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March 8, 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

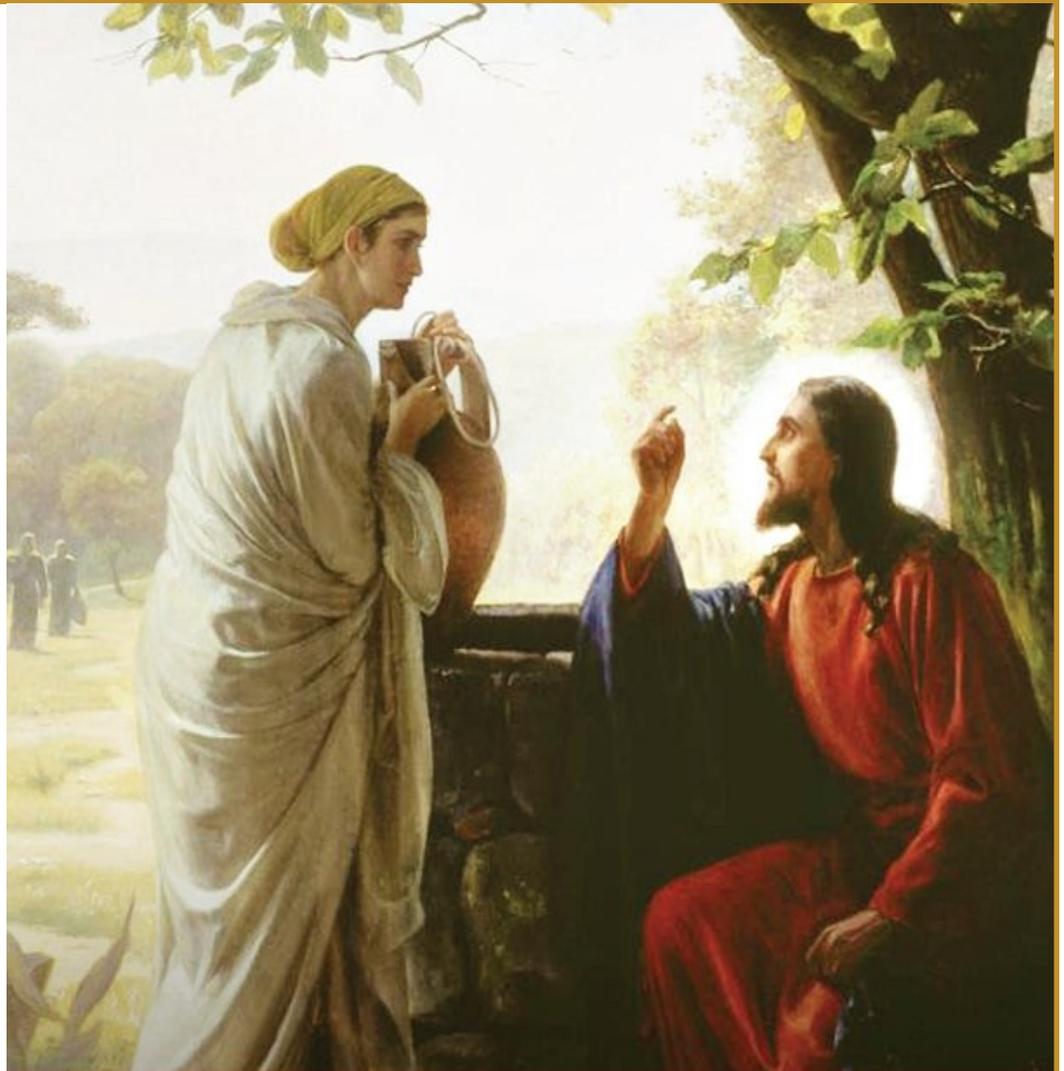
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 pm



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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 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.

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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 YA Prayer & Bible Study ..... 6:30 pm  
*Location: Chapel/Holy Spouses Room*  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm  
*Location: Holy Spouses Room*

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

Lenten Soup Meal ..... 6:00 pm  
*Location: Giovanni Hall*  
Stations of the Cross ..... 7:00 pm  
*Location: Church*

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

@LIFED ..... 12:15 pm  
*Location: Holy Spouses Room*

## Looking Ahead

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

- **March 24:** Lenten Penance Service
- **April 11:** St Vincent de Paul Paper Shredding event

## 2025 Year End Contributions

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

## Parish Life & Safety

Our parish is blessed because of the generous hearts who serve. We are currently inviting those who feel called to volunteer their time and talents in service to our church community.

