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September 20, 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

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed for Lunch 12:30 - 1:30 PM



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last
will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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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.

OCIA: 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

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This Week at St. Mary Parish

SUNDAY

Stella Maris: Young Adult Sunday Dinner.....6:30PM
Location: Giovanni Hall

MONDAY

Prayer Request Group6:30 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

TUESDAY

4th Tuesday Adoration & Confession.....6:30 pm
Location: Church

WEDNESDAY

Choir Rehearsal6:00 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

THURSDAY

Choir Rehearsal6:00 pm
Location: Holy Spouses Room

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

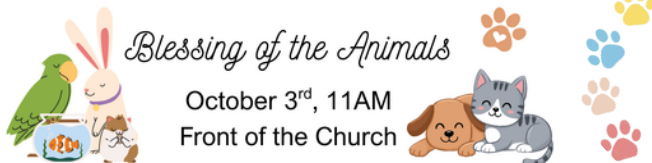
Confession3:30 pm
Location: Church

NEXT SUNDAY

Looking Ahead

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

- September 21st - Vocations Mass at Sacred Heart Parish
- September 29th - Blessing of the Badges
- October 3rd - Blessing of the Animals



- October 4th - Ministry Fair and Sunday Social



October 4th, after all morning masses in Giovanni Hall

This Week's 2nd Collection

This weekend's Second Collection is for St. Mary Parish School's Quarterly Fund the Future campaign.



MUSIC MINISTRY –A FUN WAY TO GIVE BACK

Our Music Ministry is looking for additional choir members. We have two choirs to choose from, with rehearsals held on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings. If you're interested, contact our Liturgical Music Director, Ben Billeci at (916) 383-6155.



Saint Mary Parish Young Adult Group- Stella Maris

Stella Maris cordially invites you to join us for the first and third Sunday of the month at 6:30pm and Tuesday nights 6:30-8:30pm, in the Holy Spouses Room.

Catholic FAITH FORMATION



Classes started Sept 2nd, new students are welcome until October. Classes are every Wednesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm



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Questions? or interested in becoming a Catechist? Contact Monica Saldana, CFF Coordinator, at cff@stmarysacto.org

St. Mary Parish Bible Study

It's not too late to sign up - Meetings on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm in Giovanni Hall

We will use materials from Augustine Institute and studying "God, The Mystery of the Trinity in the Bible." We will use formed.org videos for this study. The meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. If you are interested please email Lanni Butterworth @ alannab5959@gmail.com

NEWS & EVENTS

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Join Us!

Blessing of the Badges



On September 29th, in celebration of the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, St. Mary Parish will celebrate an 8:00AM Mass, followed by a special blessing of First Responder badges. All are welcome to attend.

St. Francis Catholic High School Open House



Join us Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Meet students and faculty, explore our faith-filled campus, and enjoy live arts performances, hands-on STEM activities, complimentary food, and more. Discover what it means to be a Troubie! Please RSVP at www.stfrancisshs.org.

Pray

for the following Parish members who are celebrating their wedding anniversary in September

Michelle & George Mills
Ellie & Dominic Ielati

We Pray that God continues to bless their family and guides them in patience, generosity, and joy.



We want to pray for your marriage as well! Submit your family name and the month of your anniversary to: pastoralcouncil@stmarysacto.org or call the parish office at 916-452-0296.

Share Your Talents and Help Us Build Our St. Mary Community

Turkey Bingo & Crab Feed

need YOU!

Our two parish fundraisers are looking for **new leadership, fresh ideas and energy.** You won't be doing it alone!

Experienced volunteers are ready to help and collaborate.

How can you help?



Create a fun theme & bring it to life



Help with marketing & communications



Find raffle prizes & connect with donors



Organize event details & recordkeeping



Help with food, setup & cleanup



Sell raffle tickets & join in the fun!

There's a place for every talent—big or small!



Join a fabulous group of parishioners who help St. Mary build community and raise much-needed funds.

Interested? Contact us!
pastoralcouncil@stmarysacto.org

Italian Catholic Federation Br. 45

Chicken & Polenta Dinner

Join us for dinner and a raffle on
Sunday, September 27th in Giovanni Hall!

Branch Meeting 4:30 pm

Dinner & Raffle 6:00 pm

(You don't have to be a member or attend the Branch Meeting. Come for the fun & the dinner! All are welcome!)

Menu includes:

Salad, bread, polenta with our homemade meat sauce, ½ baked chicken, dessert, and beverages (pasta is available by pre-order only at time of reservation)

Price:

\$25 for members | \$35 for non-members
\$15 for kids ages 7-12 | kids 6 & under are free

For reservations or for more information, please call Janine Orsi at 916-508-1199 by Monday, September 21st.

