THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
St MARY the VIRGIN

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m., Sunday, November 8, 2026

Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.



St. Mary's 9:00 a.m. Service
Sunday, November 1, 2026

If this is your first time here, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in the pews and on the Welcome Table in the courtyard.

The Word of God

Prelude
Fantasia super 'Jesu, meine Freude,' BWV 713 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn At The Procession Hymnal, #61
Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us
The people stand.

Opening Acclamation
Blessed be God of all creation.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect Of The Season
God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Said by all

Creator God, maker of marvels, you created the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gifts to us may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Stewardship
The following is said by all.
Gracious God, you call us to live our lives rooted in Christ: Grant us hearts so grounded in your joy and growing in your grace that we may abound in thanksgiving, offering our lives and gifts generously to your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-20

The people are seated.

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Choir Anthem

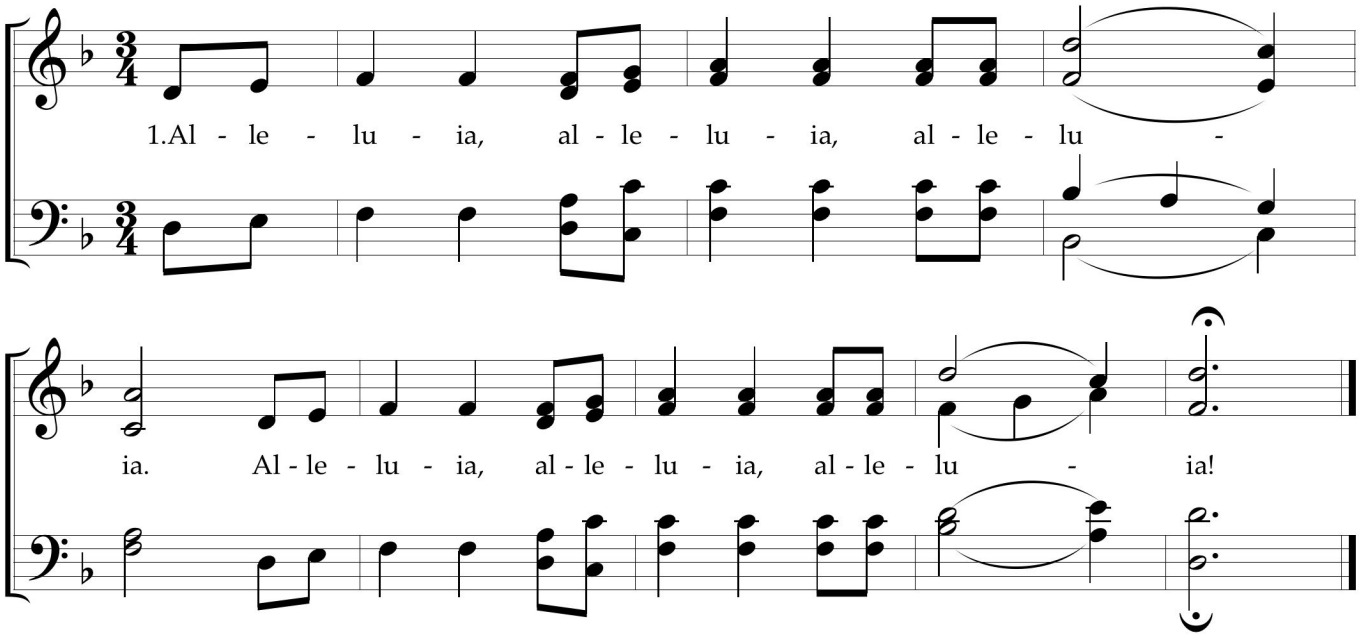
Song for Beginnings Kevin R. Riehle

Sung by St. Mary's Children's Choir

Come my children, I will teach you of the goodness of the Lord. God, your guardian, never sleeping, never slumb'ring, gives the Word: "I will keep you, I will keep you as the apple of my eye. I will keep you, I will keep you as the apple of my eye." From your birth you were protected by the watermark of grace; God is here from life's beginning speaking love into this place. "I will hide you, I will hide you in the shadow of my wings. I will hide you, I will hide you in the shadow of my wings."

Gospel Acclamation

The people stand.



Music: Alleluia 7, Taize

Repeat as necessary.

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Repeat Gospel Acclamation as needed.

Children's Homily Whitney Gough

The people are seated.

Children's Offertory

The Children's Offertory collection supports the Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA), a NPO that strives for human rights and the welfare of children in the Middle East.

