

ST. MARY PARISH

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February 26, 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

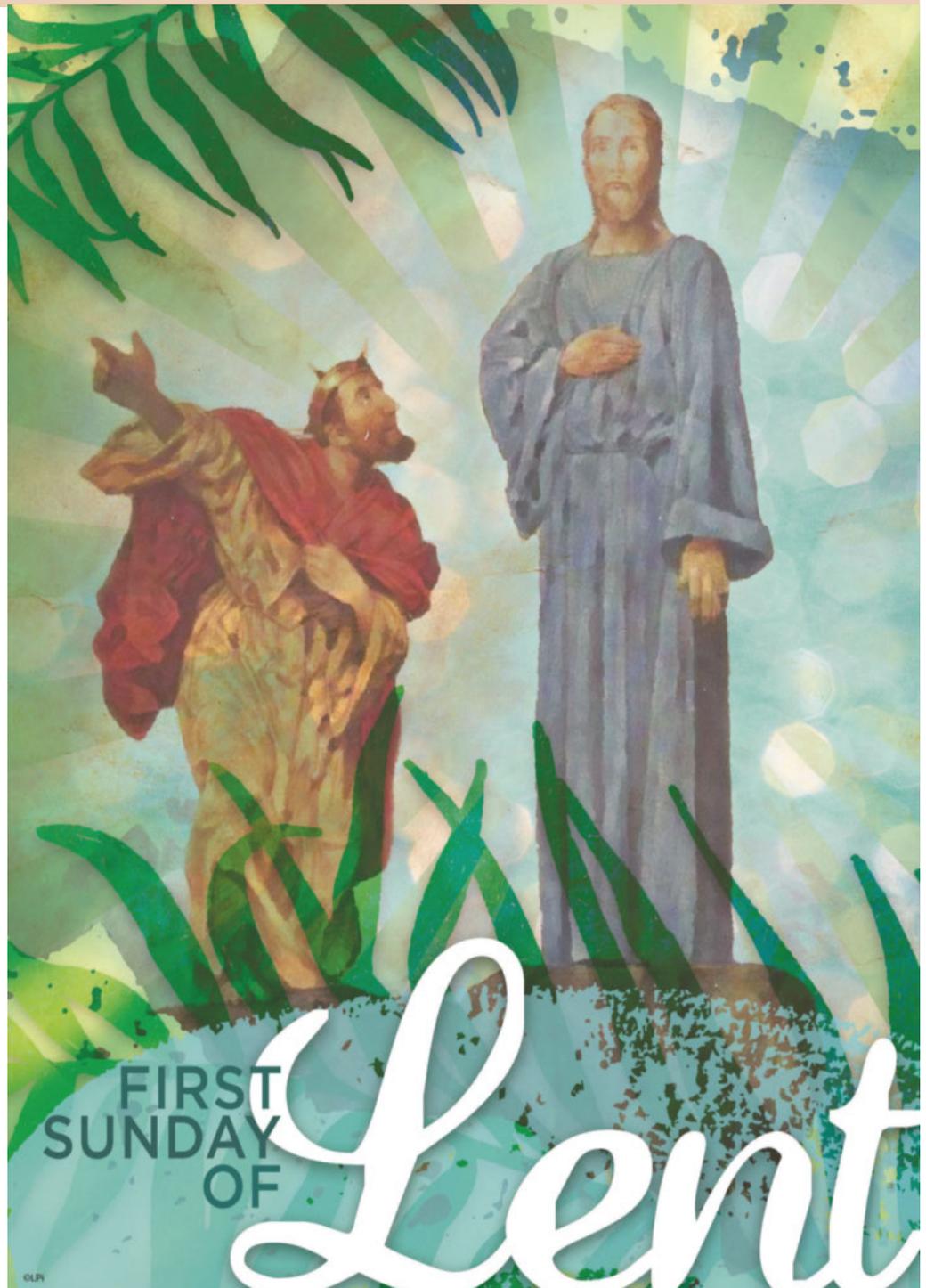
First Sunday Holy Hour
12 Noon - 1:00 PM
First Fridays
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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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PARISH INFO

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Infant Baptism: Contact the Parish Office. Parents and godparents must attend class.

