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

This year, our St. Mary’s community celebrates its 11th year in partnership with the Working Boys’ Center (WBC) and Damien House in Ecuador. Born of joy, friendship and solidarity, Partners in Mission in Ecuador is a thriving ministry at our parish.

The Working Boys’ Center has been serving poor families in Quito for over 53 years. Its mission is to help families work their way out of poverty through access to health care, education, and basic services. Every year, the WBC provides hundreds of families with daily meals, medical and dental care, education and vocational training, and more. The Center has served over 7,500 families and its programs have helped over 30,000 people leave poverty behind forever.

To support the transformational work of the Working Boys’ Center and Damien House, St. Mary’s:

- hosts a November Ecuadorian Soup Supper to raise funds and share impact stories
- facilitates yearly immersion trips to Ecuador
- invites our community to join in prayer and live in solidarity with our friends in Ecuador

Our connection to the Jesuit and BVM missions in Ecuador grows each year as more parishioners participate in the 10-day immersion trips. To date, over 140 St. Mary’s parishioners and their friends have traveled to Ecuador to learn, serve, play, and share in daily life with the hard-working and faith-filled 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 further 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 love-filled ministry!

To learn more about this ministry, please see: http://stmaryslg.org/ecuador-partners-in-mission. If you are interested in helping with the annual Ecuadorian Soup or participating in the 2019 Spring or Summer Immersion trips, please contact Anne Maloney (ammaloney2001@yahoo.com) or Jill Montanari (jmontanari@stmaryslg.org).
**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.

**TIME FOR VACATION** — if you are new to St. Mary’s, just visiting or forgot your envelopes you can use **Quick Give** on your mobile phone at stmaryslg.org/donate. You can also register if you like and set-up recurring scheduled donations for Sunday and School collections, **ConnectNow Giving** offers one-time giving via the web, using a mobile app (iTunes) (Android) or via text. Most 2nd collection and special collections are also available as one-time gifts.

Need help getting set-up?  
Contact Teri Tucci — tstucci@stmaryslg.org or 408.354.3726 x137

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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.

For more information on Text Giving go to https://stmaryslg.org/text

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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 stmaryslg.org/brick-order-form.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Sometimes the heat of summer translates into unrest in a city’s streets. In the summer of 1834, popular sentiment against the presence of the Ursuline nuns near Boston reached a boiling point. An influx of Irish laborers had an impact on the work force in the city, and a deep-seated resentment against Catholics fueled the fire. The nuns supported themselves with a school, and most of the young women students were drawn from patrician Protestant families. Nevertheless, rumors fed by the saga of an unhappy junior sister and a later episode of a senior sister fleeing the place increased tensions. The city’s selectmen were given a tour by the disgruntled sister, who by then had returned, and found all things in good order. That didn’t please the mob, and the mother superior didn’t help matters when she said that the bishop had platoons of Irishmen at hand, twenty thousand strong, to do marauders harm. By August 11, the convent had been invaded, ransacked, and burned to the ground. The nuns fled to Maine and Canada. The diocese attempted to recover losses, but the commonwealth offered only ten thousand dollars, which was rejected. Years later, a legislative bill for the state to rebuild the convent and school was roundly defeated. Yet the enterprise of Catholic education had great resilience, and in 1946, more than a hundred years after the riots, the Ursulines returned to Boston to re-establish an academy that endures to the present day.

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**Donor Advised Fund Match**

Your “charitable checking account”

**How the Match Works**

Open a Donor Advised Fund with a minimum of $10,000

Your parish receives a one-time $500 unrestricted grant & Your fund receives a 5% match up to $5,000

For more information, visit http://cfoscc.org/DAF-Match/

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**Aug. 26 & 27 Weekend 2nd Collection**

Center for Working Families in Ecuador
The Catholic Diocese of Parassala was established in August 2017 and is the newest diocese in the Church. It lies at the southernmost part of India. The area of the diocese is one of the most backward in the whole of South India – economically, socially and educationally. The main source of income for most people is the daily labor which is not regularly and easily available. Though the children and youth in this region are intellectually gifted, they lack sufficient opportunities for primary and higher education. Hence one of the major pastoral projects of the diocese is education. Staying within our limitations as a new diocese, we are trying our best to provide educational opportunities to our children.