Doxology

Sung to the tune Old 100th, standing.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all people here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Affirmation Of Faith

Saying together.

We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty, who blesses our journey.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled.
and who ate and laughed, wept and celebrated with them in love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who rides on the gentle breeze, who strengthens our bindings, and who offers hope eternal.
We believe in the church,
which stands open to all travelers,
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People
Gracious God, who delights in laughter and joy, we offer you our prayers with gratitude for all that we are and all that we have.

We pray for your Church, its leaders, prophets, and visionaries, that faith may grow and awaken us to your glory. You have assured us, "Be not afraid."
We place our trust in you.

We pray for the nations of the earth, for those in authority, and for all who work for peace. We pray especially for people living in places of conflict, who endure violence, sorrow, and fear. You have assured us, "Be not afraid."
We place our trust in you.

We pray for those who harm others through hatred, terrorism, and destruction. May we resist evil and answer violence with love, justice, and peace. You have assured us, "Be not afraid."
We place our trust in you.

We pray for the persecuted, the lonely, the sick, and all who carry heavy burdens. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially (N.), and for those we name now. You have assured us, "Be not afraid."
We place our trust in you.

We pray for our beloved community. May we share generously, care for our neighbors, and continue to become a house for all people. You have assured us, "Be not afraid."
We place our trust in you.

We pray for ourselves, that your mercy may guard us through the perils of spooky nights. Give us courage to face the shadows within us, shed our false disguises, and welcome the light of your presence. You have assured us, "Be not afraid."
We place our trust in you.

We give thanks for the treats and joys of our lives, for laughter, and for the gift of community that brightens even the darkest nights. You have assured us, "Be not afraid."
We place our trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with the following collect

O God, our holy Protector, you invite us to come to you without fear or disguise. Though we walk in darkness, you never abandon us. Transform us by your light, and help us remain faithful to one another as you are ever faithful to us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who broods over the earth. *Amen.*

The Peace
The people stand.

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Ministers and the People may greet one another with a sign of peace.

Greetings and Announcements
The people are seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence
A gift is something we give; it is also something we are. It is time to give gifts of love, gifts of bread, gifts of money.

Offertory Anthem
Keep Your Lamps African American Spiritual, arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)
Sung by St. Mary's Youth Choir

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
The time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary,
Children don't get weary,
Children don't get weary,
For your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh.

Hymn At The Presentation Hymnal, #324
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Verse 1 only.
The people stand.

All children are invited up to be present at the altar during the Eucharistic prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving
The people stand.

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

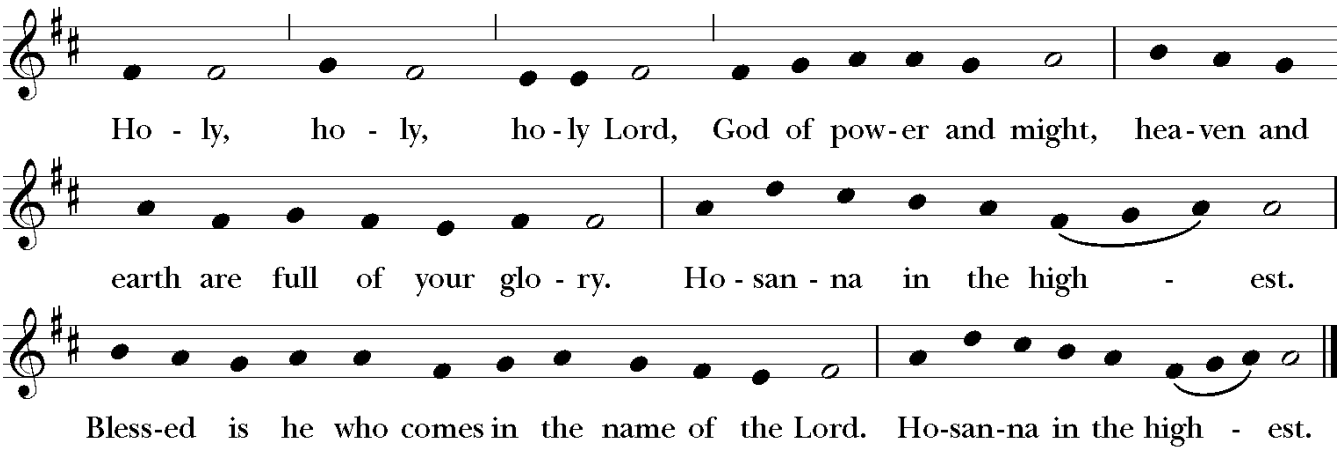
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Celebrant and People



The People stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

The Lord's Prayer

Now, let's say together the prayer that Jesus taught us.

