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August 2, 2026

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM; 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Confession

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Or by appointment

Adoration

First Fridays

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Fourth Tuesdays

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Infant Mary Chapel

Monday - Saturday

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed for Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 PM



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

PARISH INFO

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Sacrament + Formation Info

Infant Baptism: Baptism Preparation process: 1. Pick up the Baptism Registration Packet from the Parish Office during normal business hours. 2. Turn in completed paperwork to the Parish Office. 3. Attend Baptism Class (parents & godparents). 4. Schedule Baptism.

CFF: Catholic youth are formed through the Catholic Faith Formation program (CFF). Please contact Monica Saldana for info.

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office 6 months prior to desired wedding date to begin marriage preparation.

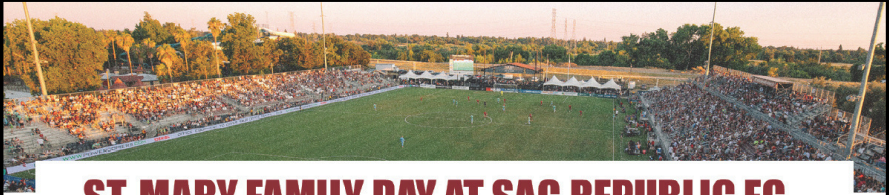
OCIA: Process for adults and children (7+) who are interested in joining the Catholic Church, and baptized Catholics wanting to complete their Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact Michelle Mills at (916) 806-6876.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office

Online Giving



Please consider enrolling in St. Mary's eGiving program and setting up your recurring or one time donation to our general offertory or building fund! Sign up today by scanning the QR code and following the link. We thank you for your faithful generosity to our parish community!



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PARISH NEWS

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This Week at St. Mary Parish

SUNDAY

MONDAY

Prayer Request Group6:30 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

TUESDAY

Stella Maris Prayer & Gospel Reflection....6:30 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal6:00 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

THURSDAY

Choir Rehearsal6:00 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Confession3:30 pm
Location: Church

NEXT SUNDAY

Looking Ahead

Be sure to mark your calendars for these important upcoming parish events and dates!

- August 5: Volunteer Training Event & Dinner
- August 15-30: Saint Mary School Strategic Plan Survey
- August 16th: 94th Annual Parish Festival

This Week's 2nd Collection

This weekend's Second Collection is for our Parish Building & Maintenance Fund. The money donated goes towards repairing and maintaining our aging parish campus. Thank you for your generosity!

Next Week's 2nd Collection

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. To donate online, visit <https://www.scd.org/cla>.

St. Mary Parish School Strategic Plan Initiative: August 2026 Update

As Saint Mary Parish celebrates La Dolce Vita, our 94th Annual Parish Festival in August, we give thanks for the generations of parishioners whose faith, generosity, and commitment have sustained our parish and school for nearly a century. Their legacy inspires us as we prayerfully plan for the future, so that future generations may continue to experience the gift of Catholic education at St. Mary Parish School.

This year, our parish celebrates not only close to one century of history, but also the opportunity to help shape the next century of our school's mission through our Strategic Plan Initiative.

Looking ahead, our parish-wide Strategic Planning Community Survey will launch on August 15, 2026, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's faithful "yes" to God's call reminds us that we are each invited to respond with generosity, trust, and faithfulness in service to our parish community. As members of the Body of Christ, we are each called to share our gifts and our voices in service to our parish community.

The survey invites parishioners to reflect on the future of St. Mary Parish School by sharing their perspectives on Catholic identity, academic excellence, leadership, stewardship, community, and the role our school plays within the life of the parish. Your feedback will help identify shared priorities that will guide the development of our Strategic Plan, and your participation is essential to ensuring the Strategic Plan reflects the shared hopes and priorities of our parish community.

The survey will be available August 15 through August 30, and there are several ways to participate:

- Scan the QR code published in the parish bulletin on the weekends of August 15/16, 22/23, and 29/30.
- Complete a paper survey available in the church pews or at the back of the church on those weekends.
- Visit the Parish Council table during the Parish Festival on August 16, where both paper surveys and QR codes will be available.
- Completed paper surveys may be placed in the collection basket during any mass or dropped off at the parish rectory.

Every response matters.

Whether you are a current school family, an alumnus, a parishioner, or simply someone who cares about the future of Catholic education at St. Mary Parish School, we invite you to partner with us in shaping the next chapter of our shared story.

Thank you for your continued prayers, participation, and support as together we build upon 94 years of faith, prepare for the next century of Catholic education at St. Mary Parish School, and follow Mary's example of faithfully saying "yes" to God's call within our parish community.

NEWS & EVENTS

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Annual Festival Raffle Update:

This weekend and next volunteers will be outside in front of the church with raffle tickets. Grab yours and enter to win! Here are some of the great prizes you can win: \$1,000 Cash; A Traeger Tailgater 20 Wood Pellet Grill, donated by Andy Thielen, Windemere Real Estate; Sports Event/Camping Pkg - wagon, mister, folding loveseat, & cooler for your snacks. Plus Gift Cards from: Mattone, One Speed, the new Bocce, Buckhorn BBQ & Grill, Buddha Bowls & Rolls, Vince's Ristorante, the 2-Me and Stingers. More Prizes being added everyday.

