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December 10, 2023

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 Sunday Holy Hour

12 Noon - 1:00 PM

First Fridays

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Infant Mary Chapel

Monday - Saturday

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 pm



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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.

RCIA: 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



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PARISH NEWS

This Week at St. Mary Parish

SUNDAY

Santa's Workshop & Bake Sale 8 am -1 pm
Location: Giovanni Hall

RCIA Catechumenate Session 10:00 am
Location: Marian Room

MONDAY

Prayer Request Group 6:30 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

TUESDAY

Advent Penance Service 6:30 pm
Location: Church

WEDNESDAY

CFF Family Catechesis Night 6:00 pm
Location: Giovanni Hall

CFF Classes 6:00 pm
Location: SMS

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room & Church

THURSDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room & Church

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

Confession 3:30 pm
Location: Church

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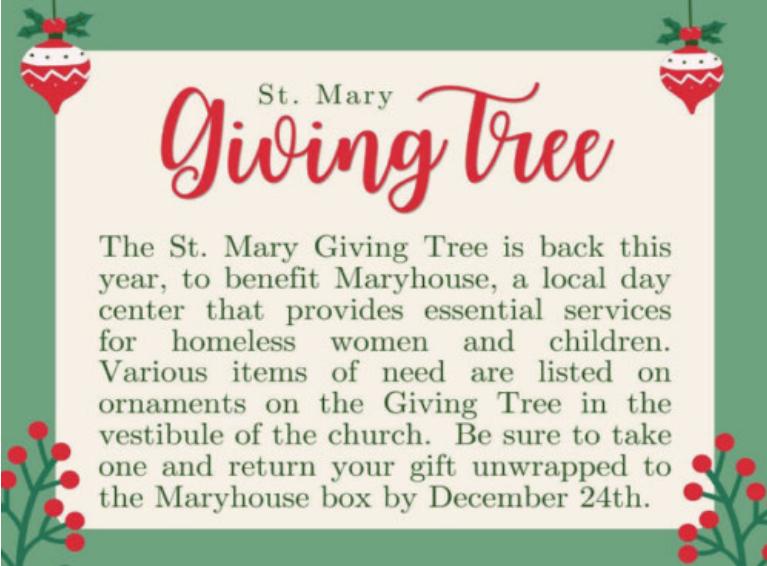
@LIFED 12:30 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room



Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 12th

6:30 pm



St. Mary
Giving Tree

The St. Mary Giving Tree is back this year, to benefit Maryhouse, a local day center that provides essential services for homeless women and children. Various items of need are listed on ornaments on the Giving Tree in the vestibule of the church. Be sure to take one and return your gift unwrapped to the Maryhouse box by December 24th.



If you would like to donate a poinsettia for our Christmas altar in the church, please drop them off to the parish office December 17th-21st.

Thank you for your generosity!



Looking Ahead

Be sure to mark your calendars for these exciting upcoming parish events!

- **February 10th:** Mardi Gras Crab Feed

NEWS & EVENTS

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St. Mary Parish & School

Santa's Workshop & Bake Sale

Sunday, December 10th
8:00 am - 1:00 pm in Giovanni Hall

Santa's Workshop
Hosted by the St. Mary School Parent Club, there will be holiday crafts for kids to make & handcrafted treasures to purchase!



Altar Society Bake Sale
Choose from a variety of fresh-baked goods, and beautiful, hand-embroidered kitchen towels!

Admission is free & open to everyone, so stop by for some holiday cheer!

ST. MARY PARISH
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CHRISTMAS CAROLING

at Mercy General Hospital



DECEMBER 15 / 6:45 PM

WHETHER YOU SING IN HARMONY OR TOTALLY OFF-KEY, JOIN US TO BRING HOLIDAY CHEER TO THE SICK!

We'll meet inside the lobby of the J Street entrance of the hospital at 6:45 pm



Bring your family and friends! Carol booklets will be available for all.

For questions or more information, contact Ben Billeci in the Parish Office.



Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve fall on the same day! It's important to note that both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas are Days of Obligation and attending one does not fulfill your obligation for the other. All this to say: we get to go to Mass twice!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd
5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24th
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am

Christmas

Sunday, December 24th
4:00 pm, 6:30 pm

Monday, December 25th
Midnight, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

LITURGY & PRAYER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, December 9

5:00 PM Don Kassis † (*Mary Kassis*)

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM Juan Cervantes † (*CervantesCastillo Family*)

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

11:00 AM Mack White (*Ginny Johnson*)

5:00 PM Angelo Loduca † (*Allison Kustic*)

Monday, December 11

8:00 AM Frances Johnson Bystrom † (*G. Johnson*)

Oliver Johnson † (*Ginny Johnson*)

Tuesday, December 12

8:00 AM James Ring † (*Ron Pane Family*)

Grace Williams † (*Kathy Traversi*)

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 AM Christopher Golowski † (*Lincoln & Family*)

Danielle Corcoran † (*Cindy & Gus Blecha*)

Thursday, December 14

8:00 AM Mary Kassis (*Cindy & Gus Blecha*)

Robert Woolfork † (*Kevin Woolfork*)

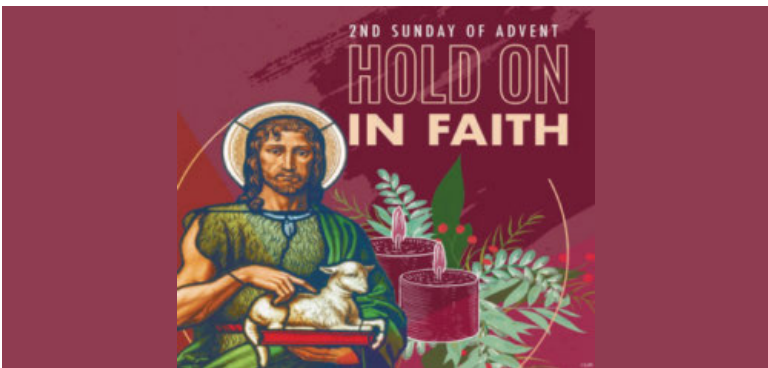
Friday, December 15

8:00 AM Camille Courey † (*Isola & Courey Family*)

Joey Ryan † (*Ron Pane Family*)

Saturday, December 16

8:00 AM Julie Brown & Family (*Bill & Rena Zellars*)



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18-19; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9-13

Clergy Corner

Dear Members of St. Mary's Parish Family,



We are already in the season of Advent! Last Sunday we blessed the Advent Wreath during Masses. I would like to express my gratitude to Marte Frasca who did all the arrangements for this advent.

Homecoming is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the

Second Sunday of Advent. All three readings focus on the absolute necessity of getting ready for Christ's "homecoming" into our hearts and lives by true repentance, reparation, prayer and the renewal of our lives. They also remind us that the past coming of Jesus (some 2000 years ago), the present daily coming of Jesus (through the eucharistic celebration, through the Scriptures and through the praying community), and his future coming (the second coming) are actually the fulfillment of God's saving plan for us all, from all eternity.

The First Reading, taken from the prophet Isaiah, tells us about the Babylonian exiles coming home to their native country, Judah, and their city, Jerusalem. The Responsorial Psalm describes how perfect peace is coming home with the Lord's coming. The Second Reading invites us to get ready to go home to Heaven with Jesus at his Second Coming. The Gospel tells us through John the Baptist how we should prepare to receive Jesus "coming home" into our lives during the Advent season by repentance and renewal of life. He wanted the Jews to prepare their lives for the Messiah by filling in the valley of prejudice, levelling the mountains of pride and straightening out their crooked paths of injustice and immorality. John recommended a baptism of repentance in the river Jordan to the Jews who were familiar with ritual and symbolic washings. The most amazing thing about John's baptism was that, as a Jew, he was asking fellow-Jews to submit to the baptism of repentance which only a Gentile was obliged to undergo.

Fr. George Thadathil, CMI
Pastor

Online Worship Aid



Scan the QR code for access to this week's Worship Aid, that provides all of the liturgical content used for the Mass (readings, music, etc).

Wrongfully hurt? We are here to help.

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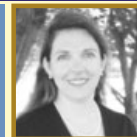
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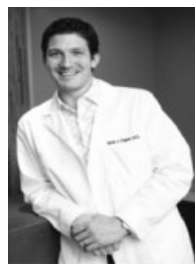
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