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February 22, 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



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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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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



ST. MARY
PARISH SCHOOL

New Family
Admissions
Timeline

TK

Information Night
November 4
6:00pm

Kinder

Information Night
November 18
6:00pm

New Family
Information
Meeting
May 7
6:00pm



Admissions
Decisions Shared
March 2026

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

This Week at St. Mary Parish

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

4th Tuesday Adoration & Confession6:30 pm
Location: Church

WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

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

SUNDAY

@LIFED 12:15 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

Stella Maris YA Sunday Dinner..... 6:30 pm
Location: Giovanni Hall

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.



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.

This Weekend'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.

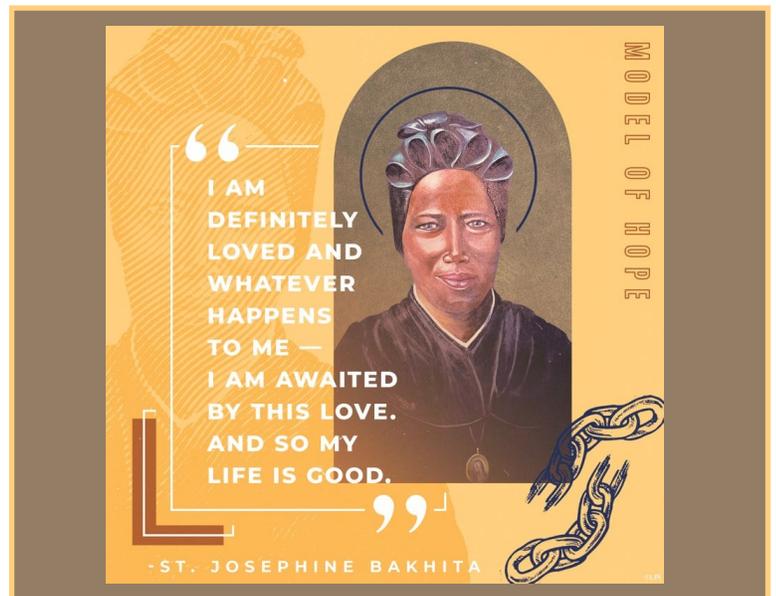
Looking Ahead

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

- **March 7/8:** St Vincent de Paul Annual Raffle Fund-raiser
- **March 6:** Lenten Fish Fry
- **March 24:** Lenten Penance Service
- **April 11:** St Vincent de Paul Paper Shredding event

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.



FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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ST MARY PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18th
Masses: 8:00am, 12 Noon,
7:00pm
Service: 4:00pm

LENTEN FISH FRY

March 6th
5:30pm Fish Fry | 7:00pm
Stations

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 ministries to provide soup.*

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.*



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.

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.

Marriage & Family



St. Mary Parish Sacramento

Focus 2026

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.

Healing Retreat: Adults with Divorced Parents

Feb 27 – Mar 1 Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park
7:00pm Friday (begins) Life Giving Wounds Healing Re-
treat for Adults with Divorced or Separated Parents. This
powerful retreat invites participants to experience heal-
ing and grace from their parents' relationship and move
towards their own deepest identity as God's beloved,
capable of giving and receiving great love. It offers inspi-
rational Catholic speakers, counseling, confession, mass,
unique prayers, artworks, small supportive group, and
many resources. Promotional video with info here
(<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=BsWYffJw0hA>), more
info or register at <http://www.sfarch.org/lqw>; much more
information about the ministry here [https://
lifegivingwounds.org/](https://lifegivingwounds.org/).

LITURGY & PRAYER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, February 21

5:00 PM Rosalina Martinez † (*Best Friend*)

Sunday, February 22

8:00 AM Irma & Joe La Brasca † (*Katarina Bilandzich*)

9:30 AM Edith Leyva † (*The Leyva Family*)

11:00 AM Louis McDermott † (*Barbara McDermott*)

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

Monday, February 23

8:00 AM Dawn Aragon (*Ramon Aragon*)

Kent Williams & Family (*Becker Family*)

Tuesday, February 24

8:00 AM Dawn Aragon (*Ramon Aragon*)

Gerald Kondrad † (*Marjorie Wade*)

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 AM Dawn Aragon (*Ramon Aragon*)

Dale & Joan Martfeld (*Daughters*)

Thursday, February 26

8:00 AM Dawn Aragon (*Ramon Aragon*)

Joseph and Antonette † (*Margaret Lambright*)

Friday, February 27

8:00 AM Fr. Sijo Chirayath (*The Ielati Family*)

Dale & Joan Martfeld (*Daughters*)

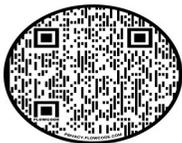
Saturday, February 28

8:00 AM Gloria Gabrielli † (*The Ielati Family*)

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

Next weekend'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!

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

Sun: 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

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tues: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thurs: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sun: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Clergy Corner



Dear Members of St. Mary Parish Family,

First of all I would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who participated and made our "Crab Feed" event a great success. Special thanks to Kevin Riley, Mary Willet, Joe Souza, Brian & Holly Kinney, Alyssa & Brian McKrell, Jane Rojas, Gina Matista and Monica Romo. May God Bless them all.

On this First Sunday of Lent, the Church takes us to the desert. The Gospel from Gospel of Matthew (4:1-11) presents Jesus being tempted by the devil after forty days of fasting. At the very beginning of His public ministry, Jesus enters into spiritual battle—and He wins.

The first reading from Book of Genesis reminds us of Adam's temptation and fall. Where Adam gave in, Christ remains faithful. As St. Paul teaches in Letter to the Romans, through one man sin entered the world, but through Christ obedience and grace overflowed for all. Jesus is the new Adam who restores what was lost.

Lent invites us into that same desert experience—not to discourage us, but to strengthen us. Like Jesus, we face temptations: comfort over sacrifice, pride over humility, self-reliance over trust in God. Yet the Lord shows us the way forward—through prayer, fasting, and reliance on God's Word.

The desert is not a place of abandonment; it is a place of encounter. In the quiet, we discover both our weakness and God's strength. This Lent, let us walk with Christ, trusting that His victory can become our own. When we fall, His grace lifts us up. When we struggle, His Word sustains us.

May these forty days renew our hearts and prepare us to rejoice fully in the victory of Easter.

Fr. George Thadathil, CMI

Pastor

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