

# ST. MARY PARISH

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March 29, 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



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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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.

**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



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## Apply Online - [www.saintmaryschool.com](http://www.saintmaryschool.com)

1st - 8th Grade

**Tours**  
November 13  
December 9  
Schedule Online



ST. MARY  
PARISH SCHOOL

New Family  
Admissions  
Timeline

**TK**

Information Night  
November 4  
6:00pm

**Kinder**

Information Night  
November 18  
6:00pm

**New Family  
Information  
Meeting**  
May 7  
6:00pm



**Admissions  
Decisions Shared**  
March 2026

**Open  
House**

January 25  
11am - 1pm



**New Student**  
Applications Due  
February 1  
Assessments  
February 9-12

**TK:** Age 4 by Sept. 1 | **Kindergarten:** Age 5 by Sept. 1  
**Preschool:** 3 Years old and ready

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# PARISH NEWS

## This Week at St. Mary Parish

### SUNDAY

@LIFED ..... 12:15 pm  
*Location: St. Joseph's Garden*

### MONDAY

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

Tenebrae Service ..... 7:00 pm  
*Location: Church*

### TUESDAY

Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm  
*Location: Holy Spouses Room*

### WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:00 pm  
*Location: Holy Spouses Room*

### THURSDAY

Holiday Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:00 pm  
*Location: Church*

### FRIDAY

Good Friday Stations..... 2:15 pm  
*Location: Church*

Good Friday Service..... 3:00 pm  
*Location: Church*

### SATURDAY

Confession..... 3:30 pm  
*Location: Church*

Easter Vigil Mass..... 8:30 pm  
*Location: Church*

### SUNDAY

No 5pm Mass

## St. Mary School Strategic Plan

### Invitation to Participate

St. Mary School is beginning an exciting Strategic Planning process centered on the theme "Our School. Our Children. Our Future." This effort will help guide the long-term mission and vitality of our school as an important ministry of St. Mary Parish. As part of this process, the school is seeking 3 to 4 parishioners who are St. Mary School alumni or parents of former students to reliably participate in a series of Strategic Plan roundtable discussions and share their perspective as members of the parish community. Roundtables will take place four times over the coming year and will help inform the future direction of the school. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please contact [strategicplan@saintmaryschool.com](mailto:strategicplan@saintmaryschool.com)

We are grateful for the continued partnership and prayers of our parish community as we work together to support the mission of Catholic education at St. Mary Parish School.

## Divine Mercy

Sunday April 12, 2026 - After the 11:00am Mass  
Reception in Giovanni Hall

*"Apart from the mercy of God there is no other source of hope for mankind"*

After we celebrate Easter, it is most fitting that we continue our renewal of faith with our devotion to Divine Mercy. Emphasized by Saint Faustina Kowalska, Divine Mercy is a reminder to all of us that God is ever merciful and that his graces flow from his Sacred Heart into our souls. Through her written accounts of her apparitions of Jesus, we as Catholics are encouraged to put our trust in Jesus, and share God's mercy with others. As a sign of our faith and our trust in God lets join together in prayer and adoration seeking God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation. This special experience will allow us to fully feel God's mercy, and it will give us a chance to expand on our faith together as one congregation. Following the chaplet of Divine Mercy, we will continue with the joyful celebration in Giovanni Hall where we will partake in food, drinks, and each other's company as a family.

Please RSVP if you will be attending by calling  
Marie Fisher: 916-799-2815 or  
Milka Bilandzich: 916-765-7391

## Daily Mass Lectors

The parish is in need of daily lectors at some of our 8am Masses. If you attend Mass on Monday or Wednesday, and would like to be a lector, please contact the parish office.

## Looking Ahead

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

- **March 30: Tenebrae Service**
- **April 11:** St Vincent de Paul Paper Shredding event
- **August 16th:** 94th Annual Parish Festival

## 2025 Year End Contributions

We are emailing contribution statements ONLY upon request, You can request yours by emailing Gina Martista at [stmary95819@gmail.com](mailto:stmary95819@gmail.com). Please provide your full name, envelope number (if applicable), and phone number.

Interested in the Usher and Safety Observer program? Scan Here!



# NEWS & EVENTS



## We want to Pray For You

We want to pray for your family. Tell us what you need – submit prayer request by writing it down and dropping it in the box in the vestibule or by sending an email to: [prayergroup@stmarysacto.org](mailto:prayergroup@stmarysacto.org)

These requests are private, the prayer request group will pray for you and your request.

