

ST. MARY PARISH

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February 15, 2026

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
Fourth Tuesdays
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



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

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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.

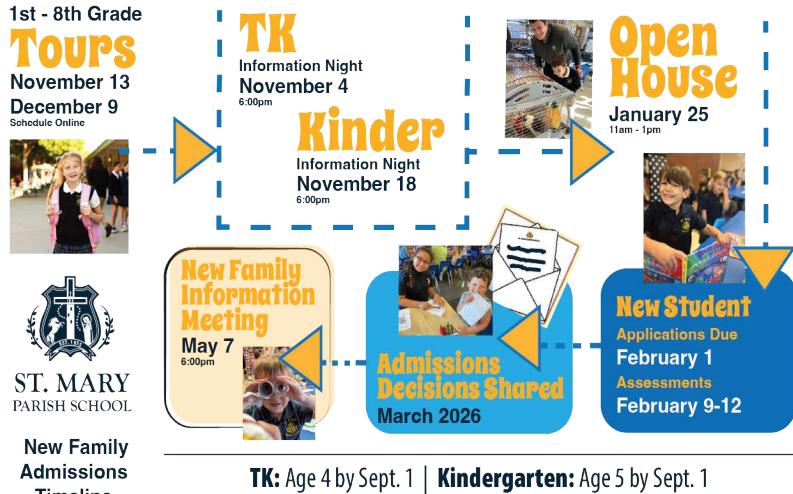
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Online Giving



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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

@LIFED 12:15 pm

Location: Holy Spouses Room

Stella Maris YA Sunday Dinner..... 6:30 pm

Location: Giovanni Hall

MONDAY

Prayer Request Group 6:30 pm

Location: Holy Spouses Room

TUESDAY

Stella Maris YA Prayer & Bible Study 6:30 pm

Location: Chapel/Holy Spouses Room

Bible Study 7:00 pm

Location: Giovanni Hall

WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Location: Holy Spouses Room

Ash Wednesday Masses at 8:00 pm,

12 noon, 7:00pm, Service at 4:00pm

Location: Church

THURSDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Location: Church

FRIDAY

Lenten Soup Meal 6:00 pm

Location: Giovanni Hall

Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Location: Church

SATURDAY

Confession..... 3:30 pm

Location: Church

Looking Ahead

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

- **February 18:** Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent
- **February 20:** First Soup & Stations
- **March 7/8:** St Vincent de Paul Annual Raffle Fundraiser
- **March 6:** Lenten Fish Fry
- **March 24:** Lenten Penance Service
- **April 11:** St Vincent de Paul Paper Shredding event

New Pin Pad Lock for St Joseph's Garden

We are installing a new lock for St Joseph's Garden to enhance the security and safety of our parish. Please call the front office for the pin code. (916) 452-0296.

2025 Year End Contributions

We are emailing contribution statements ONLY upon request, You can request yours by emailing Gina Matista at stmary95819@gmail.com. Please provide your full name, envelope number (if applicable), and phone number.



Our St. Mary Parish is forming a new committee. At the request of the Bishop, all parishes have been asked to prayerfully consider a committee that will help foster a culture of vocations in their parish. The Diocese will have training and resources available for committee leads and all members so it's definitely not starting from scratch. If you have always hoped that those who are feeling called by God would have the support and resources they need - this is your chance to help. If you are interested in joining this important mission please contact the Parish Office.

Worldwide Marriage

Encounter is offering a great weekend experience for couples and religious. Our next weekends are **February 13-15, 2026 in Sacramento, CA., March 6th -8th 2026 in Danville, CA. and April 10-12, 2026 at Zephyr Point Conference Center in South Lake Tahoe**. The weekend is presented by three couples and a priest. This is a time to Restore, Rekindle and Renew your relationship with your spouse. As we say "**not everyone needs a weekend, they DESERVE a weekend**". To register, go to sacramentowwme.org. or wwme.org if you would like more information. If you have any questions, please contact Janet and Terry Doane at 916-489-3464.

Join us in celebrating World Marriage Day

on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at St. Robert's Catholic Church. Bishop Rey Bersabal will celebrate Mass at 11:00 AM where sacramentally married couples will receive a special blessing and may renew their marital commitment. A light reception will follow with certificates for milestone anniversaries. Please register at www.scd.org, under the events section.

NEWS & EVENTS

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ST MARY PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18th

Masses: 8:00am, 12 Noon,
7:00pm
Service: 4:00pm

SOUP & STATIONS

Every Friday 2/20-3/27

6:00pm Soup | 7:00pm Stations
*Soup Nights may get canceled if we're unable to
get enough ministers to provide soup.



LENTEN FISH FRY

March 6th

5:30pm Fish Fry | 7:00pm
Stations

PENANCE SERVICE

March 24th

6:30-8pm Confession and
Adoration

TENEBRAE SERVICE

March 30th

Service: 7:00pm

*A solemn Holy Week prayer service of
psalms, readings, and gradually
extinguished candles, drawing us into
Christ's suffering and the coming
darkness of the tomb.*

Italian Catholic Federation Br. 45

Chicken & Polenta Dinner

Join us for dinner and a raffle on
Sunday, March 8th in Giovanni Hall!