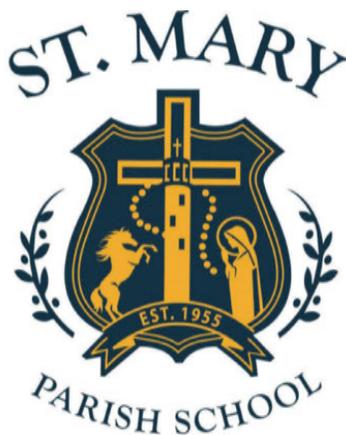
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office regarding sick and elderly who are at home, hospitals or special care facilities.

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.

CFF: Catholic youth are formed through the Catholic Faith Formation program (CFF). Please contact Cindy Blecha at cff@stmarysacto.org.

Our Mission Statement

St. Mary Parish prepares and sustains its members and guests for a life and eternity in the presence of God. In accomplishing our mission, we proclaim and celebrate our salvation through Jesus Christ enlivened by the Holy Spirit, nourish our sacramental life especially in the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, and demonstrate our faith worshipping, educating, serving and encouraging vocations.



As a ministry of St. Mary Parish, guided by the life of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, we love with devotion, learn with passion and lead with faith.

Preschool/TK - 8th Grade

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Weekly Readings

- Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Mass Intentions February 25-March 4

Saturday Vigil, February 25

5:00 PM Jacinta de Aguirre † (by *The Alarcon Family*)

Sunday, February 26

8:00 AM For our Parishioners (by *St. Mary Parish*)

9:30 AM Wilfred Falzon † (by *Lilian Clifford*)

11:00 AM Tony Bertacchi † (by *John, Tracy & Jenica G.*)

5:00 PM Fr. George Thadathil (by *St. Mary Parish*)

Monday, February 27

8:00 AM Shirley Caudill (by *Fr. Davy*)

Val Cummings † (by *Veya & Family*)

Tuesday, February 28

8:00 AM Dawn & Gabriel Aragon (by *Ramon*)

Gloria Gabrielli † (by *The Ielati Family*)

Wednesday, March 1

8:00 AM Michael Hinton (by *The Lienert Family*)

James Johnson † (by *Ginny Johnson*)

Thursday, March 2

8:00 AM Mary Jane Cross (by *Jean Connors*)

Ernest & Lily Guerrero † (by *Dolores Sanchez*)

Friday, March 3

8:00 AM Fr. George Ryle (by *Mary Kassis*)

Tommaso Matteucci † (by *Emily Rossi & Family*)

Saturday, March 4

8:00 AM Juanita Corcoran † (by *Ramona Bugatto*)

To request a Mass Intention, please download the Mass Intention Request Form from our website or visit the parish office during normal business hours. Per Canon Law (canon 953), Mass intentions may not be scheduled more than one year in advance.

Mass Trivia

The 1st Sunday of Lent

How many times was Jesus tempted by the devil in the desert?

(A) 7 times

(B) 12 times

(C) 3 times

(D) 4 times

Check page 5 for the answer!

Online Worship Aid



Scan the QR code to access to this week's Worship Aid, that provides all of the liturgical content used for the Mass (readings, music, etc).

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention For the Month of February:

For Parishes



We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Clergy Corner

Prayerful greetings!

It has been almost two and a half years since Fr. Davy and Fr. George, two CMI priests, began serving in our parish. It is nice to make a brief evaluation and comments on the main achievements the parish received through their joyful and sincere service:

