PARTNERS IN MISSION IN ECUADOR: A GROWING MINISTRY OF LOVE & HOPE

This year, our St. Mary’s community celebrates its 10th year in partnership with the Working Boys’ Center (WBC) and Damien House in Ecuador. The Working Boys’ Center has been serving poor families in Quito for over 52 years. Its mission is to help families work their way out of poverty through education, health care, and basic services. Each year, the WBC provides hundreds of families with daily meals, medical and dental care, education and vocational training, and faith formation. The Center has served over 8,000 families and helped over 30,000 people leave poverty behind forever.

To support the work of the Working Boys’ Center, St. Mary’s:
- hosts a November Ecuadorian Soup Supper to raise funds and share impact stories
- builds connections through school pen-pal relationships and in-kind donations
- facilitates yearly immersion trips to Ecuador
- invites our community to pray and celebrate our partnership with our friends in Ecuador.

Our connection to the Jesuit and BVM missions in Ecuador continues to grow. To date, over 150 St. Mary’s parishioners and friends have traveled to Ecuador to learn, serve, play, and share in daily life with the hard-working people of the Working Boys’ Center and Damien House. Please consider participating in this life-giving ministry by going on an immersion trip or joining us in prayer, fellowship, or financial support.

Next Sunday, during the Second Collection, we invite you to generously support the life-changing work of these high-impact missions in Ecuador. All monies donated will be used to advance the mission of the WBC and Damien House. Checks should be made out to St. Mary’s.

Thank you for your ongoing generous support of this powerful ministry!

To learn more about it, please see: http://stmaryslg.org/ecuador-partners-in-mission. If you are interested in helping with the annual Ecuadorian Soup Supper or participating in the 2018 Immersion trips, please contact Anne Maloney (ammaloney2001@yahoo.com) or Jill Montanari (jillers@aol.com).
During the summer we go on vacations, go to the beach, visit family and friends and more. Using Online Giving provides an opportunity to continue your regular giving while you are away or just happen to forget your envelope.

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?**

[stmarys1g.org/donate](http://stmarys1g.org/donate)

We have already had a great start on what can be a relatively easy solution.

**ONLINE GIVING. Why Online Giving?** It gives the parish a consistent and predictable revenue stream. This year, we would like to get every family using online giving. It’s easy to do — **Sign Up NOW!**

THANK YOU to those who have already signed up.

If you were receiving envelopes please contact Lisa - llawson@stmarys1g.org to discontinue them. We are only at 25% of our goal for Scheduled Giving users signed up to date!

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**Memory Bricks**

Memory Bricks are a great way to remember a special event, person or loved one in our community. When you purchase a brick your contributions fund our Parish and School buildings & grounds upkeep and improvements. Information and order form can be found on our website at stmarys1g.org/brick-order-form.

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**Second Collection - August 27**

**Ecuador/Working Boys Center**

The WBC serves the working children and their entire families. This characteristic makes this mission a unique agent for social change. The strength of a society depends on the welfare of the whole family. All members of the families of the working children receive the benefits provided by the Family of Families and learn a technical profession. In this way they contribute to the elimination of unemployment, one of the determining factors of poverty. For more information visit [www.c4wf.org](http://www.c4wf.org).

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**Let us know...**

Have you moved? Cancelled your landline phone? Got a new cell phone number? Changed your email address? Forgot to let your parish know about any of these changes?

You can easily update us by giving us a call at 408/354-3726 or send an email to llawson@stmarys1g.org. Thank you!

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**Text Giving is now Available...**

*What does this mean?*

If you have not yet signed up for ConnectNow Online Giving, or even if you have, we are now also providing the ability to text your donation to the Sunday Collection as well as Christmas, Easter and 2nd collections.

Number to text to: 14082605076

1. Text the amount you would like to give to your church's designated number. *(For other than Sunday Collection read tips below.)*
2. If you are a first time text-giving donor, or not signed up for ConnectNow Giving currently, you will be prompted to visit a secure URL.
3. Once you click the registration link, you will enter your credit or debit card information.
4. At this point your donation will process.
5. You will see a confirmation text showing your donation and registration were successful.

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**Important Tips for Text Giving**

- If you only text a monetary value, the funds are attributed to your church’s Sunday Collection. *(Ex: $50 = will go to default fund- Sunday Collection)*
- If you text “Funds” you will receive a reply text including a list of the fund names they can choose to donate to.
- If you text the amount + fund name— the funds will be attributed to that fund name. *(Ex: $10 Building)*
- If the fund name you texted does not match— you will receive a message with a list of fund names for you to choose from. Respond with the number of the correlating fund.
- If you text “Help” you will receive a reply text that states: “To give enter the amount you want to give, such as 100. You can also give to a specific fund by typing it after your amount, such as 100 building fund”.
- If you text “Reset” you will receive a reply text that states: “Saved card information successfully removed. Please register your card information again when making your next gift by texting an amount to this number.”

