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January 11, 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



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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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!



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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*

Second Sunday Social ..... 9:00am - 12:30pm

*Location: Giovanni Hall*

@LIFED ..... 12:15 pm

*Location: Holy Spouses Room*

### MONDAY

Prayer Request Group ..... 6:30 pm

*Location: Holy Spouses Room*

### TUESDAY

Stella Maris 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*

### THURSDAY

Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:00 pm

*Location: Church*

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

Confession..... 3:30 pm

*Location: Church*

## Looking Ahead

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

- **February 14:** Parish Crab Feed
- **February 18:** Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent

## Next Week's 2nd Collection: St. Mary School Fund the Future

Next weekend's Second Collection is for St. Mary School's Fund the Future Campaign. Donations go towards Tuition assistance and capital improvements for our School. Checks should be made out to St. Mary Parish (we will total everything and present the School with a check, just like with all other Second Collections.) Thank you for your generosity!

## 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 fill out our New Parishioner Registration Form which can be found in the church vestibule, online, or in the parish office!

## St. Mary Valentines Crab Feed 2026

Our annual parish Crab Feed will be held on Saturday Feb. 14th. We will return to the classic crab feed menu of Antipasto, salad, bread and butter, meat pasta and crab, crab and more crab. Ticket sales will begin by Jan 16th, with links to buy tickets and volunteer in the January 18 Bulletin. Tickets will be \$65 per person. If you are not able to attend, there are so many other ways you can support this event and our St. Mary fundraising efforts. Consider making a donation to the Crab Feed that event chairs can use to support a special sweet treat for couples, and for the raffle. Donate directly to the raffle - gift cards are especially prized donations. And do you have a lemon tree? Beginning Monday Feb. 9th we will be accepting donations of lemons at the parish office. There's a way everyone can help our parish and this important fundraising event.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://sacramentowwme.org) or [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) if you would like more information. If you have any questions, please contact Janet and Terry Doane at 916-489-3464.

## 2nd Sunday Coffee & Donuts

Join us Today at our Second Sunday Social for Coffee and Donuts in Giovanni Hall. Sunday January 11th, after all morning masses.



# NEWS & EVENTS

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## St. Mary Parish Crab Feed Saturday February 14, 2026



Traditional Menu  
Antipasto, salad, bread and butter,  
Meat pasta and CRAB!  
Doors open at 6:00pm  
No outside drinks or alcohol permitted

## Stella Maris

Young Adults aged 21-35



Cordially invites you to join us for:

The 1st and 3rd Sunday of the  
month at 6:30pm  
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## INFANT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

God bless you in choosing to have your child baptized.  
In doing so you are taking your vocation as a parent  
seriously by giving your child the life of Christ!

Our parish holds baptismal preparation classes every other  
Saturday in the church for all families registering their  
child for Infant Baptism. Contact the parish office today for  
information on the next class and to register.

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# LITURGY & PRAYER

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday Vigil, January 10

5:00 PM Amelia Bateman †

### Sunday, January 11

8:00 AM Brothers, Sisters, & Souls in Purgatory †  
(Pedro A. Diaz)

9:30 AM For our Parishioners (St. Mary Parish)

11:00 AM Nancy Clavere † (St. Mary Choir)

5:00 PM Alberto Aguilera † (Rosa Castanos)

### Monday, January 12

8:00 AM Tom & Helga de la Rosa (Fernando de la Rosa)

### Tuesday, January 13

8:00 AM Julio Ramirez Jara (Rosa Castanos)

### Wednesday, January 14

8:00 AM Pam Myczek † (Mary Kassis)

### Thursday, January 15

12:00 AM Deacon Lu & Susan Del Gaudio † (Mary Kassis)

### Friday, January 16

8:00 AM Deacon John & Celeste Gisla (Mary Kassis)

### Saturday, January 17

8:00 AM Gary Clifford † (Katarina Bilandzich)



## St. Mary Vocations Committee

Our St. Mary Parish is forming a new committee. Members will help foster a culture of vocations amongst our parishioners, hosting vocation days and providing support for those who are feeling called by God. If you are interested in joining this important mission please contact the Parish Office. Let us continue to “Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” Matthew 9:38

## Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sun: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-

34

## Clergy Corner



Dear Members of St. Mary's Parish Family,

Today, as Jesus steps into the waters of the Jordan, He does something surprising: the sinless Son of God stands in line with sinners. He does not distance Himself from our weakness; instead, He enters fully into our human story. In that moment, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father's voice is heard: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

This feast reminds us of our own baptism. Before we achieved anything, before we proved ourselves worthy, God called us His beloved children. Our identity begins not with success or failure, but with love.

- **Live from your identity:** When you feel discouraged or pressured to prove yourself, remember: you are already loved by God.
- **Choose humility:** Like Jesus, be willing to stand with others, especially the overlooked or misunderstood.
- **Listen for God's voice:** Make time for quiet prayer. God still speaks words of love and guidance to open hearts.
- **Be a sign of God's pleasure:** Through kindness, honesty, and forgiveness, let others experience God's love through you.

As we begin a new year, the Gospel invites us to bring our everyday struggles—our families, work, health, and uncertainties—into God's presence. Our baptism assures us that God walks with us through every season.

- Renew your commitment to prayer, even if brief and simple.
- Carry your faith into ordinary moments.
- Be a source of encouragement in a world longing for hope.

May this feast renew our baptismal grace and help us walk as beloved sons and daughters, bringing light and hope to the world.

Fr. George Mathai CMI  
Parochial Vicar



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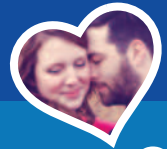


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