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DAILY MASSES

Monday - Friday (Lunes a Viernes)

7:15 AM (English)

Wednesday / Miércoles 12:10 PM (Español)

WEEKEND MASSES * MISAS DE FIN DE SEMANA

Saturday: 8:30 AM (English)
5:00 PM (Vigil, English)
6:30 PM (Vigil, Español)

Sunday: 7:00 AM & 8:15 AM (English)
9:45 AM (Español)
11:45 AM (English)
5:00 PM (English)
6:30 PM (Español)

INFANT BAPTISM * BAUTISMOS

Contact the office before or after the child's birth. Preparation should begin at least one month prior to the desired date. Preparation can begin before the birth of the child. Instructions are held every **1st & 2nd Wednesday in English at 7:30 PM**. Baptisms are scheduled by appointment only.

Venga a la Oficina Parroquial por un folleto de información bautismal y un cuestionario. Haga una cita con el Padre para llenar la solicitud de Bautismo. Las clases son el jueves y viernes de la **primera y cuarta semana de cada mes a las 7:00 PM**.

MARRIAGE * MATRIMONIO

Bride & Groom must begin preparation with the priest a minimum of six months prior to intended date of marriage.

Los novios deben comunicarse con el padre con seis meses de anticipación a la fecha de su celebración.

RECONCILIATION * CONFESIONES

Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM or by appointment.

Sábados de 4:00 a 4:45 PM ó entre semana con previa cita.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US

Thank you for joining us in prayer and sacrament.

Whether you are long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish, if you are not registered, please complete the information below and place it in the offertory basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Last Name Husband Wife

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

- New Parishioner Moving (please remove from parish directory) No Sunday Offertory Envelopes at this time
 New Phone Number New Address Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUT OF HIS MIND – PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners,

There are a lot of small accomplishments that we celebrate throughout the days, weeks and months of our lives.

One of them is what we are celebrating today at the 8:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. in English and at two of the three Spanish Masses. It is called the **Rite of Acceptance for the Catechumens and Candidates in our RCIA Process**. It is a short ritual for accepting those who are preparing for full admission into the Church this coming Easter time.

This ritual involves a statement of Faith and a desire to be received into the Church by those in RCIA, a testimony of their sponsors that they are serious about Christ and the Church and then a signing of all the Candidates and Catechumens with the sign of the Cross on their senses! The signing with the cross is the highlight of the simple ceremony and it should remind all of us that we also are marked by the cross of Christ and it is the source of our salvation and holiness.

It is a small ceremony; it is a simple celebration; but it is an important step for the members of RCIA and for the Parish. It is what we are about in our preaching of Christ Jesus. Our congratulations to the Candidates and the Sponsors and our gratitude for the Staff and Team Members of the RCIA on this small celebration.

The Gospel for today's Mass is a continuation of the first days of ministry in the public life of Jesus. He was remembered for **his powerful teaching and healing!**

It is our belief that Jesus continues those teaching and healing ministries in the life of the Church today and in every age.

In terms of teaching, it is not primarily doctrine as it is a profound sense of the presence of God and his love and his gentleness in our lives. I am always aware that the daily events of life can make us angry, bitter or harsh and often the only antidote to that is the person, the words and the example of Jesus, challenging us to be better, to be forgiving, to be trusting that God will accomplish his purpose in our lives even in the midst of suffering and misunderstanding! It is a hard lesson to learn and we have to listen closely to the message of Christ over and over again to make it a realistic force in our lives.

I also believe that the ministry of healing takes place in our lives and in our churches, week after week! And again the emphasis is not on physical healing but it is on the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives to "cast out the evil we are inclined to do." I believe that the Sacraments of the Church and the worship of the Church and, above all, the celebration of the Eucharist are the ways in which Christ Jesus casts out the evil spirits in our lives.

I have often felt the power of forgiveness in Confession as a source of hope and healing and renewal for those overwhelmed with life and its misunderstandings and hardships. People leave the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a feeling of being unburdened, with a feeling of being loved by God, with a feeling of knowing that God accepts them when they do their best! **That is great healing.**

And I am always hopeful that that acceptance by God and Christ Jesus for all of us is powerfully experienced in the celebration of the Eucharist – especially at the moment of Communion! **"The Lord lives in us and we live in Him."**

Church and Faith are about insight and healing! Hopefully, this is what we are open to in our following of Christ.