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**Stewardship**

*is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God’s gifts and shares these gifts of love of God and neighbor.*
So many of the words we hear or read in the scriptures direct our thoughts to the divine. The word divine is transcendent and transformational. Consider the category of the divine and apply it to the common, everyday experiences of life, it might seem something like this—you've been with your family or your friends all day having fun, on the water, on the trail, in the mountains, on the river—you get the idea. Then, at the end of the day, you sit with your friends and family around a dinner table or campfire and discuss the day's events recalling in detail all the moments that made the day so memorable and extraordinary. Normally, you probably would not hear the word divine, rather we might use words like fun, delightful, marvelous, neat—does anyone use neat anymore—cool, or lovely.

These kinds of experiences lead us to be transformed by transcending ourselves. These are the experiences that lead us to believe that we belong to something much bigger than the squabbles and vagaries of life. It is in those moments that you can rise above a limitation. You begin to realize that the divine is real and it truly makes life worth living. Compelling as these experiences can be, the divine always offers us a higher place to see our lives as God see them and to love ourselves as God loves us.

The words we hear in the scriptures are the words of everlasting life. God’s word continues to create in us the promise of re-creation. We need to be patient with ourselves when learning to be watchful of the transcendent in life. Being is all that we know: we did not ask for it but our being allows us to form concepts such as the eternal. We look to the sky and perceive just the smallest part of our galaxy, and yet through astronomical science we can distinguish innumerable galaxies and conceptualize what it means to contract—by force and gravity (dark matter)—and expand—by force of energy (dark energy). We are a part of the expanding and contracting universe, and because we are sentient beings, by our consciousness we are able to identify the characteristics that comprise the universe by the elements, as we perceive them through the nature sciences. Space is still not big enough for the word of everlasting life—that's why God is still creating.

If you have transcendence, you will be transformed until you transcend again and are again transformed. Just as Jesus dies, so he is raised from death to life. This mystery repeats itself, and if we are attentive we may learn it anew every time.

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**Drive Carefully! Schools are beginning this week**

St. Mary School begins this Thursday, August 17th along with the rest of the schools in Los Gatos. Street work continues throughout Los Gatos particularly in the Almond Grove area where we are. Currently Bayview is under construction with Glenridge to follow.

During Construction Tait Avenue will be permit parking only 24 hours/day. The Almond Grove streets will only be available to residents of the area. Once Construction is underway main access to St. Mary’s will be off of Main Street/Lyndon. Tait and Bean Avenue will be other options (as they are available).

The town also encourages residents, property owners, and parishioners & parents of St. Mary’s to visit the Almond Grove Phase 2 project page on the Town’s website at www.LosGatosCA.Gov/AlmondGrovePhase2. You can also use the “Notify Me” icon located on the left side of the project page to sign up and receive notifications each time the project page is updated.

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**Calling ALL St. Mary School Alumni**

We would like to invite you to join us for our inaugural Alumni Weekend during the St. Mary’s Country Fair! This year, we are focusing on bringing alumni together for a weekend of fun and community – reflective of our days on campus. St Mary’s continues to be the same great institution educating students in a close-knit Catholic community. See http://stmarysfair.squarespace.com/alumni-events/ for details!
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Registration material for our 2017-2018 Faith Formation year was emailed out last month. You can also go to our website to register: stmaryslg.org/faith-formation-registration-form for all sessions: Pre-school through High School. Classes begin the week of September 17 Remember that Faith Formation is an on-going and life-long process and children should attend sessions every year to deepen their understanding, knowledge and relationship with Christ.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to deepen your faith and relationship with God and meet with other women to study:

Part 1: Lives of Integrity

The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures — to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats. Today, believers face many of the same trials. This study examines how believers can develop integrity in our modern-day Babylon.

Time and Dates:
Monday evenings: Six Weeks from 7:00-8:30pm
October 23-December 4
Parish Conference Room

Led by Karen McQuade: For Women of All Ages
Please contact Karen McQuade at klmcquade@icloud.com or Terri Trotter at ttrotter@stmaryslg.org if you are interested in signing up.

Calling all High Schoolers!

Join us on Sunday nights 6-7:30pm for WAV, our high school youth group. Mark your calendar for the kick-off event on August 20 at 6:00pm in the gym. Email Ellie at mharris@stmaryslg.org for additional information.

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Join us for our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation Of Adults) journey of faith that meets on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:15pm. During this year-long process we will explore themes of Spirituality, Sacraments, Prayer, The Mass, Social Justice, etc. If interested, please contact Terri - ttrotter@stmaryslg.org

SCRIPTURE STUDY CLASSES

September 7 through November 30

Come join us as we explore this 7-week study of James, First Peter, Jude, Second Peter: the Catholic Letters. These New Testament letters were thought to have had a more universal audience than the Pauline letters, thus the designation "catholic."

