

ST. MARY PARISH

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December 31, 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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This Week at St. Mary Parish

SUNDAY

RCIA Catechumenate Session 10:00 am
Location: Marian Room

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Location: Rectory Conference Room

WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm
Location: Giovanni Hall

THURSDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

FRIDAY

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am
Location: Infant Mary Chapel

SATURDAY

Confession 3:30 pm
Location: Church

SUNDAY

RCIA Catechumenate Session 10:00 am
Location: Marian Room

@LIFED Epiphany Party 12:30 pm
Location: Giovanni Hall

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!

Change of Address

Have you moved recently? Please be sure to let the Parish Office know so we can update our records! Thank you!

Church Steps Project

The replacement of the church steps is scheduled to start this Tuesday! Between removal of the marble and installation of the new material, the project is expected to take 4 weeks. During this time, the front of the church will be closed and we will not be able to enter or exit through the front doors. Please use the side doors on M Street and in St. Joseph Garden. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!

Today's Second Collection

This weekend's Second Collection is for our St. Vincent de Paul Society. The money you donate is used to help our neighbors in need with food, rent, utilities and other necessities. Thank you for your generosity!

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.



Next Sunday is the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord, which celebrates the magi's visit to the newborn Jesus. Our Christmas Choirs will once again sing special 4-part Christmas music at the 9:30 and 11:00 am Masses.

NEWS & EVENTS



Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul!

On the morning of November 18th, in the wind and rain, several of St. Mary's young adults loaded their cars and helped SVdP deliver food to 20 of our neighbors in need. Each family received 3 bags of food along with one frozen turkey.

This annual event would not have been possible without the help of St. Mary School for their generous food donations, as well as donations from Sacred Heart Parish. We appreciate those that donated their winnings from Turkey Bingo, which added to our bounty.

Great job to everyone who made this loving outreach successful. Below, SVdP President, Lanni, conducts the final checklist for the 20 local families.



\$50
per person

ST. MARY PARISH

MARDI GRAS

CRAB FEED

Saturday, February 10th
Giovanni Hall
Doors and Bar Open at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm

Menu:
Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail,
Cajun Sausage Gumbo & Rice,
Cornbread & Honey Butter,
Big Easy Salad,
Fresh Dungeness Crab,
"King Cake"

No outside alcohol permitted.

Tickets can be purchased
in-person in the parish office, over the
phone (credit card only; 916-452-0296),
or online via the QR code!

No tickets will be sold at the door.
Deadline for ticket sales is February 2nd.

LITURGY & PRAYER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, December 30

5:00 PM George Chirayath † (*Pam Myczek*)

Sunday, December 31

8:00 AM Anna Marie Barbeau † (*Ron Pane Family*)

9:30 AM Fr. Sijo Chirayath (*Pam Myczek*)

11:00 AM Julie Jones (*Mary Kassis*)

5:00 PM For our Parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)

Monday, January 1

8:00 AM Christopher Golowski † (*Lincoln & Family*)

Denise Franzoia † (*Pam Myczek*)

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 AM Joseph & Sarah Williams (*Kent Williams*)

Charles Smith (*Phyllis Williamson*)

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 AM The Zapien Family (*Cindy Blecha*)

Gayle Hursh (*Rena & Bill Zellars*)

Thursday, January 4

8:00 AM Mary Turpin & Family (*Rena & Bill Zellars*)

Denise Franzoia † (*Dorothy Folena*)

Friday, January 5

8:00 AM The Sierzputowski Family (*DeNigris/Zellars*)

Jennifer Russo † (*Bill & Rena Zellars*)

Saturday, January 6

8:00 AM Maria & Marco Ferrarotti † (*Daughters*)



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11

Clergy Corner

Dear Members of St. Mary's Parish Family,



We are still celebrating Christmas, even if many of us have quickly moved on and may be more focused on New Year's celebrations.

The Incarnation at Christmas, recognized and celebrated a week later in the temple by two faithful servants of

God, portends the salvation to be revealed and brought about in Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. Or, as Paul writes in Galatians in one of his rare references to events in Jesus's life other than his death and resurrection, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law" (Galatians 4:4-5a).

On New Year's Eve, many of us will also be taking stock of the past year, looking ahead to the new year, and making resolutions. As we step into the new year, may we carry the message of love, forgiveness, and hope that Jesus imparts to us. Let our actions be guided by His teachings, and may the Holy Spirit empower us to be beacons of light and agents of positive change in our community.

In this coming year, let us also be mindful of the needs of our neighbors, especially those who are suffering or marginalized. As we make resolutions for personal growth, let us not forget our call to be instruments of God's love and justice in the world. May the God of all time and eternity guide us on this journey, and may the coming year be a time of abundant blessings and grace for each one of us.

In the words of Saint Augustine, "Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things is, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are." Let us approach the coming year with the courage to make positive changes and the hope that, through our collective efforts, we can build a brighter future for our parish and the world. May the blessings of the Holy Family be upon each one of you as we embrace the new opportunities and challenges that the coming year holds. Wishing you a blessed year-end and a joyous New Year!

Fr. George Mathai, CMI
Parochial Vicar

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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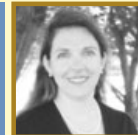
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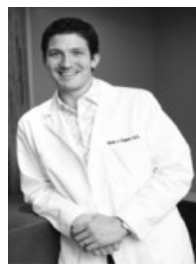
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