

# ST. MARY PARISH

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December 21, 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

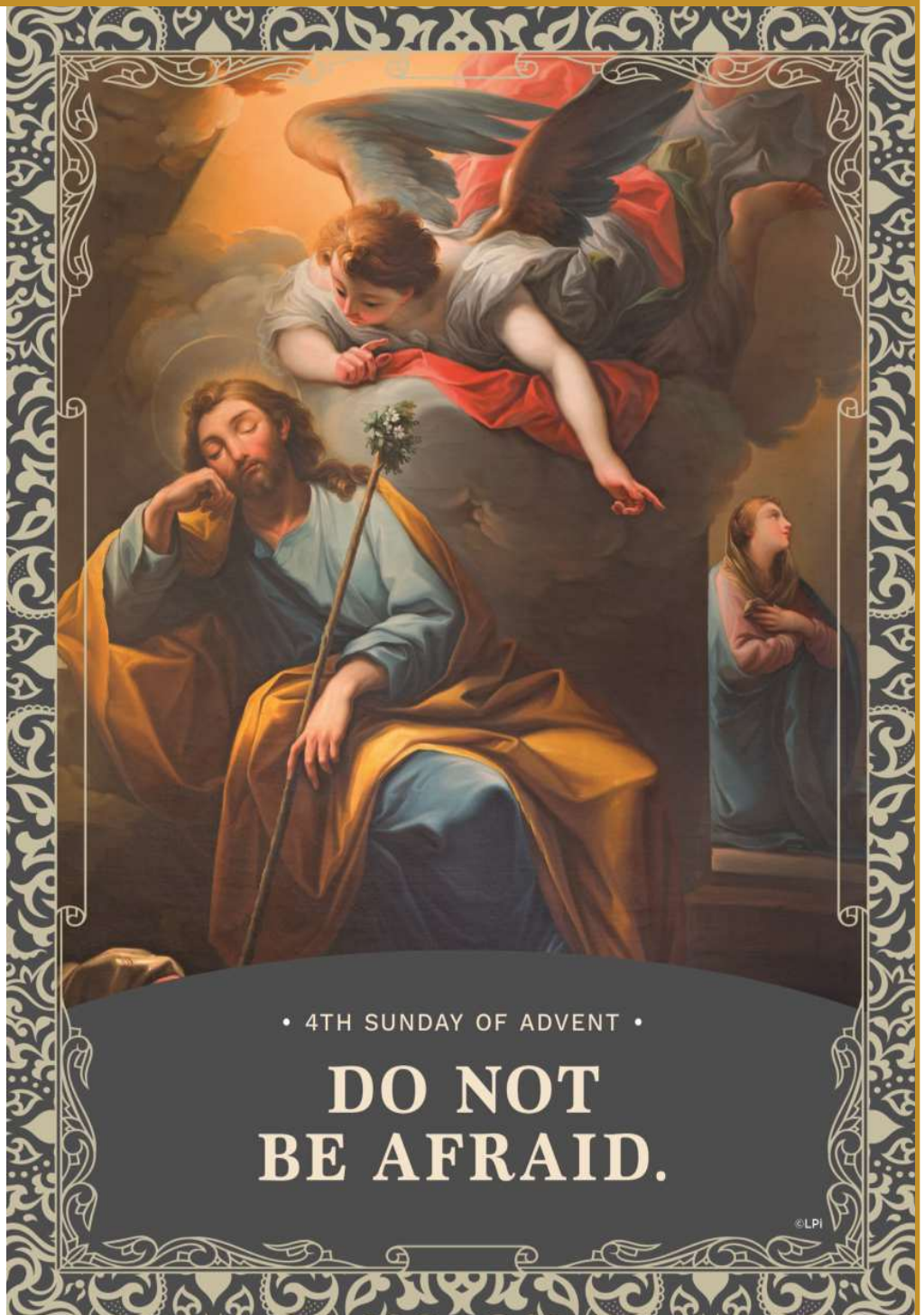
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

## 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](http://www.saintmaryschool.com)

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



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

OCIA Session ..... 9:30 am  
*Location: Church/Marian Room*  
Holiday Choir Rehearsal ..... 12:00 pm  
*Location: Church*

### MONDAY

Holiday Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:00 pm  
*Location: Church*  
Prayer Request Group ..... 6:30 pm  
*Location: Holy Spouses Room*

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

Christmas Eve School Mass..... 4:00 pm  
*Location: Church*

Christmas Eve Mass..... 6:30 pm  
*Location: Church*

### THURSDAY

Christmas Midnight Mass..... 12:00 am  
*Location: Church*  
Christmas Day Mass..... 9:00 am  
*Location: Church*  
Christmas Day Mass..... 11:00 am  
*Location: Church*

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

Confession..... 3:30 pm  
*Location: Church*

### SUNDAY

OCIA Session ..... 9:30 am  
*Location: Church/Marian Room*

## Looking Ahead

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

- **January 1:** Holy Day of Obligation, Mary Mother of God
- **January 11:** 2nd Sunday Coffee & Donuts  
(after am Masses)
- Parish Crab Feed, **New Date to be announced soon**



## 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.*




## 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”

## Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays on December 24th, 25th, 31st, January 1st.