Branch Meeting 4:30 pm
Dinner & Raffle 6:00 pm

(You don't have to be a member/attend the Branch Meeting
& the dinner! All are welcome!)

Menu includes:

Salad, roll, polenta with our homemade
meat sauce, ½ baked chicken, dessert, and beverages
(pasta is available by pre-order only at time of reservation)

Price:

\$25 for members | \$35 for non-members
\$10 for kids ages 7-12 | kids 6 & under are free

For reservations or for more information,
please call Janine at 916-508-1199 by Monday, March 2nd

This dinner is by reservation only. Proceeds benefit
St. Mary School scholarships & seminarians.

St. Mary Parish Marriage & Family Focus 2026

This year, we at St. Mary hope to help you build your own Domestic Church at home. The "domestic church" (Latin: *ecclesia domestica*) is a foundational Catholic term for the family as the primary, smallest community of faith. It signifies that the home is a "little church" or "church of the home," where faith is lived, shared, and nurtured through daily prayer, Scripture, and love.

We hope to provide all parishioners with the healing power of shared prayer, where we are all praying with each other and for each other this year. From now on you will see prayer reminders, helpful free resources for you and your children and some events where we can all learn together.

PRAY:

To begin – did you know that we have a group of parishioners who meet just to pray for you? We do and they will be praying for all families of our Parish throughout the year. You can ask for specific prayers for your family or children by dropping a note in their box located on a table in the vestibule of the church. Remember, you can ask for prayers of celebration and blessings for a specific achievement too, it's not just for hardship.

CELEBRATE:

We want to celebrate your Wedding Anniversary! Please email your family name and the month of your anniversary to pastoralcouncil@stmarysacto.org or call the Parish Office at 916-452-0296. You'll see a, hopefully growing, list of anniversaries to celebrate and pray for every month.



LITURGY & PRAYER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, February 15

5:00 PM Amelia Bateman † (*Ernie & Idamarie Barsotti*)

Sunday, February 15

8:00 AM Ricky & Emiko Yap (*Bill & Rena Zellars*)

9:30 AM Gary Clifford † (*Katarina Bilandzich*)

11:00 AM For our Parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)

5:00 PM Wendy Wenzel (*Rena Zellars*)

Monday, February 16

8:00 AM The Molondoff Family (*Bill & Rena Zellars*)

Tuesday, February 17

8:00 AM Dale & Joan Martfeld (*Daughters*)

Dr. John Moran & Family (*The De Nigris & Zellars Family*)

Wednesday, February 18

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

Thursday, February 19

8:00 AM Fred Jewell (*Bill & Rena Zellars*)

Friday, February 20

8:00 AM Phillip Riggins † (*Virginia Riggins*)

Dale & Joan Martfeld (*Daughters*)

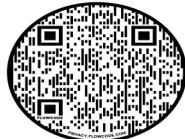
Saturday, February 21

8:00 AM John Barnes (*Robert & Jovanne De Nigris*)

Next Week's 2nd Collection: Annual Catholic Appeal

On the weekend of February 21-22, we will have the opportunity to offer ourselves as missionaries of hope to those who suffer emotional, physical, and spiritual poverty. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a meaningful difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

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).

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/
Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor

5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12

-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Clergy Corner



Dear Members of St. Mary's Parish Family,

Lent begins quietly, with ashes placed on our foreheads and words that echo deep within us: *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."* These words are not meant to frighten us, but to awaken us—to remind us of what truly matters. Lent is God's gentle invitation to come home. It is a sacred season to slow down, to let go of what hardens our hearts, and to make room again for prayer, forgiveness, and compassion. Through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, we are not trying to prove our holiness—we are allowing God to heal us. On this day, the Church invites all the faithful to observe a **universal day of fast and abstinence**. By fasting, we learn self-discipline and create space for God in our lives. By abstaining, we stand in solidarity with the poor and remind ourselves that we do not live by bread alone. These practices are not mere obligations, but loving invitations to grow spiritually and renew our relationship with God.

Here are some simple Lenten practices families can do:

- **Pray together, even briefly.** A short prayer before meals or simply thanking God together at bedtime can gently shape young hearts.
- **Fast from hurtful words.** Encourage family members to avoid shouting, complaining, or speaking harshly. Replace them with kind words, apologies, and encouragement.
- **Create a "Lenten corner" at home.** Place a cross, a Bible, or a candle where the family can pause and remember God's presence each day.
- **Limit screen time intentionally.** Choose one evening a week to turn off phones and TVs, and use that time to talk, listen, or share a meal together.
- **Practice small acts of kindness.** Helping with chores without being asked, forgiving quickly, checking on a neighbor, or sharing with someone in need teaches children that love is lived through action.
- **Choose one sacrifice together.** Whether it is giving up sweets, eating simpler meals, or saving money to help the poor, doing it as a family builds unity and purpose.

As families walk this Lenten journey together, may our homes become places of prayer, patience, and healing. May this season soften our hearts, strengthen our relationships, and prepare us to welcome the joy of Easter with renewed faith and hope.

Fr. George Mathai CMI
Parochial Vicar

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