

ST. MARY PARISH

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December 14, 2025

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

December Only

Second Tuesday

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Infant Mary Chapel

Monday - Saturday

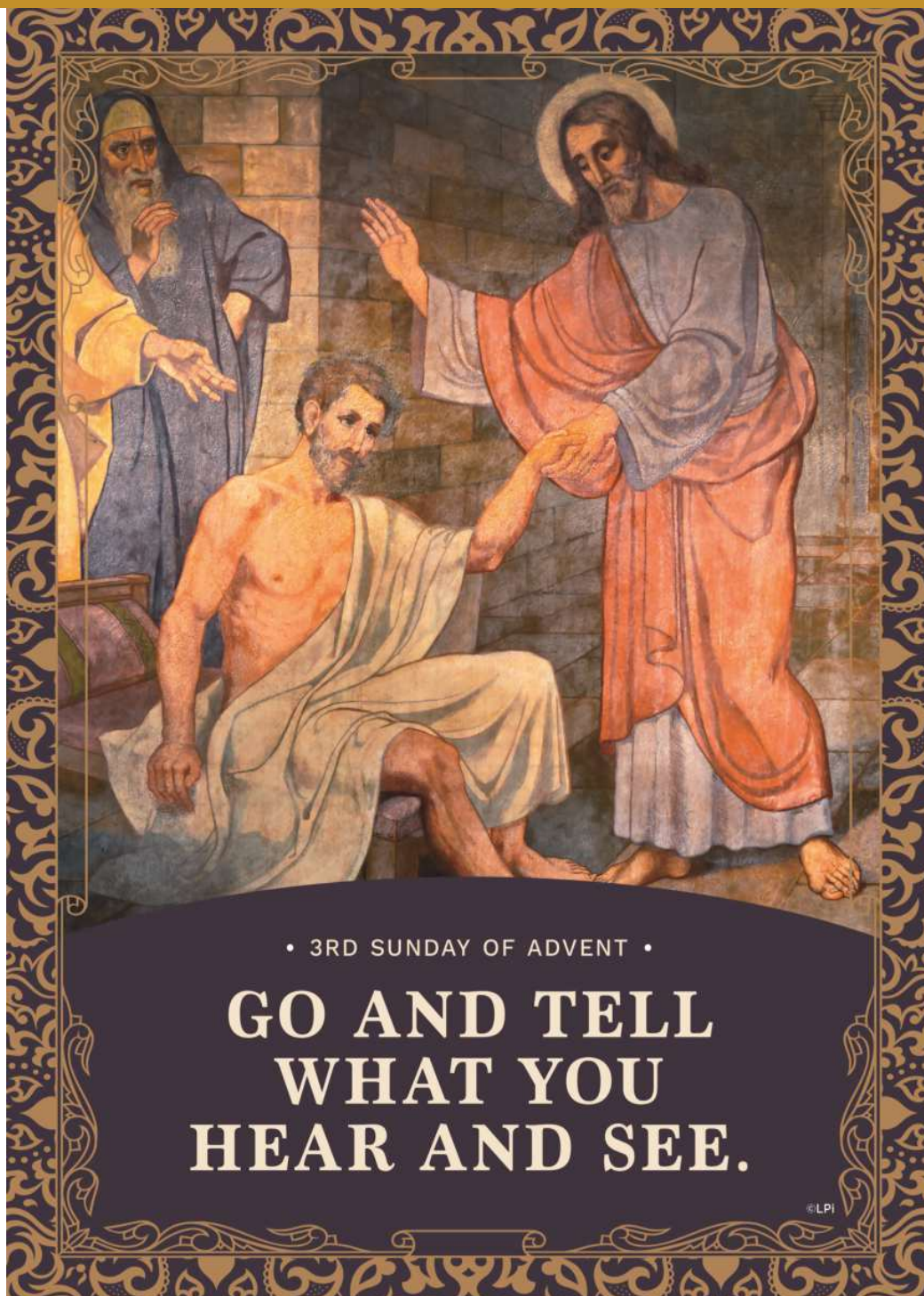
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 pm



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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.

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



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!

Apply Online - www.saintmaryschool.com

1st - 8th Grade
Tours
November 13
December 9
Schedule Online



ST. MARY
PARISH SCHOOL

New Family
Admissions
Timeline

TK
Information Night
November 4
6:00pm

Kinder
Information Night
November 18
6:00pm



Open House
January 25
11am - 1pm



New Student
Applications Due
February 1
Assessments
February 9-12

TK: Age 4 by Sept. 1 | **Kindergarten:** Age 5 by Sept. 1
Preschool: 3 Years old and ready

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This Week at St. Mary Parish

SUNDAY

Santa's Workshop & Altar Society Bake Sale
9:00 am

Location: Giovanni Hall

OCIA Session 9:30 am

Location: Church/Marian Room

MONDAY

Prayer Request Group 6:30 pm

Location: Holy Spouses Room

TUESDAY

Stella Maris Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 pm

Location: Chapel/Holy Spouses Room

WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Location: Holy Spouses Room

CFF Classes 6:00 pm

Location: School

THURSDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Location: Holy Spouses Room

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Confession..... 3:30 pm

Location: Church

SUNDAY

OCIA Session 9:30 am

Location: Church/Marian Room



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24th
4:00 pm - School Choir
6:30 pm* - 4-part Choir

Thursday, December 25th
Midnight* - Alumni Choir
9:00 am* - 4-part Choir
11:00 am* - Pianist & Cantor

*Join us 20 minutes before for a prelude of Christmas music.

