

**Established in 1906**

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:  
4:00 pm Vigil

Sunday:  
9:00 am  
11:00 am en Español

Mon, Tues, Thurs:  
8:00 am

Wednesday 6:00 pm Español &  
Friday 6:00 pm

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday:  
8:30 am to 9:30 am  
Wednesday:  
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm  
(closed 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm)

Friday:  
8:30 am - 12:00 noon

**Rev. Victor C. Yakubu**  
Parochial Administrator

**Rev. Baldemar Garza**  
Parochial Vicar

**Rev. Julius Kayiwa**  
Parochial Vicar

**Deacon Francis Staab**  
Parish Deacon

**Parish Secretary**  
Amelia Kent  
**Hispanic Community**  
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# St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica Romana de Santa María



**302 E. Spring Street, Kingman, AZ 86401**

**Office: (928) 377-3435 / [www.stmarykingman.com](http://www.stmarykingman.com)**

**SUNDAY, December 24th, 2023**

All things came to be through him,  
and without him nothing came to be.  
What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race.

- Jn 1:3-4



Todas las cosas vinieron a la existencia por él  
y sin él nada empezó de cuanto existe.  
El era la vida, y la vida era la luz de los hombres.

- Jn 1, 3-4

## Parish Mission Statement:

We the people of St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, Called by God,  
Approach the Father in Word and Sacrament, Live relationship with Jesus in Catholic  
Community, Seek the Called in the Love of the Holy Spirit

## MASS INTENTIONS, DAILY GOSPEL



### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**December 24, 2023**

Year B

<b>Sat. Dec. 23</b> <i>St. John Kanty, Priest</i>	Lk. 1:26-38	4:00 p.m.		<b>Roma Montilla</b> (Maria Agduyeng)
<b>Sun. Dec. 24</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Lk. 1:26-38	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.		<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Mon. Dec. 25</b> <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>	Jn. 1:1-18	8:00 a.m.		<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Tues. Dec. 26</b> <i>St. Stephen, The First Martyr</i>	Mt. 10:17-22	8:00 a.m.	+	<b>Martina Aguila</b> (Anonymous)
<b>Wed. Dec. 27</b> <i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	Jn. 20:1a-2-8	6:00 p.m.		<b>Those Whom I Offended</b> (Carol Spawn)
<b>Thurs. Dec 28</b> <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	Mt. 2:13-18	8:00 a.m.		<b>Delong Family</b> (Matt Delong)
<b>Fri. Dec. 29</b>	Lk. 2:22-35	6:00 p.m.	+	<b>Alvarito Cobian</b> (Rebeca Cobian)
<b>Sat. Dec. 30</b>	Lk. 2:22-40	4:00 p.m.		<b>David &amp; Amelia Kent</b> (Anonymous)
<b>Sun. Dec. 31</b> <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i>	Lk. 2:22-40	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+ +	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Julita DeLa Peña</b> <b>Juan DeLa Peña</b> (Aida Zlomke)

Reflection for Fourth Sunday of Advent: Year B  
The Nativity of Our Lord (Vigil) – December 24, 2023  
Fr. Timothy Eck

Readings: *Is* 62:1–5 • *Ps* 89:4–5, 16–17, 27, 29 • *Acts* 13:16–17, 22–25 • *Mt* 1:1–25 [bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122523-Vigil.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122523-Vigil.cfm)

What a dramatic opening to the Gospel of Matthew, and a dramatic setting of Christ's birth. And yes, we did hear the same Gospel. And yes, I am talking about the genealogy. But what makes a list of names so dramatic? The genealogy here acts like a narrator at the beginning of a play. It sets the stage, and both introduces the main character who will be the center of the performance and places the drama within a specific historical setting. Particularly this drama is set as the culmination of a history which finds its climax within this show, which will unfold starting in our first act and culminating in the Paschal Mystery of the Triduum.