Altar Society Book Drive

The Altar Society Festival booth "Books and Things" is once again returning to the parish hall this year! If you would like to donate books, please bag them up and drop them off in the collection box in the old Baptistry (small room between the vestibule and the bathrooms) the weekends of July 25/26, August 1/2, August 8/9. We can accept youth and adult fiction, non-fiction, historical, classics, biographies, cookbooks, but no coffee table or how to books. Also a big seller, puzzles and board games would be greatly appreciated as well. Any questions or volunteers please contact. Kim Perez.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume next month. The CLoW Ministry is looking for adult and teen volunteers to share the Liturgy of the Word with school-aged parishioners in an engaging and age-appropriate format during the Sunday 9:30 AM Mass. Materials to lead are provided, you'll find this opportunity so fulfilling as you help our youngest parishioners learn about our faith. Fingerprinting and Safe Haven required for adult volunteers. For questions or to volunteer, email clow@stmarysacto.org

Volunteer Training this Week!

St. Mary Parish invites all new and current volunteers including festival volunteers to join us for our Volunteer Sign-Up & Training Event on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Giovanni Hall.

During the evening, volunteers will complete the required training session and update their parish volunteer forms. For your convenience, Capital Live Scan will also be on site to provide fingerprinting services. Dinner will be provided. Please call the Parish Office at 916-452-0296 to sign up.



Chicken Dinner!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH
5:00 PM - 9:30 PM

We invite you to join us for an evening of great food and fellowship to kick off our 94th Annual Parish Festival!

MENU:

- Chicken
- Pasta*
- Salad
- Roll

***Gluten free pasta and vegetarian sauce available.**

PRICING:

- Adult (1/2 portion) - \$35
- Child/Senior (1/4 portion) - \$25
- Family (2 x 1/2 portions and 2 x 1/4 portions) - \$100



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CHICKEN DINNER RAFFLE!
We will also be holding a raffle at the dinner where you can win a variety of prizes! Tickets will be sold the day-of.

If you have questions or need more information, contact:
festival@stmarysacto.org

Catholic FAITH FORMATION



Sign-ups are now open!
Classes are every Wednesday from
6:00pm to 7:00pm starting
September 2, 2026



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Questions? or interested in becoming a Catechist?
Contact Monica Saldana, CFF Coordinator, at cff@stmarysacto.org

St. Mary Parish Bible Study

beginning Tuesday September 1, 2026 from 7-8:30 pm in Giovanni Hall

We will use materials from Augustine Institute and studying "God, The Mystery of the Trinity in the Bible." We will use formed.org videos for this study. The meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. If you are interested please email Lanni Butterworth @ alannab5959@gmail.com

LITURGY & PRAYER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, August 1

5:00 PM Toni Runke (*Monika Lopez*)

Sunday, August 2

8:00 AM For our parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)
9:30 AM John Leyva (*Silvia Leyva*)
11:00 AM Louis McDermott † (*Barbara McDermott*)
5:00 PM Keith Schiele † (*Patricia Schiele*)

Monday, August 3

8:00 AM Bob Hoover † (*Jeanette Hoover*)
Rafael Fregoso Curiel (*The Denigris Family*)

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 AM Mary Katherine Vogeli † (*Sheryl Lanzi*)
Gayle Lolicero (*Bill & Rena Zellars*)

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 AM Mike & Teresa Bautista (*Velma Jacob*)
Jenn Pomo † and the Pomo Family
(*Rena & Bill Zellars*)

Thursday, August 6

8:00 AM Bebe Leveroni Wright † (*The Denigris Family*)

Friday, August 7

8:00 AM Karen Kriske † (*The Ielati Family*)

Saturday, August 8

8:00 AM Rebecca Ielati (*The Ielati Family*)

Interested in the Usher and
Safety Observer program?
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Weekly Readings

Sun: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Mon: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tues: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thurs: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Fri: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Sat: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sun: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



Clergy Corner

Dear Members of St. Mary's Parish Family,

This Sunday, the Gospel presents Jesus feeding the five thousand with only five loaves and two fish. The miracle reveals that God is never outdone in generosity. When we place our little in His hands, He multiplies it beyond our imagination. The Lord continues to nourish His people—not only with daily bread but, above all, with the Bread of Life in the Holy Eucharist. He invites us to bring Him our needs, our gifts, and even our limitations, trusting that He can accomplish great things through them.

During the week, the Church celebrates the glorious Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. On Mount Tabor, Peter, James, and John caught a glimpse of Christ's divine glory. The Father's voice proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." The Transfiguration strengthened the disciples before the suffering of Calvary, reminding them that the cross would ultimately lead to the glory of the Resurrection.

These two celebrations beautifully complement one another. The Lord who feeds the hungry is the same Lord whose divine glory shines on the mountain. Jesus nourishes us for the journey of faith and strengthens us to carry our crosses with hope. Every celebration of the Eucharist is, in a sense, our own Mount Tabor, where we encounter the living Christ, receive His grace, and are sent forth to reflect His light in our homes, workplaces, and community.

As we continue our pilgrimage of faith, may we listen attentively to the voice of Christ, trust in His providence, and become instruments of His compassion by sharing our blessings with those in need. May the light of the Transfigured Lord transform our hearts so that others may see His love shining through us.

With prayers and blessings,
Fr. George Thadathil, Pastor

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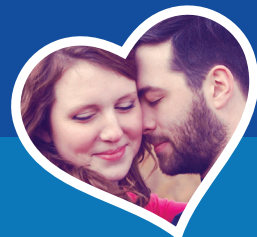
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