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May 3, 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



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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.

Online Giving



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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!

Accepting Applications

Limited space available in Preschool, TK, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th for the 2026-27 school year.



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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: Giovanni Hall

WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

THURSDAY

Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

FRIDAY

Anna's Ministry (Widows) 8:00 am - 12 noon
Location: Holy Spouses Room

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Second Sunday Social..... 9:00am - 12:30pm
Location: Giovanni Hall



La Dolce Vita
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH
10 AM - 8 PM

We are looking for volunteers **to take lead** of different parts of the Festival this year!

Lead opportunities include:

- Raffle
- Kids' games
- Decorations
- Marketing
- Vendors
- Sponsors

Interested?
Email: festival@stmarysacto.org

Annual Sacramento Classic: Basketball Game - Diocesan + Seminarians.

Please join the Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations, for the Annual Sacramento Classic: Basketball: Priests + Seminarians on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento-Gym. Cost of tickets: Adults \$15, Students \$5 (K-College), and Group of 6 adult tickets \$60. Children age 4 and under, Religious Sisters, Deacons and Priests are FREE. Tickets can be purchased online at www.scd.org/basketball or for further questions, please contact the Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations at (916) 733-0258.

Funeral Hospitality Ministry

As a Parish, we continually seek ways to support one another, especially during times of loss and grief. The St Mary Funeral Hospitality Ministry provides comfort to parishioner families during a difficult time, but we need your help! We need volunteers to serve, as well bringing salads and desserts for upcoming funerals. Your contributions can make a significant difference in providing support to grieving families, allowing them a moment to gather, share memories, and find comfort in our fellowship.

If you are able to assist, please contact Kris Alvarez at 916-803-4687, or krisalvarez1@yahoo.com. We are grateful for any help you can offer, whether it's serving on the day of the gathering or preparing a dish to share. Thank you for your consideration and generosity in serving our Parish.

Taking Holy Communion to the Homebound

If you are trained to take Holy Communion to the homebound, please bring your pyx to the sacristy before Mass. Father will place it on the altar table and call you up after Communion is distributed to give you the pyx and a blessing. If you don't make it before Mass, please see Father immediately after Mass.

Looking Ahead

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

- **May 10th:** Life Center Annual Rose Sale after Masses
- **August 16th:** 94th Annual Parish Festival

This Week's 2nd Collection: Building & Maintenance Fund

This week'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 faithful generosity!

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NEWS & EVENTS

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Pray

For our Confirmandi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 1st.

For our young parishioners who have prepared and received the Sacrament of First Penance on their way to full entry into Eucharistic life. They received their First Communion on Saturday May 2nd, 2026.



May they focus on fostering a lasting relationship with Jesus, inviting the Holy Spirit to strengthen their faith, and nurturing a heart filled with love, courage, and virtue.



We want to celebrate your highlights too! Submit your wedding, baptism or other sacrament information to: pastoralcouncil@stmarysacto.org or call the parish office at 916-452-0296.

St. Mary Parish School: Strategic Plan Initiative: March recap and April 2026 update: Listening, Learning, and Moving Forward Together

As we journey through this Easter season, we are reminded that we are an Easter people — people of hope, renewal, and faith in God's promise. Guided by our theme, "*Our School, Our Community, Our Future,*" our school community continues to reflect on how we live our Catholic mission each day.

In late March, our first internal survey invited faculty, staff, and students in grades 5–8 to share their reflections on our Catholic Identity and the defining characteristics of our school. We are grateful for their insight and care. Recruitment for our Roundtable Sub-Committee also concluded, and we thank those in our school and church communities who have offered their time and wisdom to help shape our future. If you expressed interest in participating on the sub-committee, you should have received notice sometime in Mid April.

As we prepare for our second internal survey in April on Catholic Identity and Program Effectiveness, we pray for continued guidance and unity. Together, as Easter people, we move forward in gratitude and faith — building *our school, our community, and our future.*

If you have questions about the Strategic Plan Initiative or may be interested in more information, please reach out to strategicplan@saintmaryschool.com.

Mother's Day Rose Sale

The Sacramento Life Center is holding its annual Mother's Day Rose Sale, as a major fundraiser to support pregnant women and families. Long-stemmed roses are available after Mass on Sunday, May 10, 2026, for \$10 each or 3 for \$25



Save the Date!

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LITURGY & PRAYER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, May 2

5:00 PM Carrie Beskeen Perez (*The DeNigris & Zellars Families*)

Sunday, May 3

8:00 AM Darlene McGriff † (*The McGriff Family*)
9:30 AM Elvira & Wilfred Falzor † (*Lillian & Nick Clifford*)
11:00 AM For our parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)
5:00 PM Santos Diaz † (*Virginia Riggins*)

Monday, May 4

8:00 AM Morgan Becker & Family (*Judy Becker*)
Karen Kriske † (*Emily Rossi*)

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 AM Richard Tamayo † (*Virginia Riggins*)
Angel Vasquez (*Becker Family*)

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 AM Gaven Sublet & Family (*Rene Zellars*)
Robert Vasquez, Jr. & Family (*Becker Family*)

Thursday, May 7

8:00 AM Karen Kriske † (*Margaret Machado*)

Friday, May 8

8:00 AM Lindsey Vasquez (*Becker Family*)

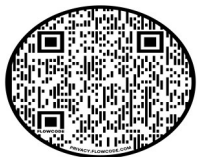
Saturday, May 9

8:00 AM Maria & Marco Ferrarotti † (*Daughters*)

New Pin Pad Lock for St Joseph's Garden

We are installing a new lock for St Joseph's Garden to enhance the security and safety of our parish. Please call the front office for the pin code.

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

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

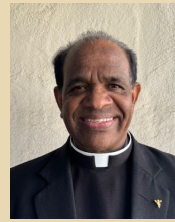
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/ Jn 14:15-2

Clergy Corner



Dear Members of St. Mary Parish family,

First of all, I would like to express Hearty Congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday from Bishop Rey and all who received their first Communion on Saturday. I also, on behalf of our St. Mary's Parish, would like to express our sincere thanks to all who prepared them.

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we hear the comforting and powerful words of Jesus: "*Do not let your hearts be troubled... I am the way, the truth, and the life.*" These words are spoken at a moment when the disciples are anxious and uncertain about the future. In many ways, we can relate. Our lives, too, are often marked by questions, struggles, and moments of doubt.

Jesus does not promise a life free from difficulty. Instead, He offers us Himself—He is the way that guides us, the truth that grounds us, and the life that sustains us. To follow Christ is not simply to adopt a set of beliefs, but to enter into a relationship of trust, walking with Him even when the path is unclear.

The early Church in today's first reading shows us a beautiful example of faith in action. Faced with tension and practical needs, the community responds with wisdom, unity, and service. Each person is called to contribute according to their gifts. This reminds us that our parish, too, is a living community where every member has a role in building up the Body of Christ.

St. Peter's message strengthens this identity: we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation." We are not passive spectators in our faith—we are living stones, called to be part of God's spiritual house. Our daily lives—our work, our kindness, our sacrifices—become offerings pleasing to God.

As we continue our Easter journey, let us ask ourselves:

- Do I truly trust Jesus as *the way* in my life?
- Do I seek His *truth* in my decisions?
- Do I live fully in the *life* He offers?

May this week be an opportunity to deepen our faith, strengthen our community, and walk more closely with the Lord who never abandons us.

God bless you all

Fr. George Thadathil,
CMI
Pastor

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