Fr. Dan

PARISH SCHEDULE

Friday, February 3: Priests vs Seminarians Basketball at 7:00 p.m. at the Santa Clara University Levey Center.

Saturday, February 4: Silver and Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph, 80 S. Market St. San Jose. For more information please call Sylvia Blanch at 408-983-0128.

Saturday, February 11: Bilingual Healing Mass at 12:00 Noon.

Monday, February 20: Parish Office Closed. No RCIA, No CIC and No Religious Education.

Wednesday, February 22:

Ash Wednesday...

6:30 a.m. English Mass

8:30 a.m. English Mass

12:10 Spanish Mass

3:00 p.m. English Liturgy of the Word

5:00 p.m. Spanish Liturgy of the Word

6:30 p.m. English Mass

8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Monday, February 27: Rite of Election at Saint Joseph Cathedral in San Jose at 7:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2012**

Job 7:1-4,6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

JANUARY 22, 2012

Weekly Goal \$ 20,000

Actual \$ 17,252

Ethnic Minorities \$ 3,158

*Thank you for sharing God's gifts,
just as God has shared them with You!*



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 2 de febrero se celebrará la Candelaria. En este día se conmemora la purificación de María, cuarenta días después de que dio a luz a Jesús. Candelaria viene del verbo latín candere (brillar), de allí la palabra candela, o sea, veladora. La celebración de la Purificación de María y la Presentación del Niño Jesús en el templo se conmemora con la bendición de todas las velas y veladoras que se van a usar durante el año. Esto se hace con la esperanza de que nunca venga a faltar la luz, tanto material como espiritual, en las casas de los fieles. Los cristianos, como Simeón en el templo, pueden decir que ellos también han visto la salvación; Jesús la verdadera luz que brilla en brazos de María.

En Puerto Rico tradicionalmente esta fiesta se celebra con la quemazón de los árboles de navidad, basura, palos, cosas viejas, etc. Esta costumbre subraya el deseo de dejar atrás todo lo malo para que llegue lo bueno; es decir terminar con la oscuridad para que brille la luz.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos, Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FALSOS PROFETAS, VERDADEROS PROFETAS

Hoy nos enteramos en Deuteronomio de que las palabras de Dios llenarán la boca de un profeta verdadero, pero un profeta falso, en cierto modo, pone meras palabras mortales en boca de Dios. En el Evangelio según San Marcos, vemos las enseñanzas de Jesús y la curación como obra de un verdadero profeta, uno lleno de la autoridad de la propia voz de Dios, el Santo de Dios.

La historia de nuestra Iglesia está llena de profetas, verdaderos y falsos. Pero en el Evangelio de hoy nos enteramos de que la fama de Jesús se extendió porque enseñaba con autoridad; su autoridad no procedía de que Él fuera popular o famoso. También aprendemos de Él, en sus enfrentamientos en el desierto cuando fue tentado por Satanás, que cualquiera puede citar la Sagrada Escritura, incluso en contra de los propósitos de Dios. Y hoy nos enteramos de que su autoridad no era como la de los escribas, que ocupaban los cargos oficiales de autoridad religiosa en aquella época. Nuestro trabajo consiste en hacer nuestro mejor esfuerzo para discernir los verdaderos profetas que hay en medio de nosotros, y también nosotros mismos ser verdaderos profetas. El salmista nos dice cómo hacerlo: no endurecer nuestro corazón cuando Dios habla. Si de verdad escuchamos a Dios, serán Sus palabras Dios las que llenarán nuestra boca.

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GRUPO DE JÓVENES EN INGLES

Los jóvenes de la edad de High School están cordialmente invitados a participar en este Grupo de Jóvenes los Domingos después de la Misa de las 5:00 p.m.

***Enero 29:** Hacer tamales para llevar al Armory.

***Febrero 5:** No tenemos Grupo de Jóvenes este Domingo.

***Febrero 12:** Fiesta de San Valentín.

***Febrero 19:** Juego de mesa Jeopardy.

***Febrero 26:** Fútbol Soccer en el gimnasio.

Si tienen alguna pregunta por favor de contactarte con Jenny Robledo a jenredm@hotmail.com.