This dinner is by reservation only.
Checks or Cash only.

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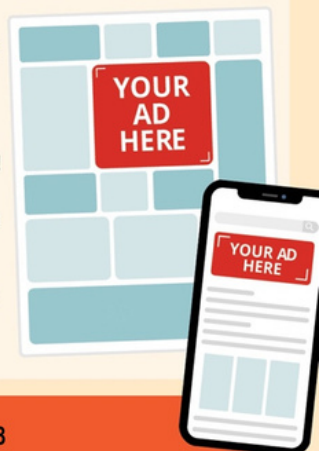
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LITURGY & PRAYER

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Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil, September 19

5:00 PM Peter & Shirley Santiago (*The Raridan's*)

Sunday, September 20

8:00 AM The Montesinas Family (*Virginia Riggins*)
9:30 AM Annakutty Thadathil † (*Fr. George Thadathil*)
11:00 AM For our parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)
5:00 PM Jovanne DeNigris † (*Mary Kassis*)

Monday, September 21

8:00 AM Louis McDermott † (*Barbara McDermott*)
Conversion of Sinners (*Susan Abdallah*)

Tuesday, September 22

8:00 AM Kim Chi Dang † (*The Nguyen Family*)
Virginia Riggins (*The Riggins Family*)

Wednesday, September 23

8:00 AM Frank and Marlene Vasquez (*The Becker Family*)

Thursday, September 24

8:00 AM Mercedes Castro † (*Dora Lara*)
Thomas Blazowski (*Dianne Blazowski*)

Friday, September 25

8:00 AM Ramon Aragon (*St. Mary Parish*)
Jason Halvorson † (*Jeanette Hoover*)

Saturday, September 26

8:00 AM Dominic & Eleanor Ielati (*Rebecca & Matthew Ielati*)

Interested in the Usher and
Safety Observer program?
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Weekly Readings

Sun: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Mon: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tue: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wed: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thur: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sun: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Clergy Corner

God's Ways Are Greater
Than Our Ways

Dear Members of St. Mary's Parish Family,
This Sunday's readings invite us to look at life through the eyes of God rather than through our limited human calculations. The prophet Isaiah reminds us: "Seek the Lord while he may be found... For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." (Is 55:6-9)

The Gospel gives us a beautiful example. Jesus tells us about the landowner who hires workers at different hours of the day. Some work from early morning, while others come much later. Yet, at the end of the day, the landowner gives them the same generous wage. Those who worked all day become upset. Humanly speaking, their reaction is understandable. But Jesus is teaching us something deeper: God's generosity is not limited by our calculations.

There is a beautiful story of an elderly man who came to church every morning and quietly sat in the last pew. One day, someone asked him, "Why do you come every day? You cannot do much anymore." The old man smiled and said, "I come because I want to remind God that I am still here—and every morning God reminds me that He has not forgotten me." What a beautiful understanding of God!

Sometimes we may feel that we have come too late in life. Perhaps we have made mistakes. Perhaps our family relationships are broken. Perhaps we have neglected our faith for many years. Maybe a young person feels that he or she is not good enough. Maybe an elderly person feels forgotten. But the Gospel tells us: It is never too late to come back to God.

The workers who came at the last hour were not rejected. They too were welcomed into the vineyard. St. Paul, in today's second reading, gives us another powerful lesson. He says, "Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death." His whole life was centered on Christ. Whether he lived or died, his desire was to belong completely to Jesus. This is a beautiful challenge for every Christian family. Our homes should become little "vineyards" of God—places where love, forgiveness, patience, prayer and generosity grow. Sometimes we keep score in our families: "I did more than you." "I sacrificed more." "You never appreciate me." "I have been doing this for years." But God does not ask us to keep score. He asks us to love.

Perhaps this Sunday, we can ask ourselves: Where have I been comparing myself with others? Whom have I judged as undeserving of God's love? Is there someone in my family whom I need to forgive? Is there someone who has been waiting for me to reach out?

The good news of today's Gospel is that God's door is always open. His mercy is always greater than our failures, and His generosity is greater than our calculations. And may we always remember: In God's vineyard, there is room for everyone. It is never too late to begin again.

May the Lord bless our families, heal our wounds, and teach us to see one another with His merciful heart.

Prayers and blessings,
Fr. George Mathai CMI
Parochial Vicar

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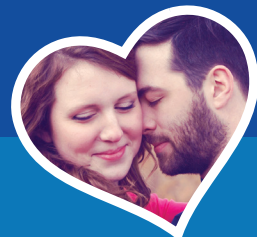
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