Whether you can help with hospitality, outreach, liturgical ministry, youth support or behind-the-scenes tasks, there is a place for you. Every act of service -big or small- helps strengthen our parish and reflects Christ's love in action.

In light of recent events, we are expanding our Usher Ministry to include Safety Observers. These individuals will assist by monitoring parish entrances during Mass and assist with monitoring the interior of our church as well, to ensure the safety and well-being of our parish community. We are seeking adult volunteers who are willing to serve in this important role. Please watch upcoming bulletins for additional details on how to participate.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please inquire with the ministry contacts listed in the bulletins or feel free to call the parish office. We would love to have you join us in service.

Together, let us build a stronger, more connected parish through service and faith.

## Annual Catholic Appeal

**Thank you for helping our neighbors in need through the Annual Catholic Appeal.** It's not too late! Donate online at [www.scd.org/acagive.com](http://www.scd.org/acagive.com) Envelopes are also available in the church or parish office. Your gift matters.

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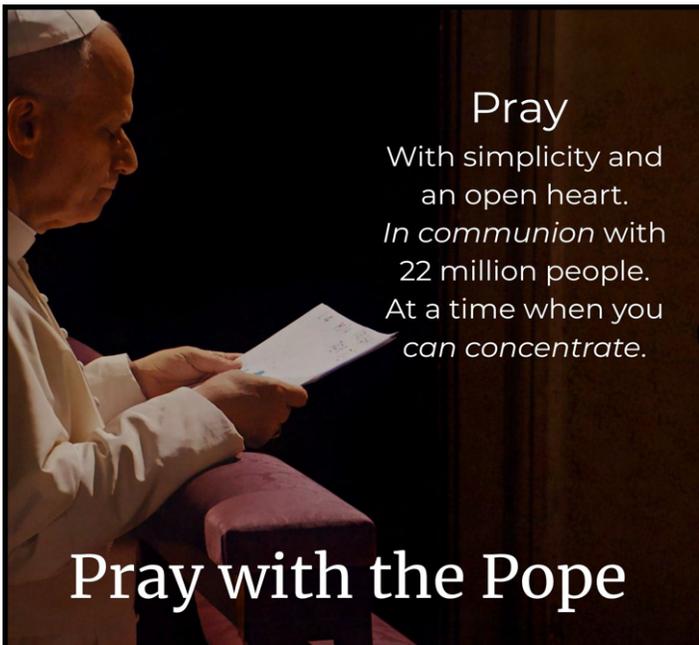
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100 % of Proceeds to benefit the St. Mary/ Sacred Heart Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society. *Need not be present to win! One year to book travel. Help us to help our neighbors in need.*

For tickets, call Michael Carroll at 916.451.8551 or e-mail [mcarroll51@comcast.net](mailto:mcarroll51@comcast.net)

**or after Masses the weekends of March 7-8  
TICKETS \$10.00**





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## Pray with the Pope

**Marriage & Family**



**The Pope's March Intention:**  
For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

For Video go to: [popeprayerusa.net](http://popeprayerusa.net)

Focus 2026



**girl scouts**

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Visit us at [girlscouts.org/faith](http://girlscouts.org/faith) for more info.

**Girl Scout Sunday March 8, 2026**

To learn more about joining or supporting Girl Scouts Heart of Central California, please visit our website: [www.girlscoutshcc.org](http://www.girlscoutshcc.org)



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Celebrate

## Irish Night 2026

with the Knights of Columbus Council 953!

Wear your green attire and join us for a night of fun.

**MARCH 14th**

Doors Open at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM

\$30 adults, under 17- \$12

**MENU**

- Corned Beef and cabbage
- potatoes
- carrots
- salad
- dessert &
- Irish Soda Bread

\*Vegetarian Lasagna available by request. Order in advance with your reservation.

