

# ST. MARY PARISH

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July 5, 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



## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28



# PARISH INFO

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**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.

**OCIA:** 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

## This Week at St. Mary Parish

### SUNDAY

### MONDAY

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

*Location: Holy Spouses Room*

### TUESDAY

Stella Maris Prayer & Gospel Reflection....6:30 pm

*Location: Holy Spouses Room*

### WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal .....6:00 pm

*Location: Holy Spouses Room*

### THURSDAY

Choir Rehearsal .....6:00 pm

*Location: Holy Spouses Room*

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

Confession .....3:30 pm

*Location: Church*

### NEXT SUNDAY

## St. Mary Parish School Strategic Plan Initiative: July 2026 Recap

As Saint Mary Parish prepares to celebrate La Dolce Vita, our 94th Annual Parish Festival in August, we give thanks for the generations of faithful parishioners who have helped build a vibrant parish and school community. Their sacrifices, prayers, and commitment laid the foundation we enjoy today. Inspired by that legacy, the St. Mary Parish School Strategic Planning Initiative invites us to reflect on how we can strengthen and sustain our mission for future generations.

Throughout the coming year, our planning efforts will focus on four key areas that help Catholic schools thrive: Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality. Community input will be gathered through surveys and roundtable discussions centered on:

- Mission and Catholic Identity – How we live and share our Catholic faith in all aspects of school life.
- Governance and Leadership – How leadership, communication, and decision-making support our mission and community.
- Academic Excellence – How we nurture student learning, growth, and achievement while educating the whole child.
- Operational Vitality – How we responsibly steward resources, facilities, and finances to sustain our school for future generations.

These four domains, drawn from the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, will guide our prayerful reflection and planning process throughout the 2026–2027 school year.

We are also preparing a parish-wide survey, scheduled to launch in August, to gather input from parishioners about the future of St. Mary Parish School and its role within our parish community. We invite you to partner with us in shaping the future of our school by sharing your thoughts through the survey.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and partnership as we seek to build a future rooted in faith, excellence, and community. For questions regarding the Strategic Planning Initiative, please contact [strategicplan@saintmaryschool.com](mailto:strategicplan@saintmaryschool.com).

## Altar Society Book Drive

The Altar Society Festival booth “Books and Things” is once again returning to the parish hall this year! If you would like to donate books, please bag them up and drop them off in the collection box in the old Baptistry (small room between the vestibule and the bathrooms) the weekends of July 25/26, August 1/2, August 8/9. We can accept youth and adult fiction, non-fiction, historical, classics, biographies, cookbooks, but no coffee table or how to books. Also a big seller, puzzles and board games would be greatly appreciated as well. Any questions or volunteers please contact. Kim Perez. [Kacetoperez@gmail.com](mailto:Kacetoperez@gmail.com)

## Looking Ahead

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

- August 16th: 94th Annual Parish Festival

## Our Parish Office is looking for volunteers! We need you!

The Parish Office can use help answering phones, filing and assisting with the many daily details that keeps everything running smoothly. Do you have a few hours to spare? Join us and learn more about your parish. This is a great opportunity to meet other parishioners. Training will be provided. Call 916-452-0296.



## This Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

This weekend's Second Collection is for our Parish Building & Maintenance Fund. The money donated goes towards repairing and maintaining our aging parish campus. Thank you for your generosity!

# NEWS & EVENTS



## Catholic FAITH FORMATION



Sign-ups are now open!

Classes are every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm starting September 2, 2026



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Interested in being a Catechist? Your faith can inspire the next generation! Contact Monica Saldana, CFF Coordinator, at [cff@stmarysacto.org](mailto:cff@stmarysacto.org). No experience necessary, just a love for Christ and a willing heart!



## St. Mary OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA)

### Do you have questions about the Catholic faith?

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic?  
Are you Catholic but never completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and/or Eucharist)?  
Are you a practicing Catholic who would like to deepen your understanding of our faith?

If you or someone you know has questions like these, the OCIA (Formerly RCIA) process can help. A new group is beginning this July. Call Michelle Mills at 916-806-6876 to sign up or receive more information.



## La Dolce Vita SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

It's all hands on deck to help make our 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival a sweet success! Here's how you can help:

### Volunteer!

Volunteers needed to help with:

- Set up/Take down
- Raffle & Prize Wheel
- Chicken Dinner
- Chuck-a-luck
- Food booths
- Bingo
- First Aid
- Salami Toss

Looking for **Carnival Game** sign ups? Email Jasmine Sanchez: [jasmine.sanchez0914@gmail.com](mailto:jasmine.sanchez0914@gmail.com)

### Donate!

We are also seeking donations of:

- Homemade baked items for the Bake Sale
- Books for the Altar Society Book Sale
- Decorations (lemons, Mediterranean decor, etc.)
- Prizes for the raffle and prize wheel

Volunteer Sign up



Donation Sign up



## Thank You!

# LITURGY & PRAYER

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday Vigil, July 4

5:00 PM Father Art Wehr, S.J. † (*Virginia Riggins*)

### Sunday, July 5

8:00 AM America 'Happy Birthday' (Mary Kassis)  
9:30 AM Giuseppe Pasquale † (*Lilian & Nick Clifford*)  
11:00 AM Louis McDermott † (*Barbara McDermott*)  
5:00 PM For our parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)

### Monday, July 6

8:00 AM Perry Z'Berg † (*Anne Marie Kolstad*)  
Dawn Aragon & Gabriel (*Ramon Aragon*)

### Tuesday, July 7

8:00 AM Jackie Scaletta (*St. Mary Parish*)  
Dawn Aragon & Gabriel (*Ramon Aragon*)

### Wednesday, July 8

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

### Thursday, July 9

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

### Friday, July 10

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

### Saturday, July 11

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

Interested in the Usher and  
Safety Observer program?  
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## Weekly Readings

Sun: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30  
Mon: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26  
Tues: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38  
Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7  
Thurs: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15  
Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23  
Sat: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33  
Next Sun: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



## Clergy Corner

Dear Members of St. Mary's Parish Family,

The readings for this Sunday offer a beautiful message of hope and refreshment. In the Gospel, Jesus extends one of the most comforting invitations in all of Scripture: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." In a world filled with anxiety, busy schedules, family concerns, financial pressures, and uncertainty, Christ reminds us that true peace is found in Him.

The prophet Zechariah foretells the coming of a humble King who brings peace, not through power or violence, but through gentleness and love. Jesus fulfills this prophecy perfectly. He does not force Himself upon us but gently invites us to trust Him and to walk with Him.

St. Paul reminds us that, through the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, we are called to live not according to selfish desires but according to the life of Christ. When we surrender our burdens to the Lord, the Holy Spirit strengthens us to face life's challenges with hope and courage.

Jesus also tells us, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." A yoke joins two together. When we accept Christ's yoke, we are not carrying our burdens alone; He walks beside us, sharing the load and giving us the grace we need each day.

May this week be an opportunity to spend more time with the Lord in prayer, to trust Him with our worries, and to become instruments of His peace in our homes, our parish, and our community.

May the gentle and humble Heart of Jesus refresh you and fill your family with His lasting peace.

With prayers and blessings,  
Fr. George Thadathil  
Pastor

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