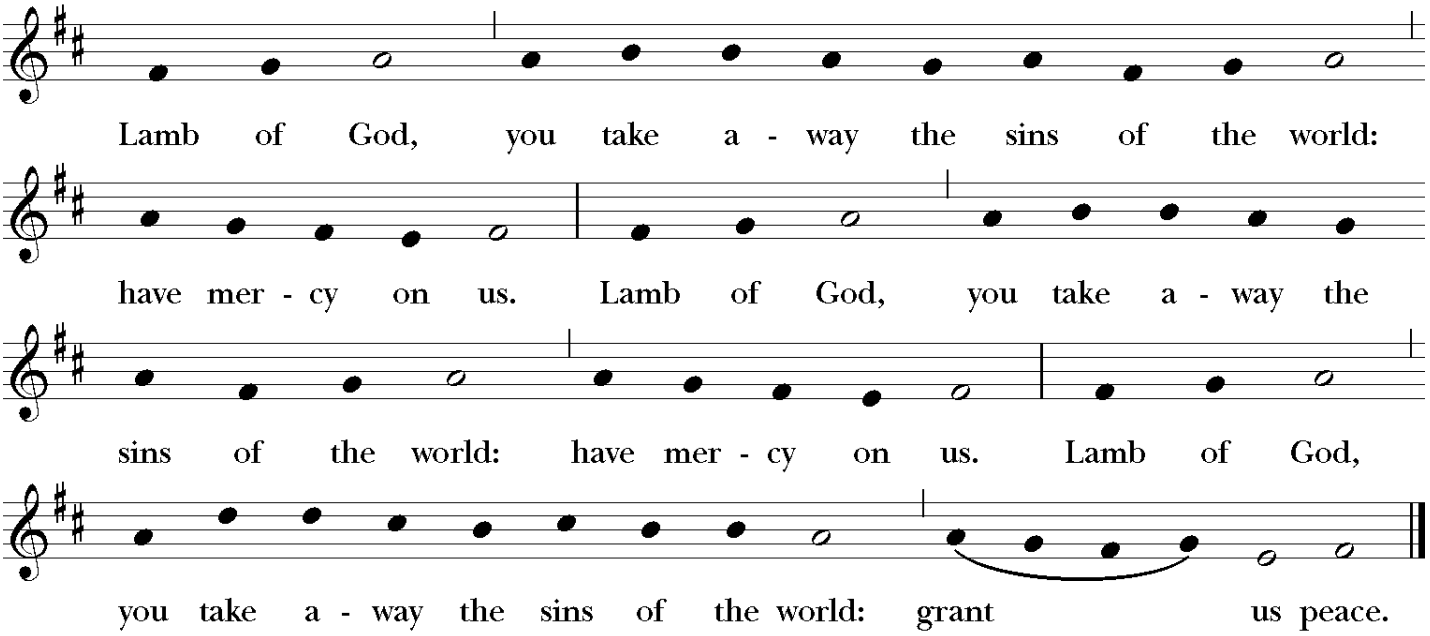
Said by all

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei



The Invitation

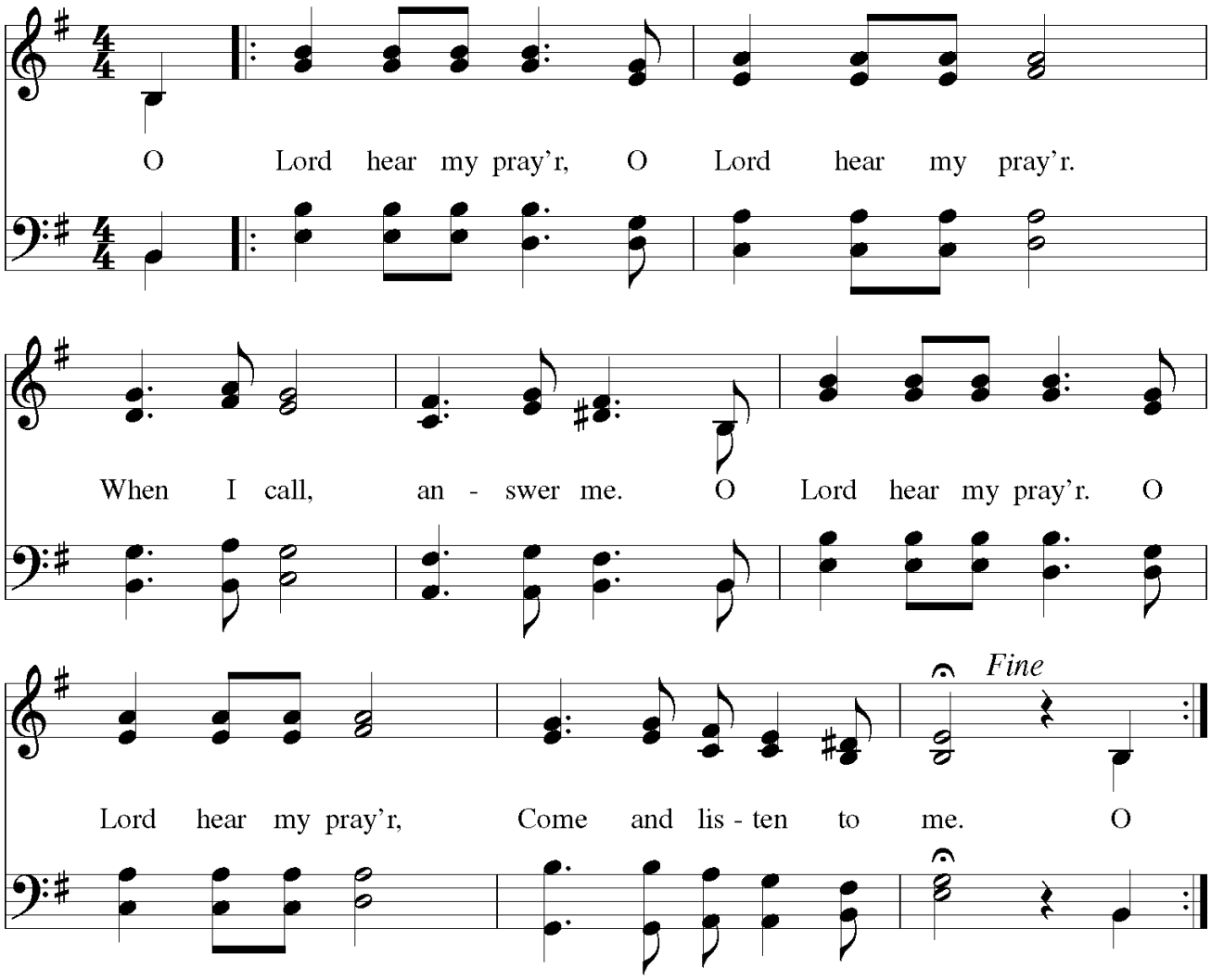
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Holy Communion

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please simply cross your arms over your chest.

The people are seated.

Communion Chant



Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

said by all, standing

God, we thank you for feeding us with this spiritual food and for your promise that we are always your children. Now send us out to spread your love in the world. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn Hymnal, #492
Sing, Ye faithful, Sing with Gladness
Verses 1-3 before the homily; verse 4 after

All children Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to process out with the Children's and Youth Choirs and attend Sunday School.

Sermon The Rev. David Erickson
The people are seated.

Dismissal
Let us bless the Lord and all creation.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude
Es ist gewißlich an der Zeit Bach
The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

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Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests November 8, 2026

Thank you for wrapping your prayer with ours today. We welcome all that seek the Holy. St. Mary's prays, celebrates, and serves our community and our neighbors as we strive to live as the body of Christ in the world. Check out the announcements at the back of the service bulletin for more ways to connect with us or email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you. We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

Christian Education

T-K - 1st grade Classroom

Our T-K - 1st grade classroom uses Godly Play, which focuses on making meaning through story, wonder, and play. This Sunday, we will be exploring the story of The Ark and the Temple (1 Kings 5–8; 2 Chronicles 2−8). Look out for a parent handout explaining the lesson that children can take home. Please pick up your child from the preschool room at 10:30 AM.

2nd-5th grade Classroom

This year, our 2nd-5th grade classroom will be using a lectionary-based curriculum, which invites children to dive deeper into the lectionary's scripture readings. This Sunday, they will be exploring Psalm 78:1–7. Children will be dismissed from the 3rd floor of the Pixley House and brought to the courtyard at 10:30 AM.

