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December 24, 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

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This Week at St. Mary Parish

SUNDAY

RCIA Catechumenate Session 10:00 am
Location: Marian Room

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

THURSDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

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!

Fresh Flower Fund

Starting in January, we will no longer be collecting monthly donations for the Fresh Flower Fund. We've found that we're not spending enough money on fresh flowers to warrant having a designated collection. We will still collect for Christmas and Easter flowers, though, because we do purchase an abundance of flowers for those Feasts. Thank you!

Mardi Gras Crab Feed Help Needed!

Mark your calendars! Our Mardi Gras Crab Feed will be on February 10, 2024! 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.

Madonna & Child

An original 16th century painting by Andrea del Sarto will be on loan and displayed, for the first time historically at a Christmas Mass, in our church at the 11:00 Mass on Christmas Day. The painting is called "Mater Maria et Puer Jesus," translated from Latin as "Mother Mary and the Child Jesus," and is also known as "The Madonna and Child."

Commemorative prayer cards with the image will be available to purchase for a small donation that will go directly to St. Mary Parish.

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The Parish Office will be closed
Friday, December 22 - Monday, January 1
for Christmas and New Years.



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 Mass twice!

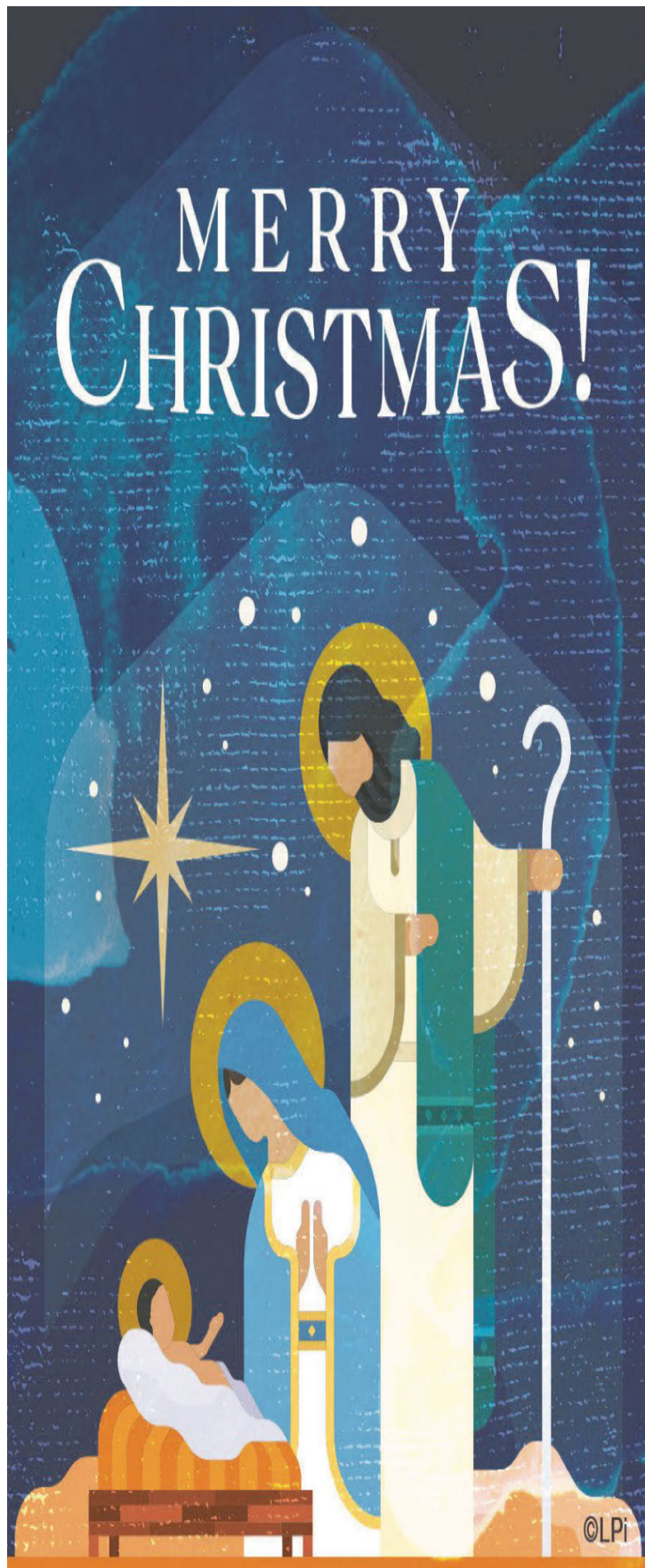
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 23rd
5:00 pm

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 23

5:00 PM Ken Barnes † (*Joyce Spears & Family*)

Sunday, December 24 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 AM Lino Carolo † (*The Ielati Family*)

11:00 AM Jane Hinman (*Mary Kassis*)

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Vigil

4:00 PM Dcn. John & Celeste Gisla (*Kent Williams*)

6:30 PM Michael McCarthy † (*Mary Ann & Ron S.*)

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

MIDNIGHT Fr. Sijo Chirayath (*Nick & Milka Bilandzich*)

9:00 AM Gina & Justice Garcia † (*The Lienert Family*)

11:00 AM Patrece O'Ran Alameda † (*Helen Pierson*)

Tuesday, December 26

8:00 AM Joseph Moreirra & Family (*DeNigris/Zellars*)

Katherine & Dominic Stefani † (*Carol S.*)

Wednesday, December 27

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

Ruthie & Doug Ostheimer † (*Kent Williams*)

Thursday, December 28

8:00 AM Anne & Tony Chargin † (*Kent Williams*)

Dayton Rosetti † (*Dcn, George & Karen K.*)

Friday, December 29

8:00 AM Zepien Family (*Cindy Blecha*)

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

Saturday, December 30

8:00 AM Denise Franzoia † (*Dorothy Folena & Family*)

Weekly Readings

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 | Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96: 1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 | Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-4

Clergy Corner

Dear Members of St. Mary's Parish Family,



This is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Today, we are standing right at the front door of Christmas and just before we enter, our liturgy presents Mary to us, to be our model. In following her example, we are called to faith & holiness, humility & simplicity, obedience & surrendering to the will of God, as we await the coming of our Savior into the world.

As we all know tomorrow we are celebrating Christmas. Why do we celebrate Christmas with great rejoicing? First, Christmas is the Feast of God's sending us a Savior. God undertook the incarnation of Jesus as God-Man to save us from the bondage of sin, and its purpose is given in John 3:16: "God so loved the world that He sent His only Son so that every one who believes in Him may not die, but have eternal life."

Second, Christmas is the Feast of God's sharing His love with us: Jesus, as our Savior, brought the "Good News" that our God is loving and merciful, not cruel or punishing. All his miracles were signs of this Divine Love. Each Christmas reminds us that sharing love with others is our Christian duty, and every time we do that, Jesus is reborn in our lives.

Third, Christmas is the Feast of the Emmanuel (God is with us): we see in the New Testament that God continues to live with us. As Emmanuel, Jesus lives in the Sacraments, in Scripture, in the praying community. Christmas reminds us that we are bearers of God with the missionary duty of conveying Jesus to those around us by loving them as Jesus did, through sacrificial, humble and committed service. Sharing with others is the best Christmas gift we can give, or receive on this Christmas day.

We wish you all the peace and joy of Christmas.

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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