ST. MARY PARISH

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January 2, 2022

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
Every first Friday of the
month 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Infant Mary Chapel
Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Closed 12:00 - 1:00 PM
for lunch

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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PARISH INFO

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Sacrament + Formation Info

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office 6 months prior to desired wedding date.

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 worshiping, educating, serving and encouraging vocations.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

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.

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10 -12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14-15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

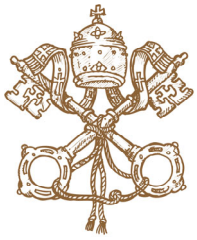
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention For January:

True Human Fraternity



We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Online Worship Aid

Each week we produce a Worship Aid that provides all of the liturgical content used for the Sunday Mass (readings, music, etc). Scan the QR code with your phone for access to this week's Worship Aid.

Mass Intentions

January 1-8

Saturday Vigil, January 1
5:00 PM Carmen Valdez *(by The Diaz Family)*

Sunday, January 2
8:00 AM For our Parishioners *(by St. Mary Parish)*
9:30 AM Jose Gomez † *(by Nick & Lilian Clifford)*
11:00 AM Theresa Matista † *(by Bruce & Elvira O'Day)*
For Children Under 10 Years Old
5:00 PM Philomena Halstead † *(by Denise Franzoia)*

Monday, January 3
8:00 AM John Fulgaro *(by Gwen Devereux)*
Theresa Matista † *(by Denise Franzoia)*

Tuesday, January 4
8:00 AM Richard Kupper *(by Rich & Terri Gardella)*
Bonnie Williams *(by Pam Myczek)*

Wednesday, January 5
8:00 AM Theresa Matista † *(by The Tomassetti Family)*
Emmanuel Thadathil † *(by Fr. George)*

Thursday, January 6
8:00 AM Jim Johnson † *(by Ginny Johnson)*
Ron Hermann † *(by Barbara Hermann)*

Friday, January 7
8:00 AM Adele Viglione † *(by Mary Kassis)*
Mary Diaz † *(by Virginia Riggins)*

Saturday, January 8
8:00 AM The Ielati Family *(by Jane Hinman)*

Requesting Mass Intentions

The Catholic Church has a long tradition of offering Masses for special intentions and for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed.

Mass Intentions at St. Mary's are now open to request through January 2, 2023! (Per Canon Law [canon 953], Mass intentions may not be scheduled more than one year in advance.)

To make your request, please download the Mass Intention Request Form from our website or visit the parish office during normal business hours.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clergy Corner:
A Tribute to Deacon Luigi Del Gaudio

Loving members of Saint Mary parish family, it is with deep sorrow we all heard of the demise of our beloved Deacon Luigi Del Gaudio on December 21, 2021. Since we had to send the bulletin to the press in advance due to Christmas holidays, we couldn't publish anything about him in the previous weekly bulletins.

Deacon Lu was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He was the youngest child and only son of four children. He attended Catholic grade school in Somerville, Massachusetts.

He married Susan in 1969. The good Lord blessed them with two loving daughters, Emily and Rachel, and six adorable grandchildren. He got a Masters in Social Work from Boston College, and, in 1972, began his career as a social worker. He retired in 2006 as a manager in the child welfare services field for the State of California Department of Social Services.

On June 15, 1996, he was ordained to the permanent Diaconate by Most Reverend William K. Weigand, Bishop Emeritus of Sacramento. Bishop assigned him to be the first deacon at St. Mary's Parish where he had been a parishioner since 1974. Since his ordination he had the privilege of baptizing hundreds of children; preparing couples for their marriages and witnessing many of them; sharing the Gospel through preaching, counseling and teaching; and helping those mourning the loss of their loved ones by helping with funeral liturgies. He was very involved in bringing Holy Communion to our parishioners who are homebound. He was a member of the team that participates in RCIA and baptism classes as well as Catholics Come Home. He also was involved actively in many diocesan departments and mentored many in the diaconate formation.

Though he officially retired from the active ministry as Deacon in August this year he was involved in every activity and preached at all Masses during the third weekend of every month. He gloriously concluded his ministry preaching to our parishioners on the first weekend of Advent on November 27/28. I remember very well he started thanking everyone being present to witness Christ. He said in a soft voice about the debate among the scholars regarding the birth of Christ in December or April. He will confirm it from heaven. He also challenged us to go deeper in our faith and find Christ not only in the crib but in others. He mentioned about a passenger on the train not well dressed up but saw in him Jesus in disguise. He always related the homily to the Eucharist saying, 'in a few moments you will see in Father's hands the body, blood, soul and divinity truly present.' He also mentioned the criteria to get to heaven is to love unconditionally. He always concluded his homily saying: 'Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ.'