Let us look once more at our three genealogical cycles as they build to this night. In the first cycle of fourteen we begin with Abraham, to whom God promised land, descendants, and that he would be a blessing to the nations. This cycle ended with King David, in whom we find the fulfillment on a natural level of two of these three promises: land and descendants; for it is with the reign of King David that the people are made secure in the land. At this stage God has yet to fulfill the final promise that all nations will be blessed through Abraham. David desired to build the temple, which would provide for an avenue to realize that last promise, but God stopped him.

The second cycle of fourteen then begins with David and ends with the last king, Jechoniah, who was sent into exile. David's son, Solomon, built the temple, paving the way for the fulfillment of the final promise, and yet everything went wrong. The people of Israel betrayed the Lord's covenant and worshiped other gods. And so they were sent into exile and lost their other two promises. We close with the failure of the people and the fear that God has forsaken them. Their one shot has been lost and they are in ruin. Close curtains, fade to black.

Into this anguish, this resounding failure, comes the third cycle in the fourteen. The people of Israel know not how they will be restored. They know not who the rightful king is. The prophets come to them and speak words of comfort, and hope; the Lord will marvelously restore them. He will raise up the one, true, and eternal king. He will restore them to their original purity as Isaiah proclaimed. But how? And so we move through the lineage of the third cycle, and we come to a terminus, to a singular man, "Jesus who is called the Christ," or the anointed one, as David his forefather was anointed king.

Here at last, the promised one, son of David and Abraham. He, who will restore the people and fulfill the promises, has arrived! The long-expected one! The one whom prophets and patriarchs longed to see! The fulfillment of God's plan of reconciliation of all creation has at least entered its culmination. And the narrator's voice falls silent as the lights dim.

Then gently, the curtains pull back and the soft glow of light shines forth upon the stage. With expectant eyes and hearts we now enter into the first act of this crescendo of God's salvation. And what do we find? Lowly and humble parents. A confusion over paternity. Who is this child? From whence did he come? An angel appears to Joseph and says that this child is divine. This night a child is born unto us. A child lowly and meek. A son conceived of God and not of man. God did not despise our humanity, but instead embraced it. He saw our infirmity and so himself took upon himself our flesh so as to make us whole from within.

Tonight the king is born who takes on all of humanity and in doing so makes us into his royal diadem and crown as we heard in Isaiah. Not only is God among us, but God also raises us up at his birth. This infant will restore us to our youthful purity. An impossible task for us, but one made actual by Christ. No longer must we fear being cast off or rejected, for God has united our very being to his very self. Jesus in his birth has sealed an eternal and unbreakable covenant, a union between himself and all humanity. This infant will bless all nations, and in doing so bring all lands and people beneath him. He who is the son of Abraham, in his humanity, unites all humanity, perfectly fulfilling God's promises to Abraham.

Let us rejoice and be glad this night, for our God is truly with us. He has heard our cries and has come to us. He has come as an infant, not in blazing wrath, but humble and approachable. Come, let us adore him for *he has made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that we may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once we were no people but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy but now we have received mercy.* (1 Pe 2:9–10) Come in praise and thanksgiving for God's goodness to us, that he has been faithful to us. Let our hearts and mouths give glory on high with the angelic hosts, for *Emmanuel* has arrived, for God is truly with us.





## Sharing our Gifts

### What We Gave Back to God

**December 17, 2023**  
**Attendance: Unknown**

Needed to meet weekly expenses	\$ 8,000.00
Plate Collection	\$unknown
Online Giving	\$unknown
Building Fund	\$unknown

#### November 2023

Monthly Operating Expense	\$37,408.33
Monthly Plate Collection	\$32,978.03
Deficit or Gain	-\$ 4,430.30

### Our Daily Bread

Thank you for your continued support of Our Daily Bread ministry. We have made and distributed 16,048 sandwiches year to date, and 341,533 since inception (September 2013).

**WE ARE IN NEED OF MONEY DONATIONS, FOR LICENSE, APRONS, HAIRNETS.** You may drop your donation off at the Parish Center.

**WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF A CAPTAIN FOR TUESDAYS SANDWICH MAKING!**



If you are interested, please contact David Hunter at 714-726-6130. Thank you, once again!

## Donate your Change

Be sure to pick up a special offering box or can at the back of the church. Write that it's for the building fund, your name and phone number on it before you turn it in.

