help others.

At 6:30 PM, students from St. Mary's School will lead us in the Stations of the Cross in the church.

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

EXPERIENCE CENTERING PRAYER



**SATURDAY, MARCH 13
9-11:30 AM
HOFMANN CENTER**

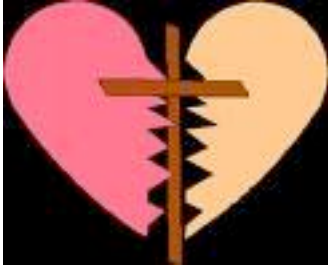
Facilitated by Parishioner, Carol Cook Sgarlata

In a friendly and comfortable setting, learn about Centering Prayer, an ancient prayer practice with roots in the earliest Catholic Christian communities.

This morning is designed for anyone seeking a deeper life of prayer and a closer relationship with God.

Participants will experience three short, guided periods of Centering Prayer, learn the four simple steps of the prayer, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

*All are welcome to attend this **free** event sponsored by:
The St. Mary Spirituality Council.*



PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 PM, St. Mary 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, March 25, 7-8:30 PM
St. Mary 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 1

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 Midnight in Hofmann Center

Good Friday, April 2: The Lord's Passion Noon to 3 PM

Passion Mime by St. Mary Youth

Stations of the Cross

Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Communion

Service and Veneration

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 3, 8:00 PM

Service of Light

Liturgy of the Word, including the story of Salvation History

Liturgy of Baptism—nine 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 4, Masses at 7:30, 9 and 11:15 AM

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

**EASTER MISSION WITH FR. RICK RODONI
PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS
APRIL 13, 20, 27 AND MAY 4,**

Four Tuesday Evenings, 7:30-9 PM, Hofmann Center

Get better acquainted with our new Pastor, Fr. Rick Rodoni, as he shares his insights with us about St. Paul's beautiful letter to the early Christians living in Corinth.

This letter contains some of the most famous and meaningful passages in the entire Bible, and serves as a beautiful guide for Christians today as we strive to live our lives according to the joyful message of Easter.

*"Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not rejoice over wrongdoing
but rejoices in the truth.
Love never fails.
So faith, hope and love remain, these three;
But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians*

*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.

MUSIC AND THE MYSTICS



*With Dr. Cynthia Rostankowski, Professor of Humanities
And Corliss Greene, Director of Music at St. Mary*

TUESDAY, MAY 11, , 7:30-9PM HOFMANN CENTER

As Catholics, we are blessed to have many great saints in our history, such as Hildegard of Bingen, who serve as models for us today in their mystical understanding of God's presence at every moment in our daily lives.

Many of these saints expressed their faith through music. Dr. Rostankowski will provide a visual presentation on some of the mystic saints in our Catholic heritage and help us to recognize how music inspired these great Christians to experience God's presence in their lives.

Corliss Greene will present some of the magnificent chants and musical compositions used over time for meditation as a gateway to spirituality.

This event, sponsored by the St. Mary Spirituality Council, is free, and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Rose Anna Higashi, Director of Adult Education at: rhigashi@stmaryslg.org or (408) 354-4061, x 135.



EVENING PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Tuesday, May 18

7:30 PM

St. Mary Church

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

*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 News of Christ to the whole world.

This year we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, May 23. 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 23, the Feast of Pentecost,
We will celebrate the
Sacrament of Confirmation with
Adults and Youth at
St. Mary Church, 9:00 AM**

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.

Mondays, April 12 and May 10, 6-7 PM

Adult Education Office in the Parish Office Building

Participants will need to attend both class sessions and the Easter Mission with Fr. Rick Rodoni on Tuesday evenings, April 13, 20, 27, and May 4.

Confirmation Candidates are also encouraged to attend Evening Prayer on Tuesday, May 18, at 7:30 PM, and the Rehearsal for the Confirmation Service on Saturday, May 22, from 11 AM to Noon.

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.

