

# ST. MARY PARISH

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May 14, 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



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“And whoever loves me will be loved by my  
Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”  
- Jn 14:20-21

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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



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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday Vigil, May 13

5:00 PM Frank Skrbina † (*The Martfeld Family*)

### Sunday, May 14

8:00 AM Rhoda Kettmann † (*Cyndi Kettmann*)  
 9:30 AM For the protection of our country (*Lilian C.*)  
 11:00 AM Bonnie Williams † (*Nick & Milka Bilandzich*)  
 5:00 PM For our Parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)

### Monday, May 15

8:00 AM Ben Billeci (*St. Mary Parish*)

### Tuesday, May 16

8:00 AM Lorna Beltran (*The Blecha Family*)  
 The Souls in Purgatory (*St. Mary Parish*)

### Wednesday, May 17

8:00 AM Mary Helen Arias † (*Dolores Sanchez*)

### Thursday, May 18

8:00 AM Robert Krueger † (*The Thrall Family*)

### Friday, May 19

8:00 AM Alfonso Sanchez † (*Dolores Sanchez*)  
 Christopher Golowski † (*Lincoln & Family*)

### Saturday, May 20

8:00 AM Cindy Blecha (*St. Mary Parish*)

### Mass Trivia The Sixth Sunday of Easter

What will Jesus ask the Father to do?

To give us another advocate to be with us always  
-from today's Gospel John 14:15-21

## Weekly Readings

- Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
- Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Jn 15:26—16:4
- Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23-28

## Clergy Corner

Because of travel schedules, we were unable to publish Clergy Corner this week, but please enjoy this Gospel Meditation by Fr. John Muir with LPi.



My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bas-

sinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

## 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).

## This Week at St. Mary Parish

### SUNDAY

SMS Family Mass ..... 9:30 am  
*Location: Church*

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

Altar Society Meeting ..... 9:30 am  
*Location: Holy Spouses Room*

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

### THURSDAY

Confirmation Practice ..... 6:00 pm  
*Location: Church*

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

### FRIDAY

Confirmation Mass ..... 6:00 pm  
*Location: Church*

### SATURDAY

OCDS Monthly Meeting ..... 10:00 am  
*Location: Giovanni Hall*

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

Church in Africa ..... 6:00 pm  
*Location: Giovanni Hall*

### SUNDAY

Farewell Party for Fr. Davy ..... 12:00 pm  
*Location: Giovanni Hall*

*\*Registration or reservation required.*

## Welcome to St. Mary's!

Thank you for joining us at St. Mary Parish! Whether you are visiting from another church or are new to the area, we are grateful you have chosen to worship with our faith community. If you would like to register as an official member of our parish family, please contact the parish office!



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

### A Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father,  
from the beginning you have  
chosen to entrust the human person  
to mothers in a special way.

We thank you for the gift of  
mothers: for their tenderness,  
care, and compassion; for their  
intuition and encouragement;  
for their commitment and sacrifice.

Bless all mothers this day.  
Keep, strengthen, and renew  
them in your loving care.

May they be blessed by our  
love and gratitude.

Amen.

## Looking Ahead

- **August 20th:** 91st Annual Parish Festival & 75th Anniversary of St. Mary Church
- **October 7th:** Annual Parish Dinner
- **November 4th:** Fall Crab Feed

## The Month of Mary



Did you know that the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary? To honor her, the Rosary will be prayed 25 minutes before the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday 8:00 am Mass each weekend in May. All are welcome to join!

## Food Donations

St. Mary's Society of St. Vincent de Paul is requesting food donations. We are asking that parishioners please donate non-perishable food that is within the "best by" dates of 2024 or 2025. We are in need of canned meats, soups, vegetables, fruit, rice, dried beans, cereal, boxed macaroni and cheese, dried mashed potatoes, etc.

PLEASE NO glass jars, or industrial sized cans. This will help us provide a balanced bag of groceries to the families in need that we assist within our parish boundaries.

Please leave donations in the St. Vincent de Paul basket in the vestibule of the church. Thank you so much for your help and generosity!

## Around the Diocese

### Help Get Camp Pendola Ready for the Summer!

Join us over Memorial Day Weekend (May 27-29), at Camp Pendola to get the camp ready for campers. Come for 1 day or 3 to help us with some general landscaping, replacement of mattresses in cabins, and clean up. All ages are welcome but anyone under 18 needs to be accompanied by a parent or chaperone. The dorms and cabins will be open for volunteers to stay overnight and all meals will be provided. Please Let us know you are coming by RSVPing on the volunteer form found at <https://www.pendola.org/donate.html> or by emailing Bobbi Miller at [bmiller@scd.org](mailto:bmiller@scd.org). If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Campbell at (916)733-0135 or [jcampbell@scd.org](mailto:jcampbell@scd.org).