The diocese of Parassala is purely a mission diocese, in the sense that all the faithful of the diocese embraced the Catholic faith in the past couple of decades from other religions as the result of the effective work of evangelization by many committed priests, sisters and lay faithful. The region is still very fertile for the work of evangelization. Most of our Faithful came from the lower castes of the Hindu religion, which forms almost 82% of the Indian population. As per the Indian legal system, these lower caste people, when they are Hindus, receive many reservations and benefits from the Government. But as they become Christians, they lose them. Though we have been fighting a legal battle against this injustice, we have not been successful so far. So it is the responsibility of the Church to do all that is required to promote these people and to bring them to the mainstream of the society.

The diocese of Parassala has presently 103 parishes/mission stations and only 27 incardinated priests. We have not been able to concentrate on the promotion of vocations in this area as we had many other pressing missionary needs before us. In this part of the State, priests still function as the main agents of social change. Therefore, one of the most urgent needs of the diocese is to promote vocations to priesthood and religious life which will in turn contribute to the overall development of the region. Moreover, this region provides great scope for the promotion of vocations. If proper attention is given to this field, we are sure, the diocese of Parassala will be able to provide priests and religious to other needy dioceses in the future. By the grace of God, we do not run short of candidates to priesthood, but due to the lack of resources we are not able to accommodate all the applicants. The diocese has to meet all their expenses during their formation, as their families are not in a position to do it. We just started the first batch of seminary students and fortunately, we have 16 candidates this year. The return of the mission preaching is envisaged to be used for supporting the seminary formation of our candidates for priesthood. Your generous support it deeply appreciated.

Most Rev. Thomas Mar Eusebius

Veterans Foundation of Los Gatos
The Veterans Memorial and Support Foundation of Los Gatos are currently in the process of raising funds to build a World Class Memorial in Los Gatos to honor those who have served their Country to deliver the Freedom that we all enjoy. This Memorial will be constructed at the Civic Center and is scheduled for completion and dedication on November 10, 2018.

We urge you to attend this momentous occasion as we honor all of those Veterans who gave so much. If you know a Veteran or have a Veteran in your family, this is a wonderful opportunity to honor them.

We are offering you the opportunity to be a Major Donor to this cause or to consider purchasing a Paver to show your support. Please visit www.honoraVet.org for a view of this Memorial designed by acclaimed artist Frank Morris and being built by Devcon Construction.

For more information contact John Lochner at (408) 888-6951 or papaloc@gmail.com

Drive Carefully!
Schools are back in Session
ROAD CONSTRUCTION AHEAD

The intersections of TAITE/BEAN Avenues and NICHOLSON/MASSOL Avenues are open. MASSOL AVENUE between Bachman and Los Gatos/Saratoga Road will remain a one lane one way northbound roadway until all work on the east side of Massol can be completed.

The removal of the east side of Massol Avenue between Almendra and Los Gatos/Saratoga Road is anticipated to begin on or about August 17th and the roadway is anticipated to be repaved and reopened by mid-September. Please note that turns from Los Gatos/Saratoga Road onto Massol Avenue will be prohibited until the roadway reconstruction process has been completed.

WILDER AVENUE will remain one lane, one way northbound only until the completion of all work on Wilder. For the safety of all, please obey all traffic control signs and travel northbound only on Wilder Avenue.

Play Volleyball.
Make New Friends.
Build Community.
This may be the best friend-making Parish/School activity you’ve never heard of: St. Mary’s Co-ed Adult, non-competitive, fun Volleyball League Tuesday nights starting in early September. Our established teams invite new players of any (or no) skill level. We have fun, get some exercise, and build the St. Mary’s community.