Les damos a todos la más cálida bienvenida y nos alegramos con los que nos visitan y se unen con nosotros en la celebración de la Eucaristía este fin de semana. Si usted es nuevo en esta Comunidad Parroquial, le invitamos a llenar la forma incluida en este boletín y le enviaremos por correo el paquete de membresía.

CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL

Viernes, Febrero 3: Juego de Basketball Padres vs Seminaristas a las 7:00 p.m. en la Universidad de Santa Clara en el Centro Levey.

Sábado, Febrero 4, 2012: Celebración de Aniversario de Bodas en la Catedral en San Jose. Para mas información llame a Sylvia Blanch al 408-983-0128.

Lunes, Febrero 9: Escuela Parroquial en la Iglesia a las 7:00 p.m.

Lunes, Febrero 20: La Oficina Parroquial esta cerrada.

Miércoles, Febrero 22: Miércoles de Ceniza. 6:30 a.m. Misa en Ingles; 8:30 a.m. Misa en Ingles; 12:10 p.m. Misa en Español; 3:00 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra en Ingles; 5:00 p.m. Liturgia de la Palabra en Español; 6:30 p.m. Misa en Ingles; 8:00 p.m. Misa en Español.

LECTURAS PARA LA PRÓXIMA SEMANA

Quinto Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario

Febrero 5, 2012

Job 7:1-4,6-7

Corintios 9:16-19,22-23

Marcos 1:29-39

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 29, 2012

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet this Sunday, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All High School Youth are welcome.

Youth Group Calendar

- Jan 29:** Tamale making (for the armory)
- Feb. 5:** No youth group.
- Feb. 12:** Valentines party.
- Feb. 19:** Jeopardy.
- Feb. 26:** Indoor soccer.
- March 4:** Just Dance off.
- March 11:** Bowling (off site.)
- March 18:** St. Patricks Day Party.
- March 25:** Easter Basket making for St. Joseph families.
- April 1:** Easter Egg coloring.
- April 8:** No youth group (Easter Weekend.)
- April 15:** Indoor spring training/ baseball.
- April 22:** Earth Day Hike (off site.)
- April 29:** Surprise???
- May 6:** Mother's day gift making.
- May 13:** No youth group (mother's day)
- May 19:** Lock in.
- May 20:** low key (finals/end of school.)
- May 27:** low key (finals/end of school/ memorial day weekend.)
- June 9-13:** Diocesan Youth Retreat.
- June 24-30:** Mexico Mission.

Please contact Jenny Robledo at jenredm@hotmail.com for more info..

2012 MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Destination: Tijuana, Mexico
Colonia la Morita
June 24—June 30, 2012
\$525.00 per person
Includes 6 nights, five days, all meals, transportation & an experience of a lifetime!!!!
Fundraising Available!!!

For more info contact: Afonso at 482-2220, Clorete at 482-0554, clorealtmeida@gamil.com or Cat at 427-1546, cattatak@aol.com or check out our website at www.stmarymissiontrip.com.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK / OREMOS POR LOS ENFERMOS

We offer our prayers for the ill from our community.

Please keep them in your prayers.

O Heavenly Father, healer of all, source of all goodness. We thank you for the good health these people enjoyed before. We thank you for bringing comfort and solace to these who now suffer and who desire our prayers:

Ofrecemos nuestras oraciones a los enfermos de nuestra comunidad. Por favor mantengan a estas personas en sus oraciones diarias.

Señor concede a tus hijos tu protección y gracia. Concédeles la salud de cuerpo y mente y un perfecto amor por Ti y por los demás. Y concédeles estar confiados a tu misericordia.

Angela Rocci, Fran Camacho, Steve Frigatti, Jesse Lewis, Alyssa Gonzales, John Culligan, Maria del Refugio de la Cruz, Mary Jimenez, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Fr. Noel Sanvicente, Jenny Velasco, Tom Bundros, Peter Cucker, Lucy Valdez Borba, Adelia Avila, Erline Sousa, Rafael Aldano, Andres Haro, Lily Casados, Analiese Escobar, Jess Torres, Michael Ruiz, Salma Cortez & Tony Lozano.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

An offering to the work of the Parish has been made in memory of, or on behalf of, these persons who are hereby included in the special prayers of our community at our daily Masses this week.