- We are fortunate to have Mass daily, even when the churches were closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the pandemic, the weekend Masses were celebrated in the parking lot, regardless of freezing weather conditions. We have an average of 30 people participating in daily Mass. The Mass attendance is going up. For the spiritual nourishment we started daily Rosary, first Friday Divine Mercy chaplet, First Friday and First Sunday Eucharistic Adoration, etc. Weekly Bible Study, CFF, RCIA, Children's Liturgy of the Word, etc. are going on actively. Our priests never turned away anyone who needed anointing of the sick and other sacraments anytime of the day or night. Besides his duties in our parish, our Parochial Vicar, Fr George is also serving as part-time chaplain at St. Francis high school.
- We were able to accomplish several projects. Security cameras were installed both in the church and rectory. The parish hall and kitchen renovation was done. The rental house on N street is being renovated. New split A/C unit is installed in the Infant Mary chapel. New televisions were purchased to make the CFF, RCIA and Bible study program more effective. The old carpet in the bedrooms of the rectory were removed and refinished the wooden floor. Fruit trees were planted at St. Joseph Garden.
- We are also trying to make our parish expenses minimum. Monthly telephone and internet service went down from more than \$800 to less than \$400. Monthly landscaping expenses went down from \$900 to \$400. The Rectory Direct TV cable was disconnected. More than a year and a half we had no maintenance man. We never had a paid sacristan till last month. We are fortunate to have volunteers to lead the CFF, RCIA and CLOW program. Almost six months when the office manager was on maternity leave, we didn't hire a paid receptionist, the volunteers helped. Priests were there to take care of the parish needs everyday including their day off. We have no cook in the rectory. Our priests are cooking most of the days. Though they never cooked before coming to the US, they both are now cooking. This considerably reduces the daily expenses.
- Fr. Davy takes care of our garden, trimming, pruning and watering the plants and flowers every morning to make our premises pretty. We got sponsors for the Christmas trees and Christmas flowers to decorate both inside and outside of the church.
- Our priests are always available to take care of the pastoral needs of our St. Mary school. Weekly Masses are celebrated, visiting the classes occasionally, attending CSAC meetings, participating in all school activities including spiritual/cultural and fundraising program. The parish and school do teamwork collaborating. Plans are made to do the Eucharistic revival in the school level.
- We are so fortunate to have our priests who administer the sacraments for us and available to do funeral services for our loved ones. They listen to our problems, available to do spiritual direction, bless our homes, etc. They interact and socialize with us in parish and social events. We all experience their joyful and gentle nature without being rude or turning anyone away from our needs. Their genuine effort and personal invitation increased the number of parish volunteers considerably. Fr. Davy, besides his pastorship, is the Director of International and inter-religious dialogue center, member of the presbyteral council of the diocese of Sacramento, chaplain of the Knights of Columbus and Third Order of the Carmelites Discalced.

We need to appreciate our priests who are far away from their family and loved ones. They are unable to join their loved ones when there is a death or celebration in their families. Majority of the active priests in our diocese are foreign nationals. Though we pray daily for vocation to the priesthood and religious life, we don't have a priest from our parish to serve in our diocese. Once a bishop got a lot of complaints from the parishioners about an American pastor. Bishop one weekend went to celebrate Mass that parish. During his final remarks he asked the parishioners; How many priests do you have from your parish? There was none. Then the 70-year-old Bishop said, I am pretty old, can't marry and have children to make priests. I can supply only the priests who are available. Therefore, let us pray for our priests daily, encourage them and feel free to ask them personally if there is any change needed.



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WISHING FR. GEORGE A

Happy Birthday!



A Eucharistic Revival at St. Mary Parish

In June of 2022, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops kicked off a 3-year grassroots National Eucharistic Revival. The Revival aims to be a movement that renews the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Over the next few years, Catholics in the United States are called to recommit themselves to our Eucharistic identity and to reaffirm their faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

St. Mary's Eucharistic Revival Committee is taking steps to provide resources for our parishioners and school families to help them to find the deep relevance of the Mass in their everyday lives. Starting this week, Bringing Home the Gospel worksheets will be available in the vestibule of the church for you to take home to deepen your faith. These worksheets provide thoughtful, relevant reflections on the Sunday Gospel that anyone can use to reflect on their weekly experiences as filtered through the weekly Gospel message.

Our challenge to you is to take 30 minutes each Sunday after Mass to review the reflection and respond to the questions and/or discuss them with your family.

The weekly handouts can be found in the vestibule of the church, or on our website under the Eucharistic Revival tab. If you have any questions or comments, please email us at info@stmarysacto.org with attention to The Eucharistic Revival Committee.



LENT 2023 SCHEDULE

Soup + Stations of the Cross
Every Friday February 24 - March 31
(Fridays are days of abstinence)
6:00 pm Soup
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Fish Fry
Friday, March 10
5:30 pm
Stations of the Cross immediately following

Parish Mission
Monday, March 20 - Wednesday, March 22
After the 8:00 am daily Mass and 6:30-7:30 pm
Retreat Preacher: Fr. Jack Conley, CP