All monies will go toward future building improvement projects in the parish campus.

## Brick Garden

*We are continuing to take brick orders. This is a wonderful way to pay honor to someone you love or to be remembered as part of St. Mary history for years to come. Bricks are \$50 for a 4x8 and \$100 for a 8x8. Call the Parish Office for an order form or to place your order.*

*The brick garden is growing — don't miss the opportunity to be a part of it.*

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## Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

### Sunday:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

### Monday:

*Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
*Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/  
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps  
97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is  
52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn  
1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

### Tuesday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and  
8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

### Wednesday:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Thursday:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/  
Mt 2:13-18

### Friday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/  
Lk 2:22-35

### Saturday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

### Next Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps  
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,  
17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



## Saint of the week

Servant of God Michelle Christine Duppong worked as a FOCUS missionary and a lay parish minister in the early 2000's. Her life was a testament to her commitment to God and social justice work. She died at age 31 in 2015 but her legacy lives on today in those whose lives she touched.

## Prayer

Jesus, I praise and thank you for the life of your servant Michelle Duppong. In her life and suffering, she joined you in your thirst for souls and embraced the cross offered to her. Following her example, I ask for the special grace of [personal intercession] and, if it brings you greater glory, that she be honored by your Church. Jesus, I ask this in your Holy Name.

Amen.

*-With ecclesiastical approval of Bishop David D. Kagan, Diocese of Bismarck*

(Prayer Source: <https://bismarckdiocese.com/prayer-of-intercession>)

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

#### What Is Your Fiat?

Are you an anxious people-pleaser prone to overcommitting yourself? Welcome to the club! We have slogans, and for your convenience I've listed them here:

"Sounds great!"

"No worries!"

"Absolutely, I can do that, not a problem!"

These are your go-to responses for when someone requests a favor that is a huge inconvenience, but you would rather die than disappoint. It's not exactly disingenuous — it's just a little neurotic. Again, welcome to the club.

You know who doesn't belong to this club? The Blessed Mother. For many reasons, I'm sure, but the biggest one is that she's always completely up-front. Take her response to the Angel Gabriel: "Let it be done."

If there are more powerful words than these, I can't think of them now. And yet, as responses go, this certainly isn't an enthusiastic one. There was never a human creature more willing to obey God than Mary, full of grace, so it makes it all of the more striking that her response to Gabriel is this reserved — and it makes it all the more certain that she means exactly what she says.

*Let it be done.*

Not: Yes, this is exactly that I asked for!

Not: Nope. This sounds awful. Count me out.

But precisely this: If God is asking, my answer is yes.

The Angel Gabriel visits us all, in a way, at some point or another, bearing news we did not expect. When we can say, in the face of that uncertainty, "Let it be done," we are embracing our calling as disciples. We are becoming like Mary.

*"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord." — Luke 1:38*

*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

#### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

##### Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

##### Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.



## Parish News and Events

### Parish Events This Week

**Monday, December 25**  
Parish Office—CLOSED  
 Christmas



**Tuesday, December 26**

**Wednesday, December 27**

Rosary	10:00am	Rm. 5,6,7
Confessions	4:30pm	Church
JPC	6:45pm	Rm. 5,6,7,
CERS	6:45pm	Rm. 1
CERS-Youth	6:45pm	Rm. 5,6,7

**Thursday, December 28**

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**Friday, December 29**

Cleaning of Chapel	9:00am	Chapel
Choir-Eng	3:30pm	Church
Choir-Spn	4:30pm	Church
JPC	5:00pm	Rm. 5,6,7
CERS	6:45pm	Rm. 5,6,7 Kitchen

**Saturday, December 30**

Confessions	4:30pm	Church
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**Knights of  
Columbus**



**REAL MEN BELIEVE**

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[www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join)



**First Saturday Devotion**

Saturday,  
 January 6, 2024  
 2:30pm to 3:30pm  
 In the Chapel

### Altar Flowers

Parishioners now have the opportunity to contribute to the altar flowers "in memory" or "in honor" of a loved one.

Donation is \$50, there are two bouquets for the altar. It is your choice of donating for one or two. The names will be published in the bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity.

