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December 17, 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



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

This Week at St. Mary Parish

SUNDAY

RCIA Catechumenate Session 10:00 am
Location: Marian Room

@LIFED 12:30 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

MONDAY

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

Edge Middle School Ministry 6:45 pm
Location: Giovanni Hall

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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

SUNDAY

RCIA Catechumenate Session 10:00 am
Location: Marian Room

Welcome to St. Mary's!

Thank you for joining us at St. Mary Parish! Whether you are visiting from another church or are new to the area, we are grateful you have chosen to worship with our faith community. If you would like to register as an official member of our parish family, please contact the parish office!

November Giving

Below is a summary of Offertory and Building Fund contributions made in the month of November. Thank you for your faithful generosity to our parish!

All Saint's Day Offertory:	\$1,710.00
November 5th Offertory:	\$7,584.30
November 12th Offertory:	\$5,100.86
November 19th Offertory:	\$4,837.56
November 26th Offertory:	\$3,749.19
<u>Online Offertory:</u>	<u>\$14,876.50</u>
Offertory Total:	\$37,858.41
Building Fund:	\$7,289.59

Mardi Gras Crab Feed Help Needed!

Our Mardi Gras Crab Feed is happening! Mark your calendars for February 10, 2024! A huge THANK YOU to Traci Peters who has graciously agreed to chair the event! Traci brings a wealth of experience and knowledge, but she can't do it alone! We need volunteers to set up, serve/clear, sell raffle tickets, sell drink tickets, clean up and break down! We're also looking for donations for the raffle! If you're interested in helping in any way, please contact the Parish Office at 916-452-0296 or stmary95819@gmail.com.



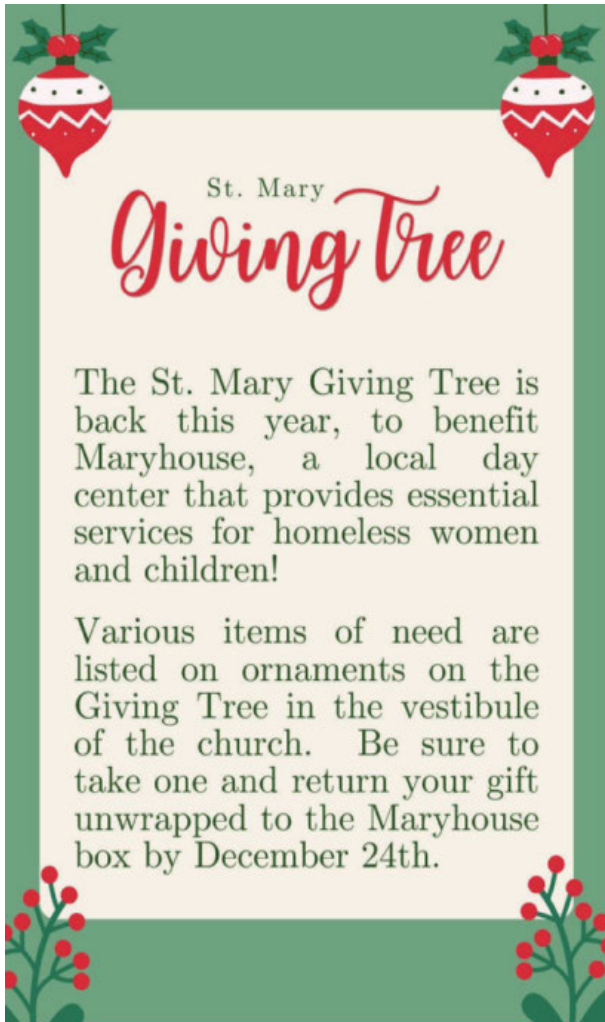
Looking Ahead

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
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!



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 (School Choir), 6:30 pm (4-Part Choir)

Monday, December 25th
Midnight (Alumni Choir), 9:00 am (4-Part Choir),
11:00 am (Pianist & Cantor)

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

LITURGY & PRAYER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, December 16

5:00 PM Maria Hoi Nguyen † (*Kimberly Nguyen*)

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM For our Parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)

9:30 AM Robert & Antonietta Fontana † (*Fontana*)

11:00 AM Mary Kassis (*The Lienert Family*)

5:00 PM Bernadette Monahan † (*M. Holler*)

Monday, December 18

8:00 AM Kevin Woolfork (*Kevin Woolfork*)

Al & Mark Franzoia † (*Denise Franzoia*)

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 AM Randy Morriera Family (*DeNigris/Zellars*)

Christopher Golowski † (*Lincoln & Family*)

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 AM Fr. Sijo Chirayath (*Dcn. George & Karen K.*)

Danielle Corcoran † (*Cindy & Gus Blecha*)

Thursday, December 21

8:00 AM Deacon Lu Del Gaudio † (*St. Mary Parish*)

Don Kassis † (*Mary Kassis*)

Friday, December 22

8:00 AM Celeste Gisla (*Cindy & Gus Blecha*)

Jim Daly † (*Dcn. George & Karen Kriske*)

Saturday, December 23

8:00 AM Kim Nolan (*Bill & Rena Zellars*)



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 61:1-2, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66

Clergy Corner

Dear Members of St. Mary's Parish Family,



I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to Michelle Mills, chair of the Altar Society, and Andrea Stone, president of the St. Mary School Parents Club, for organizing last Sunday's Santa's Workshop and Bake Sale and making it a grand success. And thank you to all those who helped.

This is the Third Sunday of Advent, which is known as "Gaudete Sunday" or Rejoicing Sunday. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." We hear this from the prophet Isaiah. In the Responsorial Psalm, we hear "My soul rejoices in my God." From Thessalonians, we hear, "Rejoice always." On this Third Sunday of our Advent journey, we rejoice.

The pink candle of our Advent wreath is now lit. We wear colorful Rose vestments at Mass. Why is this week different? Why do we rejoice? We rejoice because we are almost at our goal: Jesus Christ coming into our hearts again this Christmas Season. We rejoice because we know our preparation is continuing this Advent and we will soon arrive at Christmas.

We encounter John the Baptist in today's Gospel. The religious leaders questioned him as to who he was. Was he the Christ? Was he Elijah or the prophet? He says no to all of these questions. "Who are you?" John replied he was "the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

Let us follow the example of John the Baptist and proclaim Jesus to the world. Let us be glad and rejoice for God is the joy of our souls.

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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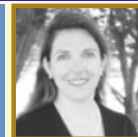
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