### Camp Pendola Canoe Trips

Camp Pendola Canoe Trips offer something special for middle school age youth. Canoe Trippers must be entering at least the 7th grade in the fall. Watching inspiring sunsets across the lake, enjoying paddling along the shores and finding great spaces to explore are all a part of this 3-day and 2-night trip that takes place within a week's stay at camp.

For more information check out our web site <https://www.pendola.org/teen-programs.html> or contact Jen Campbell at [jcampbell@scd.org](mailto:jcampbell@scd.org)

### Camp Counselor in Training

Camp Pendola is once again offering a Counselor in Training program for incoming Juniors and Seniors. As a CIT, teens will learn and practice leadership skills, small group facilitation, and how to work with younger campers at Camp Pendola. The program runs for three weeks with the first week being set aside for training and 2 weeks in cabins with a mentor counselor and campers. If you are interested you can find more information and apply at <https://www.pendola.org/teen-programs.html#leadership> or contact Jen Campbell at [jcampbell@scd.org](mailto:jcampbell@scd.org).

### Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Game

The Annual Sacramento Classic Basketball Game: Priests + Seminarians will be on June 20th at Christian Brother's High School. Tickets will be available for purchase online starting in May.

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## Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

**Why do some people receive Communion in the hand, while others receive on the tongue? Is one better than the other?**

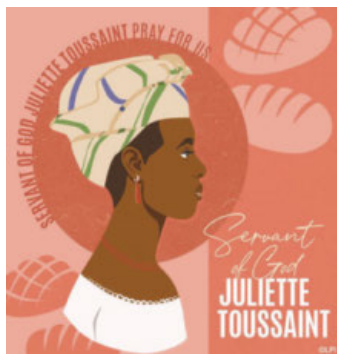
Prior to the liturgical reforms that accompanied the Second Vatican Council, it was the universal practice that Catholics would receive communion “on the tongue,” meaning that the one receiving would allow the priest distributing communion to place the consecrated host on their outstretched tongue. At this time, only the priest celebrant (and, on special occasions, priests assisting at the Mass) was allowed to receive the Precious Blood.

Since 1977 (with the approval of the Holy See) the bishops of the United States have officially approved two equally valid options for receiving Holy Communion in Masses celebrated according to the Ordinary Form of the Mass. As the bishops’ statement Norms for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds states:


*The communicant may choose whether to receive the Body of Christ in the hand or on the tongue. When receiving in the hand, the communicant should be guided by the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem: “When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive him, taking care that nothing is lost” (no. 41).*

As we noted, both ways of receiving communion are equally valid in the United States and it is important that we always keep the instructions of the bishops in mind as we reflect on which method we might prefer.  
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## Saint of the Week




Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint, was originally born into slavery in Haiti and later freed in New York City as a young adult. Along with her husband, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, she is remembered for her incredible charity work inside and outside of the Church. ©LPi



### Today's Gospel Reflection

Jesus assured his disciples, “I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”  
When do you experience Jesus’ presence in your life?



### To the heights

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORMATION AT ST. MARY PARISH

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Contact: Stacy Knox, [clow@stmarysacto.org](mailto:clow@stmarysacto.org)

Catholic Faith Formation (1st-8th Grade)  
Contact: Cindy Blecha, [cff@stmarysacto.org](mailto:cff@stmarysacto.org)

Edge Middle School Ministry  
Contact: Bryan & Alyssa McKrell, [edge@stmarysacto.org](mailto:edge@stmarysacto.org)

@LIFED High School Ministry  
Contact: Dominic Ielati, [hsyouth@stmarysacto.org](mailto:hsyouth@stmarysacto.org)

Adult Bible Study  
Contact: Gwen Devereux, [biblestudy@stmarysacto.org](mailto:biblestudy@stmarysacto.org)



Don't forget to grab a  
**Bringing Home  
the Gospel**  
handout in the vestibule!



Join us for a

# Farewell Party

for Fr. Davy

Sunday, May 21st  
12 noon  
Giovanni Hall

If you would like to donate something or  
volunteer with set up/break down please  
contact the parish office.



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