

ST. MARY PARISH

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December 28, 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



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PARISH NEWS

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This Week at St. Mary Parish

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Holiday Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Location: Church
Stella Maris Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 pm
Location: Chapel/Holy Spouses Room

WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

THURSDAY Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

See Holy Day of Obligation schedule on this page.
Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Location: Church

FRIDAY

Men's Ministry 7:00 am
Location: Holy Spouses Room

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)
- **January 13:** Bible Study begins, Gospel of Mark
- **February 14:** Parish Crab Feed

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 fill out our New Parishioner Registration Form which can be found in the church vestibule, online, or in the parish office!

Update Your Parish Info!

Have you moved recently? Changed your phone number? Gotten married and changed your name? Had children? Please be sure to let the Parish Office know so we can update our records! Thank you!

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Thursday, January 1st, is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Please plan to join us at one of our three Masses that day: 8:00 am, 12 noon, or 7:00 pm.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed for the New Year Holidays on January 31st & January 1st, 2026.

Thanksgiving 2025

This year we delivered thirteen Thanksgiving baskets. Actually, this was a collaboration with several groups: St. Mary student council, St. Mary students and Sacred Heart Parish, the Turkey Bingo, and parishioners who donated blankets.

The school collected all the canned foods, pies and whipped cream. They packed and labelled the bags with the family name. The school children created Thanksgiving cards. Turkey Bingo supplied 8 turkeys and we purchased 5 turkeys. Sacred Heart supplied an extra food bag for each family. The school children raised \$776 and donated the money for those in need.

Fr. George blessed the bags and blankets before delivery. It was a grand day receiving accolades from the families. We pass on their sincere thanks to all you parishioners.

Christmas blessings,
St. Mary/Sacred Heart Conference
St. Vincent de Paul

NEWS & EVENTS

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1109 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Friday, January 2, 2026 at 7:30PM (in English)
Saturday, January 3, 2026 at 7:30pm (in Spanish)
Tickets: \$20 General | \$10 Student



For more information email capellaantiquasacramento@gmail.com

St. Mary Parish

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Holy Day of Obligation!

Thursday, January 1 | Masses at 8am, 12pm, 7pm

St Mary Bible Study

Presents...



The Gospel of Mark

Tuesday Nights
Beginning January 13th
at 7PM in the Hall

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LITURGY & PRAYER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, December 27

5:00 PM Anita Nolan Gillespie † (*Erin Saberi*)

Sunday, December 28

8:00 AM Rick & Dolores Evans † (*Di Anne Armstrong*)

9:30 AM Deceased members of the Diaz Family † (*Virgina Riggins*)

11:00 AM Leanne Sapnaro (*The Ielati Family*)
5:00 PM For our Parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)

Monday, December 29

8:00 AM Fernand de la Rosa, Jr. (*de la Rosa Family*)

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 AM Laura Warren (*The Becker Family*)
Randy Simonson † (*The Billeci Family*)

Wednesday, December 31

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

Thursday, January 1

12:00 AM Edward Romero † (*Olga Romero*)

9:00 AM Nick Clifford (*Lilian Clifford*)

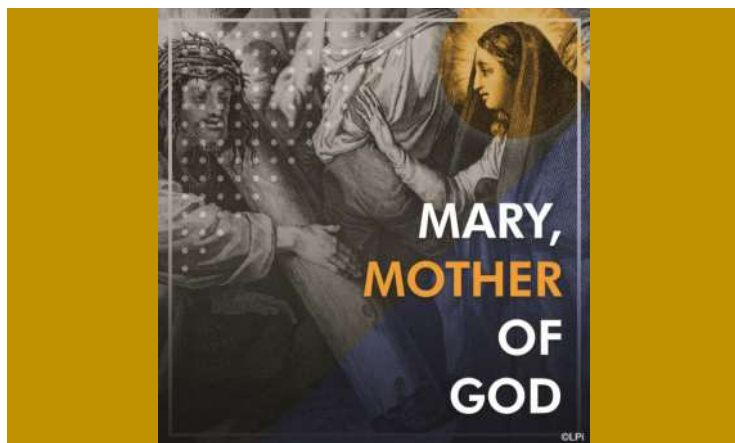
7:00 PM Jessica G. Herrena † (*V. Riggins*)

Friday, January 2

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

Saturday, January 3

8:00 AM Lance Abel & Family (*The Becker Family*)



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Clergy Corner



Dear Members of St. Mary's Parish Family,

On this 28th of December, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This beautiful feast invites us to reflect on our own families and homes. The Holy Family reminds us that love, faith, patience, forgiveness, and trust in God are the foundations of every Christian family. Even in moments of struggle or uncertainty, God is present, guiding and strengthening us, just as He did in the home of Nazareth.

As we look ahead, please remember that January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day, we honor Mary's unique role in God's plan of salvation and entrust the coming year to her loving intercession. May she lead us ever closer to her Son, Jesus.

On New Year's Day, a family gathered before leaving the house and said a simple prayer together. It took only a minute, but it set the tone for the whole year. Whenever challenges came, they remembered that moment and knew they were not facing life alone. As we begin a New Year, may our families start together—with prayer, faith, and trust in God—knowing that when Christ is at the center of our homes, every year becomes a blessing.

As we prepare to welcome a New Year, I wish each of you and your families a happy, peaceful, and grace-filled New Year 2026. May the Lord bless you with good health, renewed faith, and hope, and may our parish continue to grow as a loving and faithful community.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Fr. George Mathai CMI
Parochial Vicar

Next Week's 2nd Collection: Building & Maintenance Fund

This week's Second Collection is for our Parish Building & Maintenance Fund. The money donated goes towards repairing and maintaining our aging parish campus. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Please note: Because our Building & Maintenance Fund is its own restricted account, we can no longer deposit combined checks (building fund + offertory or any other fund). If you are combining all of your donations into one check, we would appreciate it if you could separate out your Building Fund donation in a separate check. Thank you!

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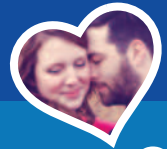


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