Penance Service
Thursday, March 23
6:00 pm

Tenebrae Service
Monday, April 3
7:00 pm

LIFELONG FORMATION

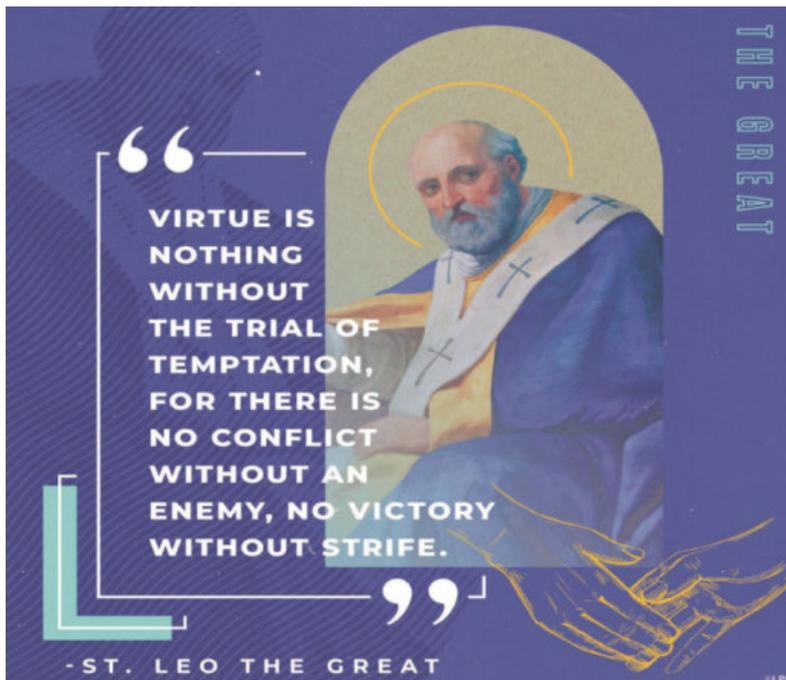
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Gospel Reflection

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: “He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.” Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn’t it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held fast to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can’t manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they’ll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

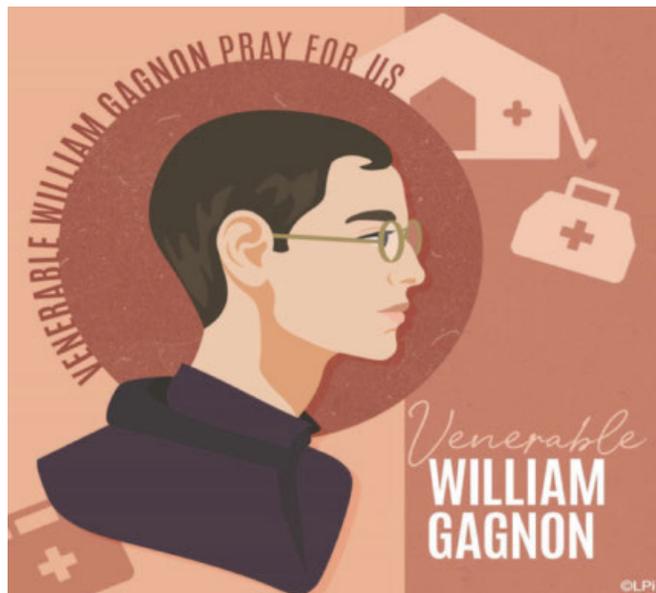
Jesus fasts for us. He’s showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. “Man does not live by bread alone,” he says, “But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” Jesus’ fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone. -Fr. John Muir for ©LPi



Mass Trivia Answer

C. 3 times

from today's Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



Saint of the Week

Venerable William Gagnon, O.H. was born in 1905, in Dover, New Hampshire. Intrigued by a newspaper column about St. John of God and the community of brothers he founded to care for the sick all over the world, Gagnon entered the Hospitallers order and took his vows in Montreal in 1935. Brother William spent the first 20 years of his vocation directing schools and hospitals in Montreal and Quebec City, before following the dream that originally drew him to the Hospitallers: to serve overseas as a missionary.

In 1952 Brother William was assigned to be the prior of his order’s new foundation and hospital in Bui-Chu, Vietnam. The Hospital du Sacre-Coeur de Bui-Chu served victims of war, ranging from children suffering malnutrition to adults wounded by the fighting. On occasion they would have to leave the mission for their own safety since they cared for soldiers on both sides of the conflict and that sometimes put them in harm’s way. Eventually, the Brothers were forced Southward to continue to care for the refugees of the Vietnam conflict.

As the stream of refugees moved out of North Vietnam, the Brothers relocated to Bien-Hoa near Saigon. Here, Brother William continued his leadership work in the hospital but also became the novice master, training those seeking a vocation with the Brothers in Vietnam. A true servant leader, Brother William had a hand in every task of the mission — general contractor, fundraiser, social worker, nurse, and spiritual leader.

Brother Gagnon served his community in Vietnam until dying of heart failure in Saigon in 1972. Pope Francis proclaimed him Venerable on December 14, 2015. ©LPi

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Saturday, March 11TH, 2023

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