

# ST. MARY PARISH

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May 7, 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



## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father.” - Jn 14:6-7

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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



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!



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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday Vigil, May 6

5:00 PM Walter Kealy † (*The Giordano Family*)

### Sunday, May 7

8:00 AM Al & Mark Franzoia † (*Denise Franzoia*)

9:30 AM Gary Clifford † (*Lilian & Nick Clifford*)

11:00 AM For our Parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)

5:00 PM Delia Acuna (*Toni Lopez-Runke & Family*)

### Monday, May 8

8:00 AM Allen Turner † (*Fr. Davy*)

Francis W. Brady † (*Ron & Kelly Pane*)

### Tuesday, May 9

8:00 AM Frank Skrbina † (*The Martfeld Family*)

The Souls in Purgatory (*St. Mary Parish*)

### Wednesday, May 10

8:00 AM Carmen Ramos † (*T. Slaughter*)

### Thursday, May 11

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

### Friday, May 12

8:00 AM Kathryn Stefani † (*Ron & Kelly Pane*)

### Saturday, May 13

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

### Mass Trivia The Fifth Sunday of Easter

What does Jesus tell Thomas he is?

The way, the truth, and the life  
-from today's Gospel John 14:1-12

## 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 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13, 21; Jn 14:27-31

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

## Clergy Corner



This weekend's First Reading, from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, shows how differences and disputes were resolved in the Church's early days. The Hellenists (converts whose language was Greek), complained that their widows were not getting a fair share of the Church's social services.

The Apostles' solution to the problem shows how changes of practice are not only possible but necessary for the health of the Church. The solution shows two important dimensions of Church life: prayer and service; and that living our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two.

Each of us is personally called to prayer, to a dialogue of worship with God; and we are also called to service. No matter what we do in life, our work affects others in some way. We should be of service to our neighbors; and provided we have an attitude of respect, no task we do is a menial task. Prayer and preaching the word was of primary importance to the apostles; but service to the widows and the needy in the community was also vital, so they appointed seven trusted men to attend to it, and initiated them by an evocative ceremony. As a result, the disciples in Jerusalem increased in numbers.

Many people today regard faith as irrelevant because their notion of God is faulty or distorted. For an authentic picture of what God is like, we should look to Jesus who said "I am in the Father and the Father is in me". He shows what the invisible Father is like: concerned for all, interested in all, respecting everyone, calling sinners back home. This welcoming God is the one that our church worships, and we renew our trust in Him.

Fr. George Thadathil, CMI  
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).

## This Week at St. Mary Parish

### SUNDAY

First Sunday Holy Hour ..... 12:00 pm  
*Location: Church*

@LIFED High School Meeting ..... 12:30 pm  
*Location: St. Joseph Garden*

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

Pastoral Council Meeting ..... 6:00 pm  
*Location: Rectory*

### WEDNESDAY

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting ..... 5:00 pm  
*Location: St. Joseph Garden*

Catholic Faith Formation\* ..... 6:00 pm  
*Location: SMS*

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

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

Anna Ministry Mass & Meeting ..... 10:00 am  
*Location: Church & Holy Spouses Room*

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

*\*Registration or reservation required.*

## Looking Ahead

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

## April Giving

Below is a summary of Offertory and Building Fund contributions made in the month of April. Thank you for your faithful generosity to our parish!

April 2nd Offertory:	\$8,924.94
Easter Sunday Offertory:	\$16,198.00
April 16th Offertory:	\$3,963.97
April 23rd Offertory:	\$5,191.00
April 30th Offertory:	\$4,328.61
<u>Online Offertory:</u>	<u>\$11,139.50</u>
Offertory Total:	\$49,746.02
Building Fund:	\$17,765.72

## This Weekend's Second Collection

This weekend's Second Collection is for our parish Building Fund. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

## Welcome to the Faith to Those Recently Baptized



**Prestin & Jordan McGann**  
Sons of Tim & Angelina

*Please remember our newly baptized and their parents in your prayers!*

## 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, the Sunday 8:00 am and the Sunday 5:00 pm each week-end in May. All are welcome to join!

**MOTHER'S DAY  
ROSE SALE**  
AFTER MASSES  
SUNDAY, MAY 14 2023

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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](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.

## Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

### Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass and receive Communion each Sunday?

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts:

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints. We do this by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope St. John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (Dies Domini, 7). ©LPi

## Saint of the Week




Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich made it her life's mission in early 1900s New Jersey, to educate everyone about our universal call to holiness. Her writings can be found in a book called The Greater Perfection. She lived a life of contemplation and charity. ©LPi



### Today's Gospel Reflection

Jesus assured his disciples that "whoever believes in me will do the works that I do."  
How do you think you imitate Jesus?



### 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

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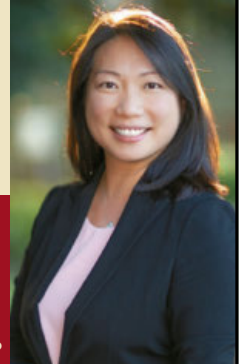
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