*Save the Date!*

ST. MARY PARISH

**Parish Festival**

2026 | 94TH ANNUAL

*La Dolce Vita*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH**

10 AM – 8 PM

Questions?  
Email: [festival@stmarysacto.org](mailto:festival@stmarysacto.org)

## ST MARY PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2026

### HOLY THURSDAY

April 2nd  
Mass: 6:30pm  
Adoration until 9:00pm

### GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd  
Stations: 2:15pm  
Service: 3:00pm  
Divine Mercy Novena Begins

### HOLY SATURDAY

April 4th  
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:30pm

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 5th  
Masses: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 12th  
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Reception to follow the 11:00am Mass





**TENEBRAE SERVICE**

MONDAY, MARCH 30  
7:00 PM

*"WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY CRUCIFIED my Lord?"*

*GIVE WHAT THE MASTER ASKS*

## St. Vincent de Paul Paper Shredding Event

When you worked on your income tax return did you discover a lot paper that should shredded? How about old bank statements and other personal information. If you would like to declutter and help our St. Vincent de Paul Society help our neighbors, please come out to our event. Saturday, April 11, from 9 am - Noon, we will have the Red Dog Shred Company in the church parking lot to accept paper for shredding. They do the shredding on site. Suggested donation is \$20 / banker box. Please no binders, large clips.

# LITURGY & PRAYER

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday Vigil, March 28

5:00 PM John Barnes (*Bill & Rena Zellars*)

### Sunday, March 29

8:00 AM Fr. Paul Smith (*Becker Family*)

9:30 AM Bonnie Williams † (*Lillian & Nick Clifford*)

11:00 AM Louis McDermott † (*Barbara McDermott*)

5:00 PM For our parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)

### Monday, March 30

8:00 AM Ken Lindke (*Becker Family*)

Mary Kassis (*Mary Lubecki*)

### Tuesday, March 31

8:00 AM St. Mary Parishioners (*Becker Family*)

Rick Kelsch † (*Bill & Rena Zellars*)

### Wednesday, April 1

8:00 AM Louis & Delia Vasquez † (*Becker Family*)

Gerald Konrad † (*Marjorie Wade*)

### Thursday, April 2

No 8am Mass

### Friday, April 3

No 8am Mass

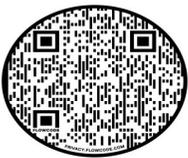
### Saturday, April 4

No 8am Mass

## Good Friday Collection:

Pontifical Good Friday - Holy Land

## 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).

## Weekly Readings

Sun: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/  
Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Mon: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tues: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thurs: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn  
13:1-15

Fri: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16;  
5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Sat: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-  
14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,  
9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5  
-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2  
-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-  
17a, 18-28/ Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-  
23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1  
Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

## Clergy Corner



Dear Members of St. Mary Parish Family,

We now enter the most sacred time of our Church year—Holy Week, a journey that invites us not just to remember, but to experience the saving love of Jesus.

On Palm Sunday, we begin with joy and praise, waving palms as we welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. Yet, within moments, the tone changes to the Passion. This reminds us how quickly human hearts can change—and invites us to reflect: Where do I stand with Jesus?

On Holy Thursday, we gather for the Mass of the Lord's Supper. We remember the gift of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Jesus kneels to wash the feet of His disciples, teaching us that true love is humble service. This is a night to deepen our gratitude for the Eucharist and to ask: How am I called to serve others in love?

On Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the Cross. In silence and reverence, we remember that Jesus gave His life for us. The Cross is not just a symbol of suffering—it is the greatest sign of love. As we venerate the Cross, we are invited to place our own burdens, sins, and struggles into His hands.

Then comes the great night of hope—the Easter Vigil. From darkness, light shines forth. From death, life is restored. On this holy night, we rejoice as members of our parish receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Their journey of faith is a powerful reminder to all of us of our own baptismal call—to live as children of the light.

As we accompany them, we are invited to renew our own faith, to rekindle the grace within us, and to rejoice in the victory of Christ.

Dear parish family, Holy Week is not something to observe from a distance. It is a sacred invitation to walk with Jesus—through joy, suffering, sacrifice, and finally, resurrection.

Let us come together in prayer, in gratitude, and in faith.

May this Holy Week renew our hearts and draw us closer to the Lord who loves us beyond measure.

Blessed Holy Week to you and your families.

Fr. George Thadathil, CMI

Pastor.

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