

ST. MARY PARISH

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January 29, 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



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

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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.

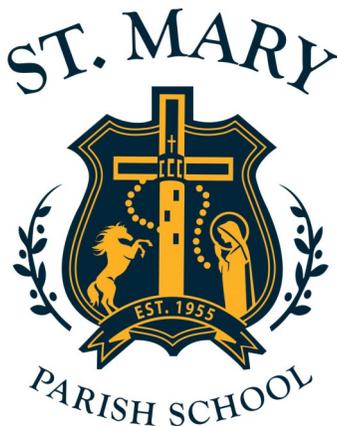
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office regarding sick and elderly who are at home, hospitals or special care facilities.

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 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:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a
- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Mass Trivia

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How many Beatitudes are there?

(A) 10

(B) 7

(C) 12

(D) 9

Check page 5 for the answer!

Mass Intentions

January 28-February 4

Saturday Vigil, January 28

5:00 PM Harold & Peter Hill (by Betty Hill)

Sunday, January 29

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

9:30 AM Keith Schiele † (by Gus & Cindy Blecha)

11:00 AM Joe Karingada (by Michael Paparella)

5:00 PM The Lienert Family (by The Ielati Family)

Monday, January 30

8:00 AM Presley McCann (by Judy Becker)

All persecuted clergy (by Lilian & Nick C.)

Tuesday, January 31

8:00 AM Tony Cervantes (by Adriana Castillo)

Tony Bertacchi † (by Gloria & Linda G.)

Wednesday, February 1

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

James Johnson † (by Ginny Johnson)

Thursday, February 2

8:00 AM Sergio Brida † (by Lia Puccinelli)

Rhoda Kettmann † (by Cyndi Kettmann)

Friday, February 3

8:00 AM Al Facino † (by The Ielati Family)

Tony Bertacchi † (by John, Tracy & Jencia)

Saturday, February 4

8:00 AM Elaine Lane † (by Family)

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.

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 January:

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This Weekend's Second Collection

This weekend's Second Collection is for St. Vincent de Paul. Please see the last page of this bulletin for details on how your donations were used in 2022. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Next week: Blessing of the Throats

In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise (patron saint of ailments of the throat) on February 3rd, we will be doing the traditional blessing of the throats at all Masses next weekend.

Pastoral Council

We are looking for new members to join the St. Mary Pastoral Council! The Parish Pastoral Council assists the pastor in serving the parish community by exploring the needs of the parish and responding appropriately. This is accomplished through prayer, listening and dialogue. The council meets roughly 9 times a year.

If you are interested, or if you know someone who is, please contact the parish office this week!

We're Hiring! CFF Coordinator

Our CFF Coordinator, Mrs. Cindy Blecha, is stepping down in May from her position. Our parish is indebted to her remarkable and committed voluntary service to our parish and youth.

If you are interested in taking up this part-time position, or if you know someone who is qualified, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Clergy Corner



We all would like to go to heaven. We all want to live a happy life. "Happiness is that which all seek." So says the great philosopher Aristotle. How do we get real happiness? Aristotle also observes that everything people do twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, is what they believe will bring them happiness in one form or another. But the problem is that what people think will bring them happiness does not in fact always bring them true and lasting happiness.

The readings today give us an opportunity to help us live a joyful life. The first reading says, "Seek the Lord, seek justice, seek humility." The Gospel presents the beatitude: "How blessed are the poor, the lowly, the peace makers" a philosophy entirely different from the modern world. The modern world rewards high achievers. You are a success in life if you gain a high position in the financial, political and business world. Millionaires are also in jail. Position, power and wealth do not give lasting happiness.

A drunkard or a frequent casino visitor or a student who spends hours in front of television or computer all will soon find out how much lasting joy they experienced. The word for true and lasting happiness is "blessedness" or "beatitude." Jesus' Sermon on the Mount shows that he really wants his followers to have true and lasting happiness, the happiness that the world and everything in it cannot give. This state of blessedness is what Jesus calls being in the "kingdom of God/heaven."

Beatitudes are the paths which can be followed by any individual irrespective of religion, faith or sect. It invites us to be passive as well as active believers by becoming merciful, peacemakers and who always do what is right before God. Let us ask God for grace to long for true happiness and peace.

Fr. Kavungal Davy, CMI
Pastor

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A 2019 Pew Survey found that almost 70% of Catholics do not believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

We invite you to join us this week to experience just how present our God is, with two opportunities to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

First Friday Adoration
Friday, February 3rd
8:30 am - 12 noon
in the Infant Mary Chapel