Irish songs by Bridget Brennan

For reservations, please Venmo to @KofC953, scan the QR code, or Contact Bob Willett, 916-485-7939

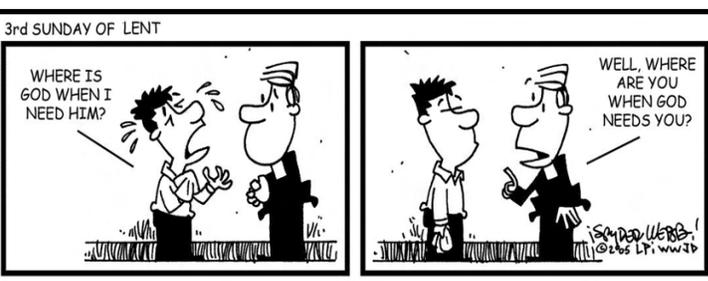


### ST MARY PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE 2026

<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> February 18th Masses: 8:00am, 12 Noon, 7:00pm Service: 4:00pm	<b>LENTE FISH FRY</b> March 6th 5:30pm Fish Fry   7:00pm Stations
<b>SOUP &amp; STATIONS</b> Every Friday 2/20-3/27 6:00pm Soup   7:00pm Stations <small>*Soup Nights may get canceled if we're unable to get enough ministries to provide soup.</small>	<b>PENANCE SERVICE</b> March 24th 6:30-8pm Confession and Adoration
	<b>TENEBRAE SERVICE</b> March 30th Service: 7:00pm <small>A solemn Holy Week prayer service of psalms, readings, and gradually extinguished candles, drawing us into Christ's suffering and the coming darkness of the tomb.</small>



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



WHERE IS GOD WHEN I NEED HIM?

WELL, WHERE ARE YOU WHEN GOD NEEDS YOU?

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# LITURGY & PRAYER

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday Vigil, March 7

5:00 PM Sarah de la Rosa † (*de la Rosa Family*)

### Sunday, March 8

8:00 AM Brother, Sisters, Souls in Purgatory † (*Pedro A. Diaz*)

9:30 AM For our parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)

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

5:00 PM Michael McCarthy † (*Mom & Ron*)

### Monday, March 9

8:00 AM Sarah Jennings McFarland (*Anne Marie Kolstad*)

Dale & Joan Martfeld (*Daughters*)

### Tuesday, March 10

8:00 AM Mary Velo † (*The Lucchesini Family*)

Gloria Gabrielli † (*The Ielati Family*)

### Wednesday, March 11

8:00 AM John Ferderer (*Virginia Riggins*)

Dale & Joan Martfeld (*Daughters*)

### Thursday, March 12

8:00 AM Sarah Jennings McFarland (*Anne Marie Kolstad*)

Stevie Alva's Family (*Bill & Rena Zellars*)

### Friday, March 13

8:00 AM Louie & Edith Maita † (*Jodie Maita*)

Garrett Ruslin (*Bill & Rena Zellars*)

### Saturday, March 14

8:00 AM Sarah Jennings McFarland (*Anne Marie Kolstad*)

## 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: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thurs: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## Clergy Corner



Dear Members of St. Mary Parish

Family,

Today's readings speak to us about **thirst**—not just physical thirst, but the deeper spiritual thirst in our hearts. In the first reading, the Israelites are thirsty in the desert. They complain and question, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" They had seen God's miracles, yet in their moment of need, doubt and fear took over. How often do we do the same? When we face difficulties, disappointments, or uncertainty, we too may question God's presence.

In the Gospel, we encounter the Samaritan woman at the well. She comes to draw ordinary water, but she meets Jesus, who offers her "**living water**." At first, she does not understand. Her life was marked by brokenness, loneliness, and perhaps shame. Yet Jesus meets her with compassion, not condemnation. He knows her story, yet He offers her new life. The living water Jesus gives is His grace, His love, and His Spirit—something that satisfies the deepest thirst of the human heart.

Once she encounters Jesus, everything changes. She leaves her water jar behind and runs to tell others, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have done." Her thirst is quenched, and she becomes a witness. This is what happens when we truly encounter Christ—we are renewed and moved to share His love with others.

During this Lenten season, we are invited to recognize our own thirst—for meaning, for forgiveness, for peace, for God. Jesus is waiting for us, just as He waited for the Samaritan woman. He meets us in prayer, in Scripture, and especially in the Eucharist. He does not turn us away because of our weaknesses; instead, He offers us the living water of His mercy.

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that "the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." God's love is already within us. Lent is a time to open our hearts more fully to that love.

Let us come to Jesus with trust. Let us allow Him to quench our deepest thirst. And like the Samaritan woman, let us become joyful witnesses, inviting others to "come and see" the Lord who loves and saves us.

May this Lenten journey renew our hearts and draw us closer to Christ, the source of living water.

Fr. George Thadathil, CMI

Pastor

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