No Sunday School next week due to Celebration Sunday (services at 8 AM and 10 AM). School will return Sunday, November 29th!

Scouts Read Sacred Texts

Today, Sunday, November 8

On Sunday November 8th, St. Mary's will join Scouts BSA in an initiative called "Scouts Read Sacred Texts Worldwide," encouraging young people of all faiths (scouts OR non-scouts!) to explore the sacred writings of their own traditions. St. Mary's will join more than 15,000 youth worldwide as the scouts in our community read lessons and lead prayers in worship, while our Sunday School children explore Scripture together—deepening their faith, asking questions, and discovering how God's word speaks to their lives. We also invite all those who are past and present Scouts of any kind to join us in uniform as we celebrate the Scouts in our community!

Adult Forum:

How to Talk to Kids About God

Today, Sunday, November 8

How do we help children develop a faith that grows with them? Join Rev'd Kira for an Adult Forum at 10 a.m. in the Great Room inspired by Meredith Anne Miller's book *Woven: Nurturing Your Child's Faith from Birth to Young Adulthood*. We'll explore practical, age-appropriate ways to talk with children about God, nurture their spiritual

curiosity, and weave faith into the everyday moments of family life. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, godparent, Sunday School teacher, or simply someone who cares about the faith of the next generation, all are welcome!

Young Professionals Coffee Meetup
Today, Sunday, November 8

Join us for coffee and conversation on Sunday, November 8! We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. at Cheminé (3030 Fillmore St) for a relaxed chance to connect with other St. Mary's folks in their 20s and 30s. If you're coming to the 8:00 a.m. service, we'll walk over together afterward. Come as you are, grab a coffee, and get to know one another!

Rooted in Joy, Growing in Grace
St. Mary's 2027 Annual Fund Appeal

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Colossians 2:6–7

St. Mary's is a vibrant community where being rooted in joy and growing in grace happens each and every day. We experience it in uplifting worship, in genuine fellowship that deepens our connections, and in ministries that bring Christ's healing and compassionate love to San Francisco and the wider world. Our parish continues to flourish as a living testament to what God can do when we abide in faith and abound in gratitude. This shared life and vital ministry are sustained through our communal financial generosity, especially through the commitment of an annual pledge. A pledge is far more than a financial gift; it is a tangible spiritual practice, an act of faith, and an expression of thanksgiving for God's steady presence in our lives.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge to St. Mary's for 2027.

To find out more about pledging, and/or to make a pledge online please visit: https://smvsf.org/pages/pledge

Current Pledge Units: 61
Current Pledge Dollars: $498,390

Pledge Goal: $950,000

Celebration Sunday
Sunday, November 15
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Services
11:15 a.m. Parish Wide Luncheon

Join us on November 15th for Celebration Sunday! This is the morning that we celebrate all the tremendous support the people of St. Mary's give through their annual pledges and financial gifts. We will have an 8:00 a.m. service, a 10:00 a.m. service, and a parish wide lunch at 11:15 a.m. Come for worship, stay for lunch, and get to know the many, many, wonderful people who call and make St. Mary's their faith home. If you have made your pledge, thank you! If you haven't yet, we invite you to be a part of the Abundance at St. Mary's through your financial support. If you have any questions, you may contact Rev. David at david@smvsf.org.

Sunday Service Livestream
Moving to Youtube
Sunday, November 15

Starting Sunday, November 15, we are moving our Sunday morning livestreams from Facebook to YouTube. You can watch the services live directly on our website or by visiting our church's YouTube channel (youtube.com/@st.marythevirginsanfrancis341). Be sure to bookmark our page or subscribe on YouTube so you don't miss a service!

St. Mary's Awarded Lilly Endowment Grant for Sabbatical

St. Mary's has received a grant through the National Clergy Renewal Program to support a 12-week sabbatical, April 2–June 28, 2027 for Rev'd Kira.

This sabbatical will be a time for rest, prayer, and renewal after 15 years of ordained ministry, including several years of ministry at St. Mary's. Her plans include time in the high desert of northeastern Nevada, followed by travel to historic Christian communities in Scotland, France, and Italy. Through contemplative prayer, pilgrimage, time outdoors, and immersion in the arts and culture of these places, Rev'd Kira hopes to deepen her spiritual life and return to St. Mary's refreshed and renewed for the ministry we share.

The National Clergy Renewal Program, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and administered by Christian Theological Seminary, provides congregations with the opportunity to support their pastors through an extended period of Sabbath rest and renewal. Rev'd Kira is deeply grateful to St. Mary's for making this time possible and to the Lilly Endowment for its generous support.