First Sunday Holy Hour
Sunday, February 5th
12 noon - 1:00 pm
in the church



LIFELONG FORMATION

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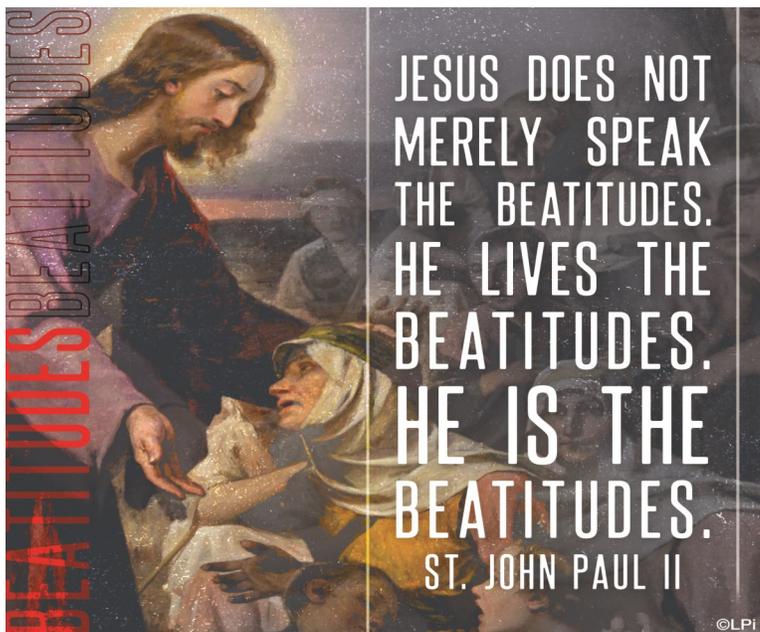
Gospel Reflection

In my parents' bedroom there was a photo of my mother that entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like that? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

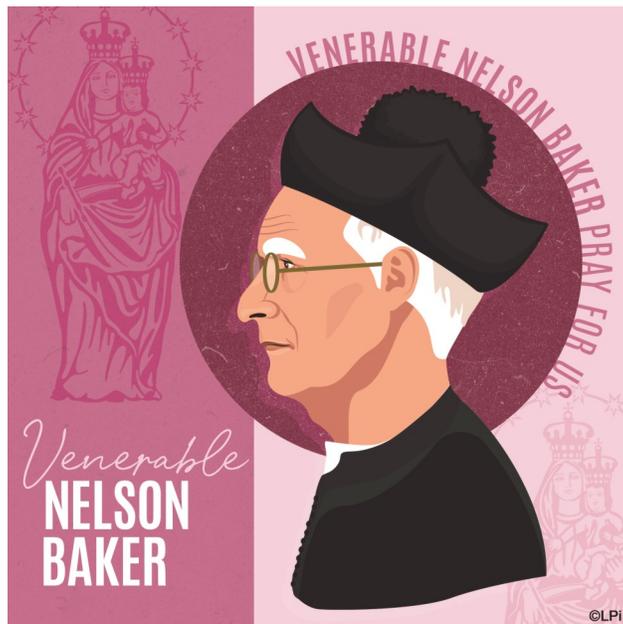
-Fr. John Muir for ©LPI



Mass Trivia Answer

D. 9

from today's Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



Saint of the Week

Born February 16, 1842 in New York, his home community of Buffalo would eventually name Fr. Nelson Baker "Buffalo's most influential citizen of the 20th century." Before being ordained a priest, Baker served in the Civil War as a Union soldier in the 74th regiment of the New York State Militia. Following his time as a soldier, Baker joined the St. Vincent De Paul Society, and started taking Latin classes. He entered the seminary in 1869, and was ordained in 1876.

After donating his life savings to alleviate the debt accrued by the orphanages and other institutions Fr. Baker was entrusted with, he was inspired him to begin The Association of Our Lady of Victory. Fr. Baker hand-wrote thousands of letters that went out to Catholics across America soliciting donations to support the facilities. Catholics everywhere joined the Association of Our Lady of Victory with their twenty-five cent annual membership dues.

Fr. Baker's community of faithful financial supporters continued to help him build resources for those in need. He tripled the number of children in his orphanages, built a home for unwed mothers, began a maternity hospital that eventually became a full-service hospital and more!

Following his death on July 29, 1936, 300,000 people visited to pay their respects before his funeral. The many Our Lady of Victory outreach institutions he championed can still be found operating today in Lackawanna, New York. Father Baker was declared Venerable in 2011. ©LPI



2022 IMPACT REPORT

A Successful 2022

The SVdP St. Mary and Sacred Heart Conference, with a small group of dedicated volunteers, reports another successful year for 2022! The following numbers are for the 12 months of Oct 1, 2021 to Sept. 30, 2022.

118

families served within
our parish boundaries

358

adults

239

children

\$40,426

direct fiscal assistance from
generous parishioners

\$22,165

worth of donated food from
generous parishioners

392

hours logged by our
volunteers

1,450

miles driven by our
volunteers for in-
person visits

< 1%

total operating
expenses for bags,
checks and supplies

Our SVdP ministry sincerely appreciates your continued support and donations.

We are always looking for more members to take up this very important call! If you would like to learn more about our ministry, please contact me at 916 524-4811 or svdp@stmarysacto.org.

Thank you,
Lanni Butterworth, President



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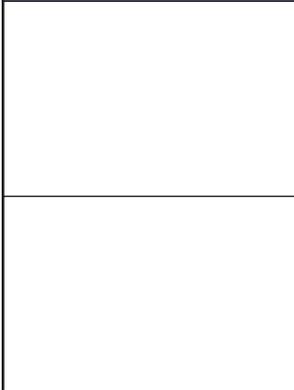
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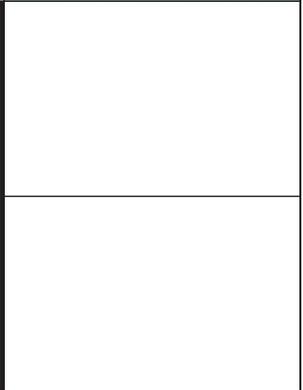


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