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May 21, 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



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:19-20

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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 20

5:00 PM Richard Tamayo † (*Virginia Riggins*)

Sunday, May 21

8:00 AM For our Parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)
9:30 AM Elvira & Wilfred Falzon † (*Lilian & Nick C.*)
11:00 AM Al Facino † (*The Ielati Family*)
5:00 PM Antonio De La Cuesta Jr † (*Liz Elboom*)

Monday, May 22

8:00 AM James Storman (*Michael Storman*)

Tuesday, May 23

8:00 AM Lorna Beltran (*The Blecha Family*)

Wednesday, May 24

8:00 AM Urbano Ganiban † (*Michelle Sitar*)
The Souls in Purgatory (*St. Mary Parish*)

Thursday, May 25

8:00 AM Loretta Szumski † (*The Lienert Family*)
Janos Nevai † (*Martha Deraí*)

Friday, May 26

8:00 AM James Johnson † (*Ginny Johnson*)
Joseph Thadathil † (*Fr. George*)

Saturday, May 27

8:00 AM Val Cummings † (*Veya & Family*)

Mass Trivia The Ascension of the Lord

What was Jesus' final command to the Apostles before he ascended into heaven?

To make disciples of all nations, baptize them, and teach them - from today's Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Weekly Readings

- Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36; Jn 17:11-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 114:5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Clergy Corner



In the Diocese of Sacramento, on this 7th Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord.

The First Reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, presents the scene of Jesus' Ascension, the promise of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' instructions to the apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the power from above, and the missionary command to the apostles to bear witness to him.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 47) suggests that, by his Ascension, the risen Lord "mounts his throne" in glory.

In the Second Reading, Paul teaches us that God revealed His might in the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and that we should exalt Him over all angelic forces. Jesus remains accessible to us now in the life-giving Holy Spirit, assuring us that one day we, too, will be ascending to Heavenly glory, provided that, with His grace, we live out our Faith in Him through the mission of loving service He entrusts to us.

Today's Gospel tells us that, with his return to the Father, Jesus completes his mission on earth. But just before his ascension, Jesus entrusted to the disciples the mission of preaching the Good News and evangelizing the whole world by bearing witness to Him through their lives. It is in his Ascension that we see Jesus entering fully into the life and glory of God. In the descriptions of Christ after his Resurrection, we are given a hint of what life will be like in Heaven. The prospect of sharing that glory should be the driving force of our lives.

Wish you all a Very Happy Feast!

Fr. George Thadathil
Parochial Vicar

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

This Week at St. Mary Parish

SUNDAY

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

SUNDAY

**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!

Daily Mass Intentions: Immediate Availability

Most weekend Mass Intentions are booked through October and November, but we do have immediate availability for daily intentions. If you would like to learn how to request a Mass for someone (living or deceased), please contact the parish office.

St. Mary's Rental House

St. Mary's rental house (in East Sac, a block from the church) has been renovated and is ready to be rented out. If you, or someone you know, is looking for a new place to live, please contact the parish office.

This Weekend's Second Collection

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media.

Half of the funds collected remain here in the Diocese of Sacramento to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today!

To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Landscape Renovation

The landscape renovation plans of the church grounds have been posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. The plan and contractor proposals were submitted to Bishop Soto for his review and approval. If everything goes well we will be able to begin the project by mid June.

Looking Ahead

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

- **July 1st:** Fr. Davy's Farewell Party
- **August 20th:** 91st Annual Parish Festival & 75th Anniversary of St. Mary Church
- **October 7th:** Annual Parish Dinner
- **November 4th:** Fall Crab Feed

Change in Party Date

In the last 2 bulletins, there was an announcement for Fr. Davy's Farewell Party on May 21st. Because of scheduling conflicts, Fr. Davy will actually be here through the beginning of July. Please disregard the announcements in the previous bulletins, which were sent to the printer before we found out. The Farewell Party has been rescheduled to July 1st. More details to come.

Congratulations

to all of St. Mary's children and youth who received their Sacraments this Spring!

May God bless you abundantly!



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!

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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. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Campbell at (916)733-0135 or 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

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.

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.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

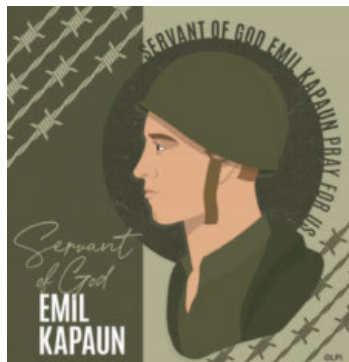
Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the Saints?

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in “the communion of saints.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death. And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints for prayers and support, we remember that they join us in prayer, but it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.


We can turn to Mary and the saints for intercession and assistance because they were limited human beings, just like us. They are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness. ©LPi

Saint of the Week




Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun was an American military chaplain who served heroically on the battlefield as well as inside of a POW camp in North Korea until his death. While a POW, he cared for other prisoners bodily with stolen food and medicine, and spiritually as a priest. ©LPi



Today's Gospel Reflection

In the final scene in the Gospel of Matthew, we hear Jesus tell the apostles, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
Where do you see Jesus exercising his power on earth today?



To the heights

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORMATION AT ST. MARY PARISH

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Contact: Stacy Knox, clow@stmarysacto.org

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

Edge Middle School Ministry
Contact: Bryan & Alyssa McKrell, edge@stmarysacto.org

@LIFED High School Ministry
Contact: Dominic Ielati, hsyouth@stmarysacto.org

Adult Bible Study
Contact: Gwen Devereux, biblestudy@stmarysacto.org



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