

ST. MARY PARISH

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December 7, 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



• 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

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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

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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PARISH NEWS

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This Week at St. Mary Parish

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

See Holy Day of Obligation schedule on
this page.

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

TUESDAY

Parish Advent Penance Service 6:30 pm
Location: Church

WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

CFF Classes 6:00 pm
Location: School

THURSDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Location: Church

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Santa's Workshop & Altar Society Bake Sale
9:00 am
Location: Giovanni Hall

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

COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH THE LORD

Advent Penance Service

Join us for Silent Adoration
and Confession instead of the
4th Tuesday in December

Tuesday December 9th
6:30-8pm in the church

This 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!

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation, celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Please plan to join us at one of our three Masses that day: 8:00 am, 12 noon, or 7:00 pm.

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).

Looking Ahead

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

- **December 9:** Parish Penance Service
- **December 14:** Santa's Workshop
- **February 7:** Parish 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 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.

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What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. John Sehorn

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What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



**SUNDAY
DEC. 14th
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Giovanni Hall**

St. Mary Parish & School

Santa's Workshop & Bake Sale

**Sunday, December 14th
9:00 am - 1:00 pm in Giovanni Hall**

Santa's Workshop

Hosted by the St. Mary School Parent Club, there will be holiday crafts for kids to make & handcrafted treasures to purchase!

Altar Society Bake Sale

Choose from a variety of fresh-baked goods, and beautiful, hand-embroidered kitchen towels!

Admission is free & open to everyone, so stop by for some holiday cheer!



LITURGY & PRAYER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, December 6

5:00 PM Victoria Cavagnaro † (*Andy & Elise Cavagnaro*)

Sunday, December 7

8:00 AM For our Parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)
9:30 AM Gary Clifford † (*Lilian & Nick Clifford*)
11:00 AM Michael Chambers † (*Leanne Sapnaro*)
5:00 PM Jose Figueroa † (*Figueroa Family*)

Monday, December 8

8:00 AM Teresa Diaz (*Pedro A. Diaz*)
12:00 PM Fr. Art Wehr, S.J. † (*Virginia Riggins*)
7:00 PM Pam Myczek † (*Theresa Vinciguerra*)

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 AM Edward Romero † (*Olga Romero*)

Wednesday, December 10

8:00 AM Edward Romero † (*Olga Romero*)

Thursday, December 11

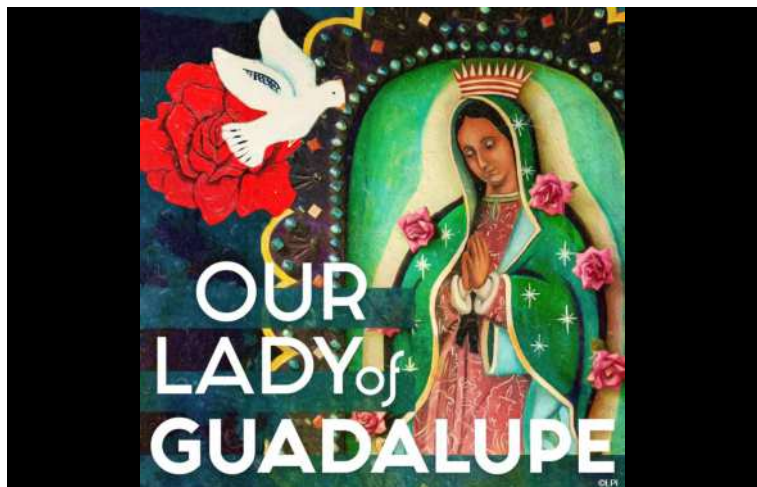
8:00 AM Edward Romero † (*Olga Romero*)

Friday, December 12

8:00 AM Manuel Rosales † (*Virginia Riggins*)
Walter Bayless (*J.V. Becker*)

Saturday, December 13

8:00 AM Michael DeAngelo (*Jean Connors*)



Weekly Readings

Sun: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tues: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wed: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thurs: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Fri: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sun: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/
Mt 11:2-1

Clergy Corner

Dear Members of St. Mary Parish Family,



This week the Church invites us into a beautiful journey of hope and grace as we continue the Second Week of Advent and celebrate two beloved Marian feasts: the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Advent calls us to “prepare the way of the Lord” with renewed hearts. In the Gospel, John the Baptist reminds us that true preparation begins within—by turning away from whatever dims God’s light and embracing the peace and justice that Christ brings. Advent is not only waiting for Jesus; it is welcoming Him with a heart made ready.

Mary shows us how to prepare well. In the Immaculate Conception, we honor her as the one preserved from sin, chosen to carry God’s saving love into the world. Her “yes” to God becomes our model of trust and openness. When we struggle with our own weaknesses or doubts, Mary reminds us that God’s grace is stronger than any obstacle.

A few days later, we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Mother who draws near to her children with tenderness. Her message to St. Juan Diego—“*Am I not here who is your mother?*”—remains a comforting assurance for us today. She gathers us as one family and leads us gently to her Son, Jesus, the Light of the World.

May Mary’s purity inspire our Advent renewal and may Our Lady of Guadalupe accompany us with her motherly care. Let us continue this season with hope, preparing our hearts for the joy and peace Christ brings at Christmas.

Wishing you a blessed week filled with grace and expectation.

Fr. George Thadathil, CMI
Pastor

Next Week’s 2nd Collection: Religious Retirement

Give in gratitude. Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week’s second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

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