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September 21, 2025

## 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

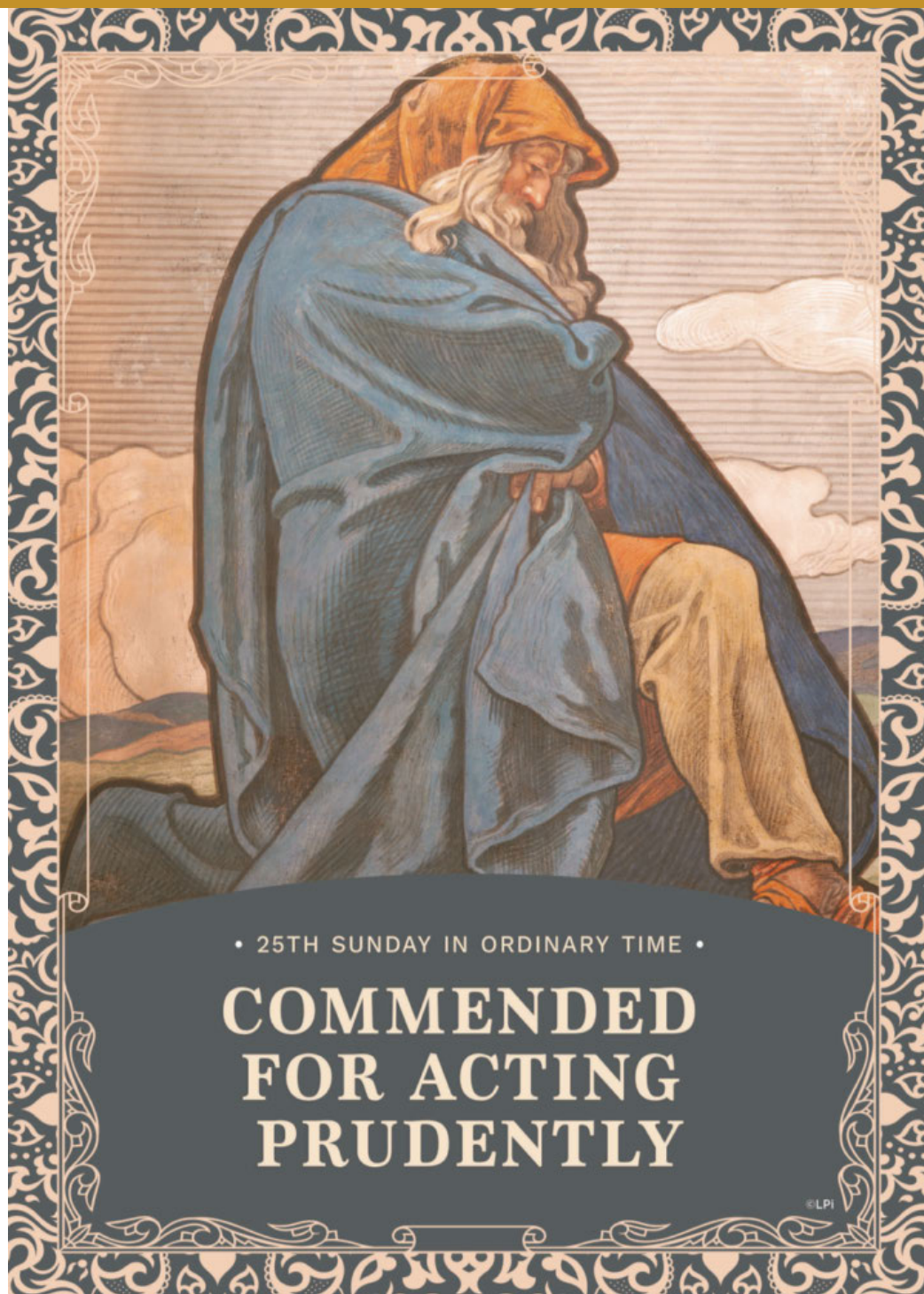
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 pm



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# PARISH INFO

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## Pastoral Staff

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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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# PARISH NEWS

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## This Week at St. Mary Parish

### SUNDAY

OCIA Session ..... 9:30 am  
*Location: Church/Marian Room*

### MONDAY

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

### TUESDAY

Stella Maris Prayer & Bible Study ..... 6:30 pm  
*Location: Chapel/Marian Room*

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

CFF Classes ..... 6:00 pm  
*Location: School*

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

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### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

OCIA Session ..... 9:30 am  
*Location: Church/Marian Room*

@LIFED Meeting ..... 12:15 pm  
*Location: St. Joseph Garden*

ICF Meeting, Bingo & Dinner ..... 3:30/4:30/6 pm  
*Location: Giovanni Hall*

## 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 fill out our New Parishioner Registration Form which can be found in the church vestibule, online, or in the parish office!

COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH THE LORD

## Fourth Tuesday Adoration & Confession

Join us every Fourth Tuesday for Adoration and Confession

Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30-8pm in the church

## Looking Ahead

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

- **October 12:** Ministry Fair
- **November 15:** Turkey Bingo

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# NEWS & EVENTS

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2025.