### INTO THE FOLD

Our next **INTO THE FOLD** reception will be  
**Saturday, January 27, 2024,**  
 after the 4:00 Mass.

We will be welcoming new parishioners who registered in October, November and December. **Members of ministries or groups**, if you'd like to be represented at the reception, please contact  
 Rina: [caterinar1986@gmail.com](mailto:caterinar1986@gmail.com)



**Parish Office  
CLOSED**

Monday,  
 December 25, 2023



## Parish News and Events

### REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD

In order to baptize your child in our parish, parent (s) please come to the Parish Office to obtain an outline, describing the necessary requirements — PRIOR to both the parents and godparents being scheduled to attend a required pre-baptism class:



#### Parents

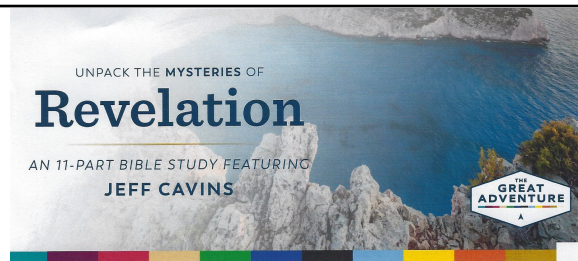
1. Must be registered parishioner in our parish
2. Parent (s) must be baptized and submit a copy of their Confirmation certificate.
3. If the parents are married, provide a copy of their Catholic marriage
4. Parent(s) must provide a copy of their child's birth certificate.

#### Godparent (s) At Least One:

1. Must be a practicing Catholic, following the teachings of the Catholic faith.
2. The godparent must be baptized and submit a copy of their Confirmation (certificate is required).
3. The godparent, if married must provide a copy of their Catholic marriage certificate.

Only after receiving the required documentation, must the parent(s) and godparents (s) have attended the pre-baptism class, can the baptism of your child be scheduled.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call the Parish Center Office (928) 377-3435.



#### Dates – Times – Location

Study starts: January 9, 2024

Study group meets the 2nd and 4th  
Tuesday of each month

Meeting time: 5pm-6:30 in the church  
library

Cost – Registration  
**FREE!**

For More Information

Contact Liz at 928.530.9442

### PSALMS: THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

The Holy Spirit inspired them, Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us to pray. In PSALMS: THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER, we discover how these sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us.

In this 11 week course we will show you how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God, through the Psalms. Learn how to meditate fruitfully on the captivating words of the Psalms using lectio divina and study the many ways the Psalms tell the life and mission of Jesus.

Come join us on Tuesday Mornings, twice a month with video presentations from Jeff Calvin's, Tim Gray, and Sarah Christmyer along with exciting conversations to explore ways into a personal encounter with God.

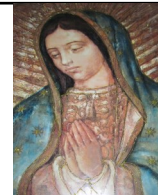
Classes are only one and half hour long and will begin in October, the first Tuesday, October 3 at 10 A.M. in the Parish Center. Plus, please go to [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) to order your workbook (Psalms, the School of Prayer)

If interested, please contact Grace McNair at  
[grace.mcnair@mail.com](mailto:grace.mcnair@mail.com) to sign up.

Here's to praying the words that Jesus prayed! See you there.



