# ST. MARY PARISH

Love + Serve + Grow

July 16, 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 ам - 4:00 рм

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 pm





## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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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 Cindy Blecha at cff@stmarysacto.org.

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

**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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# **LITURGY & PRAYER**

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### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday Vigil, July 15

5:00 PM Delphine Baeta † (The Baeta Family)

Sunday, July 16

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

9:30 AM Gary Clifford † (Mary Kassis)

11:00 AM Tony & Adriana Cervantes (Mary Kassis)

5:00 PM John Lienert † (Mom & Dad)

Monday, July 17

8:00 AM Mary Diaz (Virginia Riggins)

Gus & Cindy Blecha (Mary Kassis)

Tuesday, July 18

8:00 AM Fr. Sijo Chirayath (Janine Orsi)

Vicenta Guerrero † (Dolores Sanchez)

Wednesday, July 19

8:00 AM Hermanegildo Guerrero (D. Sanchez)

Christopher Golowski † (Tom Golowski)

Thursday, July 20

8:00 AM Terry Corcoran (Mary Kassis)

Mary Kavungal † (Lilian & Nick Clifford)

Friday, July 21

8:00 AM Ginny Johnson (Mary Kassis)

Gail Szumski † (The Lienert Family)

Saturday, July 22

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



# **Weekly Readings**

**Sunday**: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:1, 11-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt

13:1-23

**Monday**: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday**: Ex 2:1-15; Ps69:3,14,30-31,33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday**: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1,5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

**Friday**: Ex 11:10—12:14; Ps116:12-13,15-18; Mt12:1-8

**Saturday**: Sg 3:1-4; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-1

# **Clergy Corner**



Dear Members of St. Mary's Family,

Greetings to each one of you! As you all know we started a new beginning in our parish on July 1st. At this time I would like to thank Fr. Davy who led us in a wonderful way, especially during the pandemic.

And now we are almost free from the pandemic and coming to normal. I ask for all of your help. Though I am not an experienced pastor I hope by the grace of God, and with your cooperation, we can do great things! Our parish has a wonderful staff, different efficient committees and a lot of willing volunteers. For the time being, I would like to continue all of our committees as they are. You all are encouraged to make any suggestions about the smooth functioning of our parish. Please keep our parish in your prayers. I greatly appreciate and thank you for everything you do for the good of our parish!

As you know the landscape renovation is in progress and please bear with the inconveniences. We hope it will be done by the end of this month

I would like to conclude by presenting the theme of this weekend's readings! The readings for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A tell of how our relationship with God helps us grow, which in turn allows our lives to bear fruit. The First Reading explains that God's Word is like the rain, which falls on the earth and makes it fertile. The Second Reading reminds us that a new creation is going to emerge. And in the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the sower and explains that our hearts must be ready to receive the Word of God.

Fr. George Thadathil, CMI Pastor

## **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).

# PARISH NEWS

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# This Week at St. Mary Parish

#### **SUNDAY**

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#### **MONDAY**

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

#### **TUESDAY**

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#### **WEDNESDAY**

#### **THURSDAY**

Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:15 pm Location: Holy Spouses Room

#### **FRIDAY**

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#### **SATURDAY**

#### **SUNDAY**

ICF Chicken & Polenta Dinner..... 6:00 pm Location: Giovanni Hall

## **Looking Ahead**

Be sure to mark your calendars for these exciting upcoming parish events!

- August 19th: 75th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church Building - Mass & Dinner
- August 20th: 91st Annual Parish Festival
- · October 7th: Annual Parish Dinner
- November 4th: Fall Crab Feed

## **June Giving**

Below is a summary of Offertory and Building Fund contributions made in the month of June. Thank you for your faithful generosity to our parish!

June 4th Offertory:	\$5,586.04
June 11th Offertory:	\$6,087.26
June 18th Offertory:	\$6,829.75
June 25th Offertory:	\$3,942.00
Online Offertory:	\$13,354.50
Offertory Total:	\$35,799.55

Building Fund: \$11,593.67

# THANK YOU

It's nearly the end of July and the St. Mary Fireworks Booth is packed up again until next year. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our booth this year. We cannot do it without you, stopping by buying fireworks and telling your friends about our booth.

They say it takes a village - and the fireworks team is just that - a wonderful community of hard working volunteers. A BIG Thank You needs to goes out to our Leadership Team - once again epic volunteer coordination by David Malarkey, fabulous Day Captains - Louis Cullo & Manny Batiz (who we will dearly miss next year!), Vicki Moore, Andrea Lucas, Nick Antonino, Ali Lopez and Jaime Mercado. Emily Richter who stepped up to learn some behind the scenes details. Special thanks to the parents, grandparents and parishioners who came and learned about new products, and sold, sold, sold all week long. You are SO appreciated.

Just a note - not only does the fireworks booth raise money for our youth & evangelization programs here at St. Mary, but it also builds community. Sure it's hot sometimes and not that comfortable in that booth, but it really is fun. You meet other members of our community, both those who volunteer and those who come to support the booth. We hope you'll think about joining our village for a few days in July 2024!

# THANK YOU

# **NEWS & EVENTS**

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# **FAITH & FORMATION**

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# Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

#### Why do we use incense at Mass?

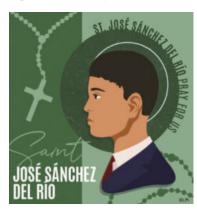
The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

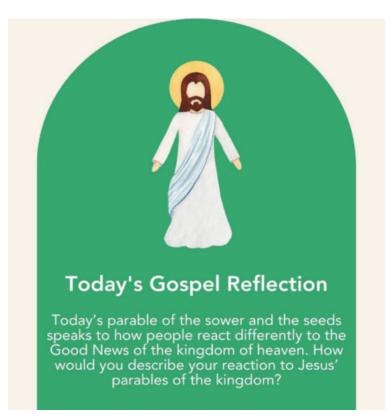
The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

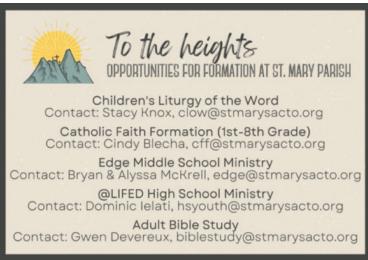
Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass). ©LPi

### Saint of the Week



Saint José Luis Sánchez del Río was a 14-year-old boy when he was put to death by Mexican government officials trying to eliminate religious freedom locally. Despite continuous public torture and his eventual murder, he refused to ever renounce his Catholic faith. ©LPi







Italian Catholic Federation Br. 45

# Chicken & Polenta Dinner

Join us for dinner and a raffle on Sunday, July 23rd 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 to attend 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:

\$22 for members | \$30 for non-members \$15 for ages 13-16 | \$10 for children ages 6-12

For reservations or for more information, please call Janine at 916-508-1199 by Tuesday, July 18th





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