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## Chicken & Polenta Dinner with Bingo

Join us for Bingo, dinner and a raffle on  
Sunday, September 28th in Giovanni Hall!

Branch Meeting 3:30 pm | Bingo 4:30 pm  
Dinner & Raffle 6:00 pm

(You don't have to be a member/attend the Branch Meeting  
to attend Bingo & the dinner! All are welcome!)

Menu includes:

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

Price:

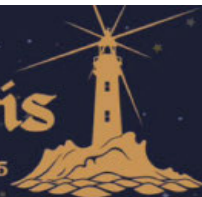
\$25 for members | \$35 for non-members  
\$10 for kids ages 7-12 | kids 6 & under are free

For reservations or for more information,  
please call Janine at 916-508-1199 by Monday, Sept. 22nd

Each reservation comes with one complimentary Bingo card  
& raffle ticket! More cards can be purchased at 3 for \$5

## Stella Maris

Young Adults aged 21-35



Cordially invites you to join us for:

6:30pm Sunday Dinners

6:30-8:30 Tuesday nights



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# LITURGY & PRAYER

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday Vigil, September 20

5:00 PM Nancy Affinito † (*N. Buckley & J. Spears*)

### Sunday, September 21

8:00 AM Tom Blazowski (*The Lienert Family*)

9:30 AM For our Parishioners (*St. Mary Parish*)

11:00 AM Susan Del Gaudio † (*N. & M. Bilandzich*)

5:00 PM Jacinta Aguirre † (*Cynthia Alarcon*)

### Monday, September 22

8:00 AM Ernie Barsotti (*DeNigris & Zellars Family*)

Ron Balo † (*The Lienert Family*)

### Tuesday, September 23

8:00 AM Sheryl Sorem (*Bill & Rena Zellars*)

Souls in Purgatory † (*Anonymous*)

### Wednesday, September 24

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

Souls in Purgatory † (*Anonymous*)

### Thursday, September 25

8:00 AM Ramon Aragon (*The Lienert Family*)

Angel & Marlene Vasquez (*Judy Becker*)

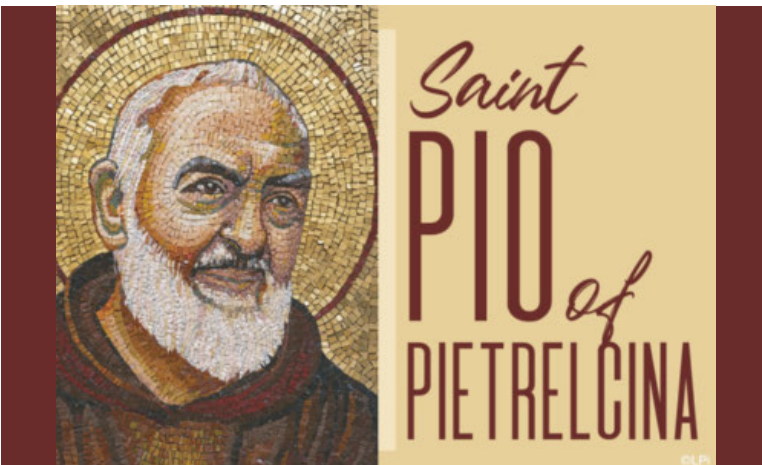
### Friday, September 26

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

Souls in Purgatory † (*Anonymous*)

### Saturday, September 27

8:00 AM Leanne Sapnaro (*The Ielati Family*)



## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-8; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43b-45

## Clergy Corner

Dear Members of St. Mary's Parish Family,



Life is short, and time is precious. Each day we make countless choices—big and small—that shape not only our future on earth but also our eternal destiny. What we do with the resources God entrusts to us—our time, talents, relationships, and wealth—reveals who we truly serve:

God or ourselves.

The Gospel this Sunday gives us one of Jesus' most surprising parables—the story of the dishonest steward. At first glance, it may shock us. How could Jesus possibly use a dishonest man as an example? Yet, Jesus does not praise the steward's dishonesty; He praises his foresight, creativity, and determination. The steward realized he had only a little time left, and he acted decisively for his future. Jesus invites us to show that same determination—but not for temporary wealth or comfort, rather for the kingdom of God.

The Gospel challenges us in three ways:

1. **Be Wise with What God Gives You** The steward acted quickly when he realized time was running out. Our time on earth is also short. How often do we postpone prayer, forgiveness, or generosity, thinking there will always be tomorrow? Jesus reminds us: now is the time to act.
2. **Serve God, Not Money** Money itself is not evil—it can do great good—but when it becomes our master, it enslaves us. We live in a world that constantly tells us happiness comes from wealth, possessions, and status. But Jesus says, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?"
3. **Use Earthly Resources for Eternal Treasures** Every act of kindness, every generous gift, every sacrifice for others—these are investments in heaven. As the story of the cashier who paid for the elderly man's groceries reminds us, when we use money with love, it gains eternal meaning.

Let us pray this week for the courage to serve God alone and to use our earthly blessings to build eternal treasures.

Fr. George Mathai, CMI  
Parochial Vicar

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