You’ll love it!
Open to all St. Mary Parishioners and School Parents.
Please email kendickens@2080nonprofits.org if you are interested.
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES IS NOW OPEN

For information and to register for Faith Formation classes for all ages go to our website at: stmaryslg.org/faith-formation. For more information contact Terri Trotter at ttrotter@stmaryslg.org.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR OUR PLAYWAYS PROGRAM!
Come Make a Difference in the lives of our young children with your time and talent!

Our PLAYWAYS pre-school and kindergarten program that meets in Howley Hall on Sundays during the 9:00 AM mass, is in need of Catechists for the coming year beginning September 2018. Young adults, parents, grandparents, retired teachers please consider volunteering your time as a Catechist. A Teaching Guide will be provided to assist you with the weekly lesson.

We are also looking for volunteers with a talent for music to lead our children in song. You may volunteer every Sunday, every other Sunday, or just one Sunday a month.

Please contact Playways Coordinator Whilma D’Souza at playways@stmaryslg.org or whilmadsouza@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Get Confirmed in 2019!
Join Youth Group & Confirmation Prep for the 2018-2019 school year. We meet Sundays 6-7:30pm beginning in September. Join the parent/student meeting on September 16 at 6pm. Register on the parish website. Contact Ellie Busmire for questions ebusmire@stmaryslg.org

FR. TOM REESE, SJ
Senior Analyst with RNS (Religious News Service), former columnist with the National Catholic Reporter, and Former Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

“Threats to Religious Freedom Around the World”
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
Hofmann Center
7 pm — 8:30 pm
Ombudsman Orientation at Catholic Charities

“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

It’s not too late to become a Long Term Care Ombudsman with Catholic Charities. An Ombudsman is a trained and state-certified individual who investigates complaints and resolves problems for residents of long term care facilities. The Ombudsman visits nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Successful completion of training and certification by the State of California is required. Orientation is Tuesday, August 28, 2018 from 10:00 am to Noon. Training dates are listed on the Catholic Charities website www.catholiccharitiessccc.org click on the VOLUNTEER banner and then go to Volunteer Opportunities. To learn more about becoming an Ombudsman, contact: Wanda Hale at 408-944-0567 or email whale@catholiccharitiessccc.org.

St. Mary Pastoral Care—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 hospitals 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.

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

St. Mary’s Choir Needs You!!!!

It’s the best time of year to join the St. Mary’s choir! We start back the week after Labor Day. Don’t read music but love to sing? You’re in luck! Approximately half of our membership are not music readers… they just love to sing and are willing to put the time in to learn the songs with CD recordings made of their parts! We are a loving, strong, kind community. We would love to have you join us. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00, September through May. We are off for the summer. Every fall we kick off our new season by having a retreat and practicing new music (and eating a lot!!!!). This year our first rehearsal is on Wednesday, Sept. 5 in the church and our retreat is Saturday, September 8 from 9:00 a.m. – 3 in Hofmann Center. Won’t you consider getting back in touch with your inner musician and joining us in praise and worship at the 11:15 service every Sunday? Questions? E-mail Corliss Greene, Director of Music, at cgreene@stmaryslg.org. I’ll be thrilled to talk to you!
FOR ADS
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Rolling Admissions for 2018-2019

St. Mary School will continue to accept applications over the next month. The enrollment process can be found on our website: www.smslg.org
Feel free to call the school office at 408-354-3944 with any questions.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 23 - 9a - School Mass
Aug. 23 - 6p - Country Fair meeting
Aug. 28 - 7p - Back to School Night
Sept. 3 - Labor Day Holiday

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATION
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If it is an emergency and you need to reach a priest call 408.482.8021

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MASS TIMES
Daily: Mon - Sat 7:30 am  Saturday (Vigil): 5 pm  Sunday: 7:30, 9 & 11:15 am and 5 pm
Reconciliation: 3:30 pm on Saturdays  Rosary prayed after 7:30am daily mass

Our Next Meeting is Thursday August 23 6pm in Hofmann Center

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/

Questions? Contact Nicole Lamano at niclamano@gmail.com or our Sponsorship Chairs at cfsponsorships@stmaryslg.org

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 the end of August. If you have any questions, contact fair_chairs@stmaryslg.org. Thank you for your generosity!