**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.



**Stella Maris**

Young Adults aged 21-35

Cordially invites you to join us for:

**The 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 6:30pm**

**Tuesday nights 6:30pm-8:30pm**



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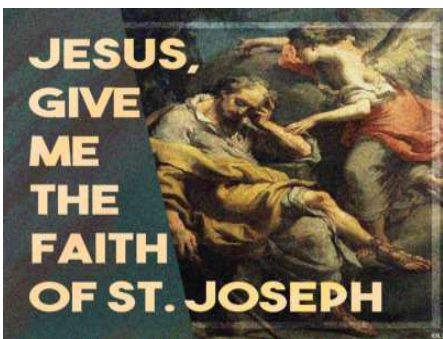
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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.



Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way.

How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPiSt.

# LITURGY & PRAYER

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday Vigil, December 20

5:00 PM Tony & Alice Mattos † (*Ernie & Idamarie Barsotti*)

### Sunday, December 21

8:00 AM Dave Becker (*Steve & Morgan Becker*)  
9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Duran Family †  
(*V. Riggins*)  
11:00 AM For our Parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)  
5:00 PM Douglas Hotz † (*Andy & Elise Cavagnaro*)

### Monday, December 22

8:00 AM Ian Garcia † (*The Lienert Family*)  
Gina Garcia † (*The Lienert Family*)

### Tuesday, December 23

8:00 AM Louis McDermott † (*Barbara McDermott*)  
Anthony Latino † (*Esther Latino*)

### Wednesday, December 24

8:00 AM Susan Mecum † (*Flynn & Willett Family*)  
4:00 PM Michael McCarthy † (*Mom & Ron*)  
6:30 PM Michael Chambers † (*Leanne Sapnaro*)

### Thursday, December 25

12:00 AM Bill & Gloria Gabrielli † (*The Ielati Family*)  
9:00 AM Lino Carolo † (*The Ielati Family*)  
11:00 AM Amelia Bateman † (*Ernie & Idamarie Barsotti*)

### Friday, December 26

8:00 AM Hunter Nelson (*The Becker Family*)

### Saturday, December 27

8:00 AM The Vasquez Family (*The Becker Family*)



## Weekly Readings

Sun: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24  
Mon: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56  
Tues: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66  
Wed: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79  
Thurs: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
Fri: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22  
Sat: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Next Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

## Clergy Corner

Dear Members of St. Mary Parish Family,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



As we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, we stand at the threshold of the great mystery of our salvation. Mary's "Yes" has brought us to the very doorstep of Bethlehem. Her faithful waiting teaches us how to prepare our hearts in

these final moments before the birth of our Savior. Let us take these last days of Advent to quiet ourselves, to open our hearts, and to invite Christ to be born anew within us.

And now, we joyfully proclaim: "**Today is born for us a Savior, Christ the Lord!**"

At Christmas, heaven bends toward earth, and the Word becomes flesh to dwell among us. In the innocence of the Child Jesus, God reveals His nearness, His mercy, and His unending love. May the light of Christ fill your homes and families with peace, hope, and joy.

As our celebration continues, the Church offers us two powerful witnesses of the Christmas mystery:

### December 26 – Feast of St. Stephen, the First Martyr

St. Stephen reminds us that the Christ we adore in the manger is the same Christ we serve in our neighbor. His courageous witness calls us to live the Gospel with generosity, forgiveness, and a love that does not count the cost.

### December 27 – Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist

St. John teaches us the depth of God's love. He leaned on the heart of Jesus and then proclaimed to the world: "*God is love.*" Through his Gospel and writings, we are invited to draw closer to the Lord who came to bring us life, light, and truth.

In these holy days, let us walk with Mary, rejoice with the angels, imitate the courage of Stephen, and listen deeply to the Gospel of love preached by John. May the Christ Child bless each of you and your families abundantly.

**A blessed Christmas to all!**

**Fr. George Thadathil, CMI**

**Pastor.**



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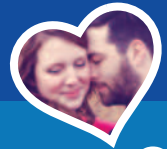


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