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SMC Launches President's Emergency Fund

Saint Mary's has launched the President’s Emergency Fund to assist SMC students in need. Enrolled SMC students who, as a byproduct of protective measures against COVID-19, are challenged financially, have limited access to resources to support distance learning, and are facing other hardships are eligible to apply for emergency assistance. Those who want to help more Gaels in need are asked to please contribute by making a gift to the President's Emergency Fund today. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.
Gaels Are Stronger as One!

In this time of uncertainty, Gaels rise. We will be back in the classroom learning together. We will be back cheering loudly soon. We are resilient, we are Gaels! Check out our video!

Health & Wellness & CAPS Updates for Students

A Health & Wellness Center update notes the center is not aware of any confirmed COVID-19 cases at SMC and provides guidance on protocols should a student on campus test positive or be exposed to the virus. Read More

Starting April 13, CAPS will offer daily on-line discussion groups for students. Topics include Guided Meditation, Managing Family Dynamics and School During COVID, and Loss, Fear, and Isolation for students who've lost loved ones to COVID. Visit CAPS' Website

New Update From HR Provides Guidance

A recent update from Chief Human Resources Officer Laurie Panian provides guidance about staff compensation and time reporting for April 8–May 1, info on Holy Thursday and Easter Holiday Time, what to do if you become sick or need to care for a family member, social distancing protocols, EAP resources, training opportunities, and staff awards. Read More

Engage With Our Museum of Art From Home

In response to the shelter in place, the museum staff has been creating avenues to enable the community to interact with the
museum from home. Visit the exhibition *Feminizing Permanence*, featuring 40 historical artworks by 40 women, from home! Also, learn about Mary Elizabeth Parsons’ wildflowers of California, and enjoy coloring pages aligned with her book. Learn More

### SMC Plans Virtual Earth Month Celebration

Although we’re not able to celebrate our De La Salle heritage days in collaboration with the planned Earth Week celebration, we’re excited to announce that Earth Month is going digital with a new theme—Cultivating a Community of Care. For the next month, a dozen student leaders will take over Sustainability’s web pages and social media accounts. Check out our [website](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=038ea28ed9&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1663265075054786853%7Cmsg-f%3A1663265075054...3) for links, resources, and details. And look for our [Flip Grid](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=038ea28ed9&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1663265075054786853%7Cmsg-f%3A1663265075054...3) site, where you can see how your fellow Gaels are living sustainably while sheltering in place. We welcome you to post your own video. Read More

### Gael Pantry Introduces #FoodPantryFridays

During this uncertain time, we want to ignite our community with something fun, interactive, and creative to look forward to each week. We are announcing Gael Pantry’s #FoodPantryFriday. Every Friday, you can look forward to a video and/or a recipe from a member of our SMC community. Or make your own video! Read More and Watch Video

### University Credit Union Benefits SMC Community
University Credit Union is proud to partner with Saint Mary’s College. During these unprecedented times, UCU is committed to serving and assisting our partner university communities by giving them a financial edge.

Visit us online or call 800.UCU.4510 to learn about the benefits of membership, and how UCU can be of assistance.

### Women’s Panel Celebrates Women’s Right to Vote

In honor of Women’s History Month in March and the marking of 100 years of women’s suffrage, the Women’s and Gender Studies Program hosted “Looking Back, Moving Forward: Women in Politics,” a panel discussion with women leaders involved in local politics. Members of the Saint Mary’s community joined in Claeys Lounge on March 9 and filled the room with energy reminiscent of suffragists who fought for women’s right to vote 100 years ago. Read More

### View - Holy Week: The Way of the Cross

As this week we complete our Lenten journey with Holy Week, the MMC Liturgy Program is providing a video reflection of the Way of the Cross, inviting
all members of the SMC Community to observe these special holy days in our Christian tradition.

The Way of the Cross (also known as the Stations of the Cross) is a traditional Catholic prayer form that invites people to reflect upon the Passion of Jesus Christ via fourteen specific episodes said to have been a part of his Crucifixion. While some of these have their origin in the four Gospels, others come from what has traditionally been considered to have been a part of Jesus’ journey to Golgotha (Calvary).

This video reflection is offered to you as a mini-retreat for your personal use, and it includes three reflection questions on each of the Fourteen Stations. You are welcome to pause this video wherever you need, to sit with one of the questions or art images, or just because you want to take your time or split it up. This experience need not be done all in one setting. Do as you see fit for your own schedule and reflection needs.

Blessings on your Lent.

Fraternally,

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SMC in the News

- MFA Visiting Writer Marie Mutsuki Mockett Discusses New Book in S.F. Chronicle

This Week on Campus

Events:

- 4/7 - Information Session: MS in Finance (ONLINE)
- 4/7 - SMC EdTech & Faculty Webinar Series
- 4/7 - Information Session: MS in Management & Technology (ONLINE)
- 4/7 - Virtual Program: Life in the Time of VOVID-19 Community Circl...
- 4/8 - Virtual Seminar with Brother Ron
- 4/8 - SDS Virtual Open Office Hours
- 4/9 - Information Session: Professional MBA (ONLINE)
- 4/9 - Information Session: Executive MBA (ONLINE)
- 4/9 - Information Session: Graduate Business (ONLINE)
- 4/9 - Information Session: Global Executive MBA (ONLINE)
- 4/9 - Information Session: MS in Business Analytics (ONLINE)
Events | Student Organizations Activities

Religious Services

- Sunday Mass in the Chapel. View the schedule.

De La Salle Reflection

- For the week of April 6

Go Gaels - Women's Softball

Senior Spotlight: Nikki Alexander and Halle Sullivan

We head to the softball diamond for today's installment of Senior Spotlight and focus on two of the leaders of Saint Mary's team, Nikki Alexander and Halle Sullivan. Alexander has started at second base for Saint Mary's ever since coming onto campus in 2017 while Sullivan was a key contributor off the bench before blossoming into a full-time starter in center field this season. Both Gaels had started all 26 games in their senior season before the remaining contests were canceled. Read More

Do you have a little-known tidbit or story about Saint Mary's? Send it to Campus News. Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God.