I still can't believe that Deacon Lu is not with us physically. He is still very much alive in our minds and hearts as he had a big and loving heart to keep us all. Let us continue praying for the repose of his soul and pray to him. He wanted to have in 2022 a grand celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of our parish on 58th Street. He will join us from heaven. Let us extend our condolences and prayers to his loving wife, Susan, and daughters, Emily and Rachel, and their families.

Our parish was so blessed to have such a loving and committed Deacon. May the soul of Deacon Luigi rest in peace!

Fr. Kavungal Davy, CMI

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Holiday Office Hours

In observance of the New Years Holiday, the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 3rd.

ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

Dear St. Mary Parish Community,

Blessings and gratitude to all who supported our St. Mary Parish School this past year through yet another year of the pandemic landscape. Your love and support keeps us strong in our Ministry of Catholic Education. We look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with our Parish community beginning Sunday, January 30, 2022.

On behalf of St. Mary School and myself, we wish everyone a year filled with Jesus, health and joy!

In the Peace of St. Mary,

Mrs. Mary DaRosa
Principal

First Friday Adoration

Join us each First Friday of the month for Mass at 8 am in the church and Adoration from 8:30 am-12 pm in the chapel.

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule to sign up for a 30 minute block of Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of the upcoming month. This is to ensure that, while the Eucharist is exposed, He is never left alone. Please sign up to spend some time in His presence!

Next First Friday: January 7th

An App for Catholic Life Everyday!

The myParish App for smartphones and mobile devices let's you stay in touch with what's going on here at St. Mary Parish! Find the latest bulletin, daily readings, reflections, meditations, a library of prayers, and relevant parish news and updates.

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LIFELONG FORMATION

Sunday Reading Reflections

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

Second Reading: It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews *and* Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

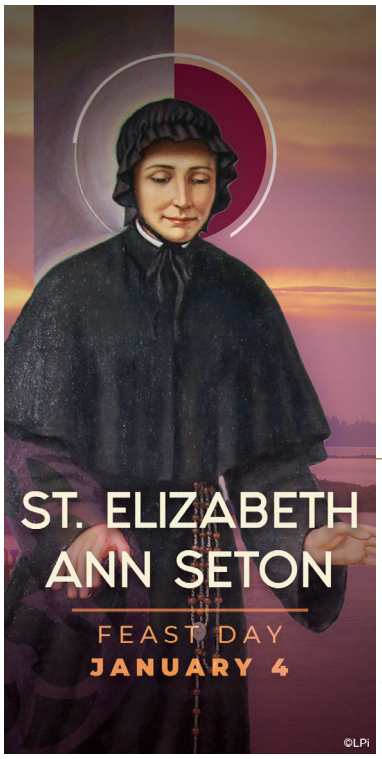
Gospel: The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today? *©LPi*

Catholic Trivia

Question: Which sacraments can only be received once?

Answer: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders

Saint of the Week



The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized on September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint." *©LPi*

Epiphany
OF THE LORD

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St. Mary Parish

Ministry Highlight

Getting to know our parish ministries

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

What is the purpose of your ministry/how does your ministry serve the parish?

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leads men and women to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering and who reside within the boundaries of St. Mary and Sacred Heart parishes, in the tradition of our founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanan and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

What are some reasons someone might want to join your ministry?

- You meet the face of Christ and bring God's message to the marginalized
- There's always something to do in SVdP: home visits, dropping off food, taking calls,
- You can do something concrete to help "the least among us"

When does your ministry meet?

On the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. We are currently meeting virtually.

Is there anything else you'd like our parishioners to know about your ministry?

Our parishioners are always very generous with donations of food and money. What we really need now is people like you to join us!

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

Contact Alanna Butterworth
at alannab@surewest.net or 916-524-4811

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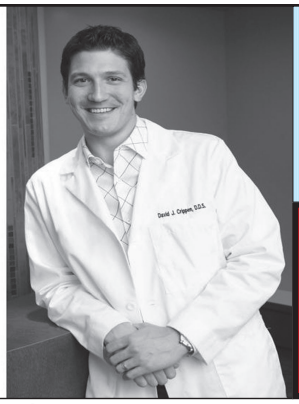

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