Nominations Sought for
The 2027 Vestry!

The Vestry is the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a California religious corporation. This team exercises corporate and budgetary authority. The Vestry coordinates and oversees a wide range of ministries, programs, and events at St. Mary's through vestry ministry teams that oversee planning and implementation.
Each nominee will be asked to agree to the following criteria:

- To have a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a desire to carry out His ministry in our community.
- To be open to guidance by the Holy Spirit and be willing to use one's spiritual gifts for ministry.
- To be a communicant in good standing of the Episcopal Church and regular in prayer and worship as defined by the St. Mary's by-laws.
- To be active in the life of the parish and willing to assume leadership positions, including active participation on one Vestry Ministry Team.
- To be a pledging member of record whose pledge gives serious indication that St. Mary's is a top personal priority.
- To commit to attending Vestry meetings, including the annual Vestry retreat.

Dates for regular meetings are mutually selected by the new vestry following the Annual meeting at the beginning of February. The meetings are typically the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. On occasion the meeting is moved to the 3rd Wednesday because of holiday conflicts. It is highly encouraged to attend meetings in person, and a zoom option is available. There will be a vestry orientation in February and a day long vestry retreat in early March. It is recommended that nominees have experience on at least one parish committee or Ministry Team and have demonstrated leadership skills.

If you would like to submit yourself, or someone else, for vestry consideration, please email the vestry at vestry@smvsf.org.

Youth Group Update!

Youth group is meeting in the Great Room on Sunday, November 8 from 5:30-7:30. All 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us for games, friends, food, and discussion. See you there!

St. Mary's Holy Land Pilgrimage
April 19-29, 2026

Visiting the Holy Land is an exciting and formative experience for Christians. It allows scripture to come alive and invites an unparalleled opportunity of understanding of the Hebrew Scriptures and Christ's time on Earth.
Rev. David Erickson will be leading a St. Mary's pilgrimage to the Holy Land April 19-29, 2027.
Information about the pilgrimage may be found on our website at smvsf.org
For questions or to make a deposit, please email Rev. David at david@smvsf.org.

Fourth Sunday Fellowship:
After the 11 a.m. Service

We're making the fourth Sunday of each month a special opportunity for fellowship after the 11:00 a.m. service. We'll have some extra treats and snacks to enjoy together as we linger, visit, and welcome one another.

Would you like to contribute on November 22? We'd love to have you bring a favorite baked good, fruit, or savory snack to share. To sign up or learn more, please contact Gloria Galindo at gloria.gtgg@gmail.com.

Ongoing Weekly Offerings
***Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel**

Please join us Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the room above the fountain in Fowler Hall for a time to breathe, center yourself, and feel God's presence while silently being one in community. For those unfamiliar with Centering Prayer, our time will include a Breathing Meditation, 15-20 minutes of silent prayer, followed by an opportunity for prayer requests and thanksgivings, and close with the Lord's Prayer. Those who wish may remain for a time of sharing. Please feel free to contact Debbie Veatch at veatchdl@gmail.com or 415-244-3515 with any questions.

NEW LOCATION

Listening to Scripture, Sundays 10 a.m. in the Library

What if Bible Study wasn't about finding the right answers but learning to listen? Join us Sunday mornings for a prayerful, contemplative approach to the Bible—less like a class and more like a conversation with the text, with God, and with one another.

Together we read, wonder, ask questions, and make space for ancient stories to speak into our lives today. You don't need to know the Bible, prepare ahead of time, or have the "right" answers. Just come as you are, bring your curiosity, and see what you discover. Teens and Adults Welcome.

Email David Hargis
— davidhargis@gmail.com — for more.

We Pray For…

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Betty
Ramiro Calderon
Cassie
Jane & Pete
Jaime & Dom
Tom Clothier
Ken Kirkland
Cliff Wolf
Andy Hall & Family
Samrawi Teweldibirhan
The Bean Hannigan Family
Gary Glover
John, Deborah & James Rapore

RECENTLY DECEASED

Eva Smith
Judith Goff
Dolores Huerta
Dixie Grossman
Nidia Grenot

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Please remember these individuals who have ongoing concerns in your personal prayers this week.

The Community at the Heritage & St. Francis
Dani May
Francis Kalani
Rev. Amelie Wilmer
Sandy Briggs
Matt Sowick
Peter Heaney
David Schade
Pam Bledsoe

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