## Please pray for all who are sick or infirmed:



Robert Comstock, Linda Pinnick, Carol Kreft, Diane Schatz, Stella Dombrowski, Ray Martin, Rita Cownie, Mark Kucharek, Fr. Charlie Urnick, James Cleary, Angie Huizenga, Sandra Lyons, James Driscoll, Michael Barrett, Diane Seiler, Frankie Daiber, Fermin Esquibel, Joseph Matthews, Richard Potts, Mary Woodward, Toni Grzechowika, Ron Tuohey Sr., Richard Fernandez, Anthony Fernandez, Susan & Steve Richards, Ventura Villalobos, Jaime Fernandez, Susan Regino, Ellsie Taylor, Ryan Smith, Olivia Sanchez, Ann Peterson, Helena Hall, Gabriel Esquivel, Helaine MacPhal, Caitlin Amburgue, Peyton Mann, Jaime O'Niell, Art Penfold, Jerrod Wetzel, Teresa Stafford, Fernando Galvan Jr, Gary Gallant, Rocco DiConza, Rick Maiero, Alex Freiday, Jimmy Gifford, Josh Lazarski, Patrick & Jennifer Weinmiester, Katherine Tyler, Con Sanchez, Don & Pam Weinmiester, Bob Lucero, Susan Cowin, Carmen & Robert Clemente, Andrew Colton, Lupe Natividad, Jean Marie Hunt, Bill Glass, O'Niell Family, Jim Gunton, Joseph Matthews, Manuel Hernandez, Sabrey Byrd, Michele deLany, Larry Dye, Juan Acuña, Ernestine Stein, Patty George, Gary Arivzo, Bud Tuffe, Alan Rodberg, Dylan Short, Joe O'Neill, Ginny Carter, Marcheta Keller, Mert Glancy

## ANNOUNCE THE GOOD NEWS



## Youth Bible Study

Hey you! We are inviting all the youth ages 13-18 to join us on Wednesdays, from 7pm-8:15pm for our Youth Bible Study! Come and join us to learn more about your faith and the Word of God! Be sure to bring a bible and a notebook! For more information contact Mariela Balderrama @ (928) 279-4411.

¡Atención jóvenes de edades 13-18! Te invitamos a que vengas a nuestro curso bíblico para jóvenes los miércoles de 7pm-8:15pm. ¡Acompáñanos para aprender más de la fe y de la Palabra de Dios! ¡No olviden su biblia y cuaderno! Para más información contacta a Mariela Balderrama @ (928) 279-4411.



## Please pray for all those who have died, especially;

Rita Thomas,  
Yolanda Gallegos,  
Margarita Temple,  
Norma Feilen



## Rosary Group

Wednesday, at 10:00am  
in  
Parish Center: Room  
5,6,7

Come join and pray the rosary and social with fellow parishioners.

Catholic Charities MANA (Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force) House provides transitional housing for veterans. We provide a foundation for veterans currently or at-risk of experiencing homelessness, providing each one the opportunity to reclaim a life of self-sufficiency.

Help support our veterans in our transitional housing program, MANA House by donating these items:

- Hygiene items (shampoo, body wash, razors, shaving cream, deodorant)
- Pillows
- Twin Sheet Sets (pillow, fitted sheet, and flat cover)
- Twin Size Blankets

From Catholic Charities to all veterans,  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



To learn more about MANA House or to donate, call 602.254.6785 or visit us at [CatholicCharitiesAZ.org](http://CatholicCharitiesAZ.org)  
"Open your mouth, judge justly, defend the needy and the poor." Proverbs 31:9



## ST. MARY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Invites all women 18 years old and up! **REVELATION – THE KINGDOM YET TO COME**

**\*\*Bible Study Begins Tuesday, September 5th @6:00PM-7:30PM\*\***

This Bible Study, through Ascension Press, is presented by video by Jeff Cavins. The workbook may be ordered through [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) (\$29.95, includes online access for one year). Please bring a Bible with you to our sessions. Our Fellowship meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Center Library.

### ST. MARY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S...

**Faith** – staying steadfast in our faith – no matter the adversities

**Evangelize** – the Good News about Jesus Christ to all

**Love** – Christian Love for one another – We are all made in the image of God.

**Learn** – Always learn something new about our faith. – There's so much to learn.

**Offer up** our troubles/worries to the Lord. – Trust in His infinite Mercy.

**Worship** our Lord through the sacrifice of the Mass and at Adoration.

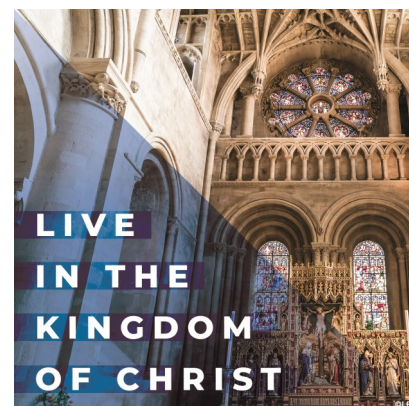
**Spirit** – Call on the Holy Spirit for guidance – in our thoughts, words, actions,