Come, join with us as we reflect on God speaking to us through the insights of the apostles.

This session meets every other Thursday morning; from 9:30 to 11 in the St. Mary’s Conference Room. September 7 through November 30. Facilitated by Tony Zadel and Donna Lenahan.

Rummage Sale at St. William Church

St. William Church is having their Annual Rummage Sale August 25 (Friday) & 26 (Saturday) 9:00AM- 3:00PM 611 S. El Monte Avenue Los Altos, CA 94022
PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Michael Massa †
Rita Oram †

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sister Betty Shields
Tom Galetto

We pray for all parishioners who need healing of body, mind and spirit, that Jesus be a source of strength and comfort.

To place a name on this list (for three weeks), contact Pastoral Care, 354-3726 x121. You also are invited to write names in St. Mary’s Book of Petitions and Prayers in front of Mary’s statue in church.

Mass Intentions

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Presentation on Human Trafficking

Human trafficking for labor and sex is not a Global, but also a Local Issue.

What: Can be done to help eradicate this modern day slavery?
How: You can help service agencies working with survivors.
How: You can advocate for change.
How: To enhance St. Mary’s efforts with Ethical Trade Products.

Thursday, August 31, 2017
St. Mary’s Hofmann Center at 7 pm

Members from the Catholic Network to End Human Trafficking:
BVM Sisters Marilyn Wilson and Elizabeth Avalos, and
Nancy Moreno from Santa Teresa Parish will facilitate the evening’s presentation and discussion on Human Trafficking.

www.stmaryslg.org or 408-354-3726 x121 for more information.

Communion to the Infirmed & Hospitalized

Our Share in Parish and Diocesan Ministry

Each Parish in the Diocese is responsible for the pastoral care of those within its parish “boundaries”. Hospitals within the Diocese fall under the direct ministry of the parish in which they are located. Communion for the infirmed is a ministry shared by ministers from the local parishes surrounding St. Mary.

Admission practices at most hospital give you the option to identify yourself as a Roman Catholic. Parish staff members or volunteers often learn about the hospitalization of St. Mary Parishioners because they identify themselves as Roman Catholic. When you or a loved one are hospitalized, you can ask the nursing staff to arrange for a Communion visit and one of the local volunteer Eucharistic Ministers will respond.

In the case of urgent pastoral care 24/7, call the Diocese of San Jose Ministry to the Sick (408) 247-6901, for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Only a priest may celebrate the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Confession. As a St. Mary’s parishioner, please call our Parish Office during the week at (408) 354-3726 or after hours in the case of urgent pastoral care; please call the priest on-duty at St. Mary’s (408) 482-8021.

Care of the sick and dying, and sharing the Eucharist, is an extension of the sacramental life of our parish. Currently St. Mary’s hospital volunteers are Marilyn Dueweke, Adrienne Caselli, , Larrie Courtney, Mary Schlink and Donna Lenahan.

Would you like to be a part of this hospital ministry?
(A commitment of about 2 hours a week, every other week) please contact: Jane Najour (408) 354-3726 x121 or jnajour@stmaryslg.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Society – St. Mary Conference

http://www.stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul
“Help Us Help Others in our Community”

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
FOR ADS
REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2017-2018!

We are accepting applications for all grades, Transitional Kindergarten - 8th Grade. Our Extended Care Program provides after-school supervised care until 6:00pm. Applications and enrollment information is available on the St. Mary School website, www.smslg.org. For more information, call the school office, 408-354-3944.

St. Mary School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in the admission of students, the administration of educational policies, scholarships, loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.

UPCOMING ST. MARY SCHOOL EVENTS

Thurs 8/24- 8:45 am School Mass- Join Us!
Thurs. 8/31- 7 pm Back to School Night
Mon. 9/4- Labor Day Holiday
Wed. 9/6- School Photos

October 6th, 7th and 8th
With the Harvest Market and Country Store Preview on October 5th

Our next meeting is
Wed. Aug 23 in the School Library

Sponsorship Opportunities for the Country Fair are NOW AVAILABLE!

Sponsorships are critical to the success of the fair in raising funds for our school and parish. If you've sponsored at the Country Fair in the past, then you know that your sponsorship also gets your children's picture or your business ad in the Fair Program. Thank you so much for your support!

The Sponsorship form can be downloaded at: http://stmarysfair.squarespace.com/sponsorship/ or from a link on the St. Mary website.

Country Fair Raffle

We are looking for donations for the General Raffle and we hope you can help! Some great ideas for prizes are popular electronics (game consoles, tablets, iwatch, etc), sporting event tickets, an evening out or concert/event tickets. You get the idea! If you want, ask a friend to join you for a combined donation. The goal is to have all items identified by mid August. If you have any questions, contact Kristine Maus at mauskris@gmail.com or fair_chairs@stmaryslg.org. Thank you for your generosity!