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August 30, 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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25



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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.

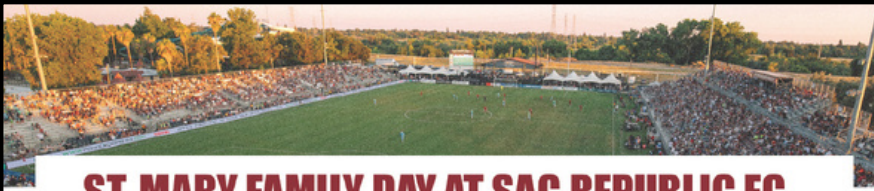
OCIA: Process for adults and children (7+) who are interested in joining the Catholic Church, and baptized Catholics wanting to complete their Sacraments of Initiation. Please contact Michelle Mills at (916) 806-6876.

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

First Friday Adoration.....8:30 am - 12:00 Noon
Location: Infant Mary Chapel

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 30: Saint Mary School Strategic Plan Survey
- September 1st: Bible Study begins
- September 2nd: Catholic Faith Formation begins

This Week's 2nd Collection



This weekend's Second Collection is for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. The money you donate is used to help our neighbors in need with food, rent, utilities and other necessities. Thank you for your generosity!

Next Week's 2nd Collection

Next 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!

**ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL**
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STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE: OUR SCHOOL. OUR CHILDREN. OUR FUTURE.

2026 PARISH COMMUNITY SURVEY

PARISH • SCHOOL • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Make Room for Your Voice.

As we celebrate 94 years of faith, fellowship, and community, we're inviting every parishioner to help shape the future of St. Mary Parish School.

Your voice will help us prayerfully discern how our parish and school can continue serving future generations.

**SURVEY DATES**
August 15–30, 2026

**WHY PARTICIPATE?**

- Share your hopes for Catholic education
- Help identify priorities for the Strategic Plan
- Strengthen the partnership between parish and school
- Ensure every voice is heard

**WAYS TO PARTICIPATE**

- ✓ Scan the QR Code
- ✓ Pick up a paper survey in the church
- ✓ Visit us during La Dolce Vita
- ✓ Return surveys in the collection basket or parish office

SCAN TO TAKE THE SURVEY

Every Voice Matters!
Your thoughts will help guide the Strategic Planning Committee as we strengthen the partnership between St. Mary Parish and St. Mary Parish School for generations to come.



"When we make room for every voice, we make room for the Holy Spirit to guide our community."



Thank you for partnering with us as we build a vibrant future for St. Mary Parish School.



Questions?
strategicplan@saintmaryschool.com

OUR SCHOOL. OUR CHILDREN. OUR FUTURE.



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

Catholic FAITH FORMATION



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



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

NEWS & EVENTS

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Congratulations Father Gabriel Neal

On Sunday August 9th, Father Gabriel Neal, a St. Mary School Alum, celebrated Mass at St. Mary. It was his first Mass back at St. Mary Parish.

Our Council of Knights of Columbus 953, presented him with a chalice and paten as gifts. Here are some pictures of the momentous event.



Join Us & be a part of Building the Faith of our youngest parishioners.



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. Finger-printing, Mandated Reporter, and Safe Haven required for adult volunteers. For questions or to volunteer, email clow@stmarysacto.org

St. Mary Parish Festival- THANK YOU



Thank You!

Volunteers & Sponsors

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our parishioners, school families, sponsors, and neighbors who came together to support our 94th Annual Parish Festival. Whether you volunteered, attended, donated, or helped plan and promote the event, your involvement brought **La Dolce Vita** to life.

Book Drive

The Altar Society thanks our parishioners for quality donations of towels, books, games, and puzzles, which created record-breaking sales this year!

Raffle

A big thank you to all the individuals and businesses whose generosity helped make our raffle truly unforgettable this year!

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| • Bacon & Butter | • Sacramento Scavenger Hunt – Let's Roam! |
| • Bocce Ristorante | • Stingers Sports Pub |
| • Buckhorn BBQ & Grill | • Vince's Ristorante |
| • Buddha Bowls & Rolls | • ICF Branch 45 |
| | • and so many parishioners! |

Parish Festival Feedback Survey

Scan here to submit your opinions regarding the Festival.
We'd love to hear from you!



LITURGY & PRAYER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, August 29

5:00 PM Alma Thomas † (*Cathie Carvalho*)

Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM Mario Zeravica (*Katarina Bilandzich*)

9:30 AM For our parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)

11:00 AM Ante Batarelo † (*Katarina Bilandzich*)

5:00 PM Jovanne DeNigris † (*Mary Kassis*)

Monday, August 31

8:00 AM Louis McDermott † (*Barbara McDermott*)
Gloria Valadez (*Allison DePaoli*)

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 AM Remedios Lara † (*Dora Lara*)
Jenny Townsend (*Virginia Riggins*)

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 AM Karen Kriske † (*Lorraine Howard*)

Thursday, September 3

8:00 AM Vilma Jacob (*V. Jacob*)

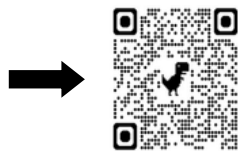
Friday, September 4

8:00 AM Clarice Devecchio † (*Andy & Elise Cavagnaro*)
Frank 'Pancho' Lopez † (*Monika Lopez*)

Saturday, September 5

8:00 AM Emily Nguyen (*The Nguyen Family*)

Interested in the Usher and
Safety Observer program?
Scan Here!



Weekly Readings

Sun: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Mon: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tue: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/
Lk 4:31-37

Wed: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thur: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Fri: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Sat: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sun: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20



Clergy Corner

Dear Members of St. Mary's Parish Family,

This Sunday Jesus gives us a challenging invitation: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mt 16:24). Christian discipleship is not simply about believing in Jesus; it is about allowing our lives to be shaped by His love, sacrifice, and self-giving.

Jesus reminds us that true greatness is not found in comfort, recognition, or success, but in giving ourselves generously to God and to others. The cross is not something we seek, but when it comes into our lives, we can carry it with faith, trusting that God never abandons us.

As we celebrate the feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta on September 5, we see this Gospel lived out beautifully. The Church now observes her feast as an optional memorial on September 5, the anniversary of her death. St. Teresa embraced the cross of Christ by dedicating herself to the poorest and most forgotten. She saw Christ in those who were sick, hungry, abandoned, and dying, and served them with extraordinary love.

Her life reminds us that we do not need to do extraordinary things to become holy. We need to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. A kind word, a visit to someone who is lonely, forgiveness within the family, patience with someone who is difficult, or assistance to a person in need can become our way of carrying the cross.

St. Teresa often spoke of responding to Jesus' thirst with love. The Vatican describes her as a witness to hope and humble service, especially to those who were abandoned and suffering.

As we gather at the Eucharist this Sunday, let us ask: What cross is the Lord asking me to carry? Whom is He asking me to love and serve? May the example of St. Teresa of Calcutta inspires us to say yes to Christ—not only in words, but through loving service.

"Lord Jesus, help us to recognize You in every person we meet and to serve You with humble and generous hearts.

With prayers and blessings,
Fr. George Thadathil, Pastor

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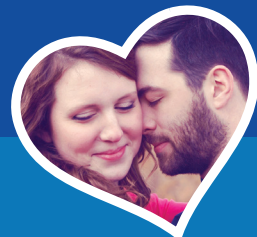
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