**Holiness** – Goal for all Christians for the graces towards holiness.

**Inspired** by the Holy Spirit to trust God, to do His will, to share our gifts for His glory and praise

**Pray** – Praying every day makes Jesus the center of our lives.

Come, join our Fellowship! – Email Rina, [caterinar1986@gmail.com](mailto:caterinar1986@gmail.com)



### Prayers for Ernesto Balderrama, Jr

We, the Balderrama family, (Ernesto, Sonia and children), would like to ask for your prayers for our son, Ernesto Balderrama, Jr...aka - Junior, 17 yrs. old. He has grown up in St. Mary. He received all his Sacraments of Initiation here. He was an altar server since 2015. He was a member of the CERS group since 2021 and more recently, was helping his sister, Mariela, with the Wednesday evening Youth Bible study group. He graduated from Lee Williams HS in May 2023 and has decided to dedicate some time to strengthen and learn more about his faith. He left on August 4, 2023, to join Christ of the Desert House of Formation, in Palmdale, CA. He will be on his formation journey for nine months, with other young adults, all of whom have chosen to live by the virtues of obedience, poverty, and chastity.

After the formation period, he will discern if he would like to make his promise to become a Missionary Servant of the Word for one year, serving in whatever mission he is sent to here in the United

States. We ask for prayers from our St. Mary community to help Junior stay strong and not feel lonely, as this is the first time he will be away from his family and community for so long. Prayers to help him stay focused during this formation period and guard against all temptation, not only for him, but for all the young people who are on the same journey as him, sacrificing a part of their young lives to follow Jesus. They have chosen to leave the many temptations of the secular world and follow Jesus out into the desert to pray and meditate on what God is calling them to do. Pray and make sacrifices as well for more teenagers and young adults to open their hearts and hear and answer God's calling. We are responsible for faith formation of the youth of our Church. Let us not abandon them in their time of spiritual needs. There is a spiritual warfare going on now and let us not lose our children to it.

Thank you so much and may God bless you all and guard you from all evil.

" Whomever has known God cannot be silent. " ~ Father Luigi Butera

"Quien ha conocido a Dios no puede callar."



## Jail Ministry

**Looking for volunteer** to take over this ministry as Rita and I will no longer be able to do so. Contact Ray Martin at 251-233-9490 or Rita Martin at 928-404-3257 for more information. Thanks and God Bless.

## Blessed Carlo Acutis



**Blessed Carlo Acutis** London, May 3, 1991 - Milan, October 12, 2006

## Eucharistic Miracles Video Series

Produced by St. Mary's Church based on the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis' web pages.

Search on YouTube with:

@kevindavis3985

then click on the image of the Guadalupe angel to go to the full ever-expanding playlist of videos.



### The Choir will be providing a Christmas Eve Prelude

Christmas Eve Mass on December 24 at 3:30PM. The Choir has worked very hard to prepare this beautiful Christmas Eve program and would like to share this with you. Please come and enjoy the sounds of the season!



We, at SVdP, just want to say thank you so much for all your donations!

You have been terrific in answering our requests for donations to help those in need in our community. We hope that you all have a blessed Christmas like you have blessed us! Thank you!



## The Knights of Columbus Council 3145

Invite you to join us in our Coats for Kids campaign. We are collecting winter coats, sweaters, mittens, gloves, scarfs and blankets for kids' birth through 12th grade. These clothing items can be new or gently used, also men's clothing can be taken to St. Vincent de Paul. There will be St. Vincent de Paul boxes, in St. Mary's lobby, for the children's clothes. Locations of the distribution centers are St. Vincent de Paul, 218 E. Beale St., Aid and Advice Pregnancy Center, 2215 Northern Ave., Abundant Life Pregnancy Support Center, I-68 and Magma Road in Golden Valley and Annie's Art Attic, 2575 Northern Ave.

Collections will begin in September thru December 31st. Donations are also accepted. THANK YOU...Let's Keep Our Kid's Warm!



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