This Week's 2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

To donate online, <https://www.scd.org/retiredreligious>

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays on December 24th-25th, December 31st, and January 1st. Staff and volunteers will be available during regular hours on the other days of those weeks.


Looking Ahead

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

- **December 14:** Santa's Workshop
- **January 11:** 2nd Sunday Coffee & Donuts
(after am Masses)
- **February 7:** Parish Crab Feed

NEWS & EVENTS

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St. Mary Giving Tree

The St. Mary Giving Tree is back this year, to benefit Maryhouse, a local day center that provides 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.

Please return the tags in the labeled basket when you return your item back.



Santa's Workshop & Bake Sale

SUNDAY DEC. 14th
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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

Giovanni Hall
FREE Admission

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

St. Mary Parish

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

at Mercy General Hospital
ON 39TH & J STREET



DECEMBER 19TH AT 6:45PM

Meet in the Hospital Chapel & be there early so you won't get left behind! Bring your friends & family of all ages!
Carol booklets will be provided.

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT BEN BILLECI AT BBILLECI@DSLEXTREME.COM.

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LITURGY & PRAYER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, December 13

5:00 PM Rafael C. Diaz † (*Diaz Family*)

Sunday, December 14

8:00 AM Brother, Sister, Souls in Purgatory † (*Pedro A. Diaz*)

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

11:00 AM Rafael Spring † (*Andy & Elise Cavagnaro*)

5:00 PM Thea Ruzette (*De La Rosa Family*)

Monday, December 15

8:00 AM Helen Willett † (*Willett Family*)

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 AM Edward Romero † (*Olga Romero*)

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 AM Mary Kassis (*The Lienert Family*)

Thursday, December 18

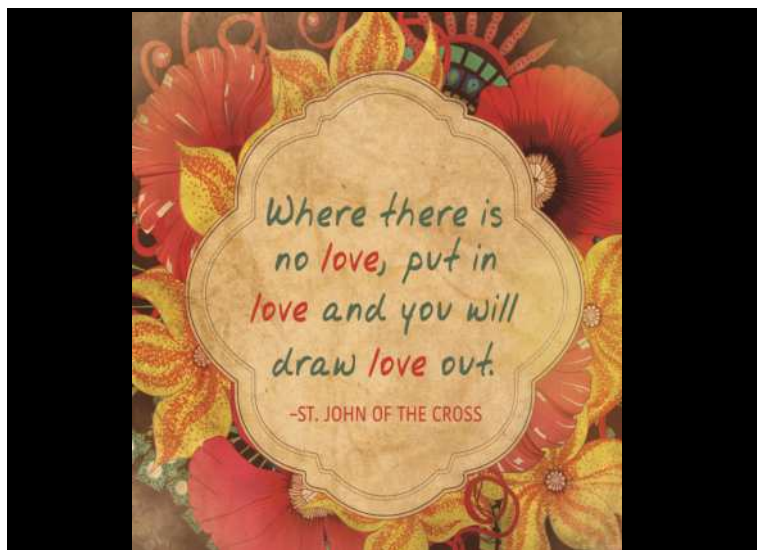
8:00 AM Sarah Jordan † (*Dumonchelle Family*)

Friday, December 19

8:00 AM Edward Rubin (*Olga Romero*)

Saturday, December 20

8:00 AM Louis & Rose Vasquez (*Vasquez - Becker Family*)



Weekly Readings

Sun: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tues: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wed: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thurs: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Sat: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sun: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Clergy Corner

Dear Members of St. Mary Parish Family,



This Sunday the Church celebrates **Gaudete Sunday**, a day of rejoicing in the midst of our Advent waiting. The rose candle on our Advent wreath reminds us that the coming of the Lord is near, and that Christian hope is not wishful thinking—it is the joyful certainty that God is faithful to His promises.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come?” Jesus responds not with theories but with signs of life: the blind see, the lame walk, the poor hear the Good News. These are the marks of God’s Kingdom breaking into our world.

As we enter the final days before Christmas, the Church invites us to open our hearts more fully to Christ, who comes to heal, to restore, and to bring hope into every corner of our lives. Advent joy grows when we make room for the Lord—through prayer, reconciliation, acts of charity, and a renewed trust in God’s loving plan.

May this Gaudete Sunday fill our parish family with the peace and joy of Christ, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary, our patroness, guide us in preparing our hearts for His coming.

Rejoice in the Lord always. The Lord is near!

Fr. George Thadathil, CMI

Pastor.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

St. Mary Vocations Committee

Our St. Mary Parish is forming a new committee. Members will help foster a culture of vocations amongst our parishioners, hosting vocation days and providing support for those who are feeling called by God. If you are interested in joining this important mission please contact the Parish Office. Let us continue to “Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” Matthew 9:38

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