In Memoriam

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(A) Anniversary of Death
(MM) Months Mind (B) Birthday

Mon	30	7:15 am	Berta Barrientos † Federico Castillo †
Tues	31	7:15 am	Petra Calvetti (B) † Eddie Cervantes †
Wed	01	7:15 am	Margie Albaugh †
		12:10 pm	Erlinda Mendoza Sernas (A) † Virgen de Juquila
Thu	02	7:15 am	Candle Mass—No Intentions
Fri	03	7:15 am	Living and Deceased Members of Italian Catholic Federation
		8:30 am	Carmen & Hijinia Carranza † Rosemary Blaettler (A) †
Sat	04	8:30 am	Mary Silva † Gabriel, Almeda & Stanley Filice (A) †

† The Priests of the Parish celebrate Sunday Eucharist for the intentions of all the Parish. Please pray for the ill of the Parish and for the recently deceased Elvira Macias.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 29, 2012

ST. MARY SCHOOL OFFICE: (408) 842-2827

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(408) 847-2652

ST. MARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to celebrate what makes Catholic education distinctive and exceptional. During the week, we focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation. We build community awareness of an involvement in Catholic schools throughout the country. And we honor those who contribute to the success of our schools—students, families, faculty and staff, volunteers, community supporters, and local and national leaders.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is “Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service.” The theme expresses three priorities that make Catholic schools stand out from other educational institutions. Children learn about faith—not just basic Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. They concentrate on academics, which in Catholic schools are held to the highest standards, so they can reach their highest potential. They practice service—giving time, talent and effort to help others—as an expression of both faith and good citizenship. This combined focus on faith, academics and service prepares students for full and meaningful lives.

Celebrate with us here at St. Mary School and throughout our nation as we begin Catholic Schools Week. Welcome, Bishop PJ McGrath who will preside at the 5:00 p.m. Liturgy on Sunday, another important event during this 140th Anniversary year.

Faith. Academics. Service.
Catholic Schools

MURAL DEPICTS ST. MARY PARISH HISTORY

As you drive by the front of Church this weekend, notice the newest addition to the Parish property at the entrance to the gym on First Street. Local artist and St. Mary School Art Program Director Sheryl Cathers has rendered a magnificent artistic depiction of our parish's history in the City of Gilroy timeline. Through a generous donation from the Ron and Donna Pray Fund through the Gilroy Foundation, the school received funding for this depiction in keeping with the beautification and renovation of our downtown. We are so proud of this gift to the City of Gilroy!

ANNUAL FUND GROWS

Thank you to our parish friends, grandparents and friends of St. Mary School who have given 49 gifts to the Annual Fund totaling \$16,255.

8TH GRADE PLANS LITURGY

Since January 3, 2012, students in religion class have been learning about the Roman Catholic Mass, including lessons on the history of the Mass, the four parts to the Mass, and the recent changes to the Roman Missal.

Students have been reading and doing homework from St. Mary's Press' Catholic Connections for Middle Schoolers: The Eucharist. The content is aligned to the Diocese of San Jose's Religion Outcomes.

The culminating project is a completely student organized Mass, with support from 8th Grade Religion Teacher Mr. Chris Miller. The students will be selecting the songs, preparing the readings, creating worship aides, writing petitions, serving as lectors, and Eucharistic ministers

The Mass will be held in the 8th grade classroom on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 10:45-11:30 am. Fr. John Poncini, Vocations Director for the Diocese of San Jose, will be presiding.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

We are more than half way through our Catechetical Year. Children may still register to begin classes, but this will NOT count as the first year. New registrations for next year will begin in June. Please be sure to check you calendars to be sure your children are attending on scheduled class days. Also, please be sure to walk your children to and from class each week for their safety.



Parish School
of Religion

CATECHIST AND AIDE MEETING

There will be a meeting for Catechists and Aides on **Thursday, February 2nd in the Common Room of St. Francis Center at 7:00 p.m.** Catechists will be discussing the Lenten Season Projects. Please call the Religious Education Office to RSVP at 847-2652.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Parents are also reminded that they must sign their children in for Mass Attendance each week in the MASS ATTENDANCE BOOK which is located in the back of the church. Please call the Religious Education Office at 847-2652 if you have questions.



FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

There will be a Parent Meeting for those parents who are celebrating First Eucharist this year with their children on **Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Common Room of St. Francis Center.** All parents are required to attend this meeting to receive information on Chapter 1 in the Eucharist Preparation Book.

THANK YOU!

The beautiful flower arrangements last weekend were donated by the family of Leilani Brawley in her honor. Our condolences and thank you's go out to the family.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 29, 2012

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Year I & II



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Candidates are reminded that they MUST submit their weekly Mass Attendance Slips in the Offertory Baskets when they attend Mass each week with their families. This is part of the commitment process in the preparation for Confirmation. Also, Candidates, be sure to note when your Small Home Group Sessions are scheduled so you will not be marked down as an UNEXCUSED absence. Please call Pete or Barbara in the Religious Education Office if you have questions.

YEAR I will meet for their Large Group Session on **Sunday, February 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the Common Room of St. Francis Center.** Please call Pete if you are not able to attend the Session.

YEAR II will meet on **Sunday, February 12th at 9:30 a.m. in St. Francis Center.** Participation in the Large Group Session is part of the commitment process to the preparation. If you do not attend and do not call Pete you will receive an UNEXCUSED absence.

RCIA (CATECHUMENATE PROCESS)



RCIA
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Our Candidates and Catechumens are in the Catechumenate Phase of the preparation process. Please continue to pray for them as the journey to the Sacraments in the months ahead. The next Rite that will be celebrated with them will be the Rite of Sending and the Rite of Continuing Conversion.

If you are an adult or know of an adult or child who would like receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, we gather on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Please call Barbara in the Religious Education Office at 847-2652 for more information.

FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS NIGHT OUT

One of the great ministries in our community is foster parenting. Like so many areas, the need for foster and adoptive parents is huge in South County and the supply of families is small. Over the years our Parish has sponsored recruitment and training for these big-hearted families. We prayerfully support two hero families: Allen & Kathy Hayes who have adopted 15 children and Joe & Mary Williams who have fostered and adopted a similar number. This Lent we have a chance for a very special service for these parents: a night out without worries. Our trained volunteers will delight the children with an enchanted evening while their hard-working parents enjoy a carefree evening. The date is Saturday, March 10th. Mark your calendars if you are a parent in need of this break OR if you could volunteer for some or all of the time. We will train volunteers on Thursday, February 23rd. Help One Child, an agency that recruits, trains, and supports foster and adoptive families, is our lead agency. This remarkable group sponsors events in churches to raise awareness of fostering and adopting, to give faith communities a chance to help, and to recruit good families from the ranks of the faith communities.

If you know of a foster or adoptive family or if you are interested in volunteering for our event, contact me or contact Help One Child 858 University Ave, Los Altos, CA 94024. Phone them at 650-917-1210. Check out their website at www.helponechild.org.

Rose Barry, Director of Liturgy

FREE TAX SERVICE

Catholic Charities offers free tax help at Serra Cottage on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting Wednesday, February 25th until Wednesday, April 11th.



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ALTAR SERVERS

We are two thirds done training our Saint Mary School Fifth Grade as altar servers. I am very proud of the hard work these students are doing and I look forward to working with them at Mass. If you have completed fourth grade at any school and have received First Holy Communion, you may serve at the altar.

Our next Training Session will be Saturday, February 25th from 3:00 p.m.-4:40 p.m.

Save the date!

WEEKEND LITURGY QUESTIONS ~ 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1. Think of the people who have taught you about faith. What have they done to astonish you?
2. Now think about Jesus. What has Jesus done to surprise you?
3. If Jesus could free you, or the world, of something, what would it be?

CRAB FEED

Sponsored by the Gilroy Knights of Columbus Council 2469

Saturday, February 11, 2012

Crab, Pasta, Salad Garlic, Bread, Wine and Dessert

* 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour

* 7:00 p.m. Dinner

* 8:00 p.m.-12:00 Midnight Music/Dancing



Tickets available at St. Mary Parish Office or you may call Frank

Borge at 842-4357, Stanley Villalobos at 848-9865 or Daniel Villalobos at 466-3114.

Donation: \$40 per person—Tickets will not be sold at the door

Proceeds benefit St. Mary School Scholarships and other charitable activities.

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