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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

OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday:
8:30 am - 12:00 noon

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SUNDAY, January 28th, 2024



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

Había en la sinagoga un hombre poseído por un espíritu inmundo, que se puso a gritar: "¿Qué quieres tú con nosotros, Jesús de Nazaret? ¿Has venido a acabar con nosotros? Ya sé quién eres: el Santo de Dios". Jesús le ordenó: "¡Cállate y sal de él!" - Mc 1, 23-25

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 in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

Year B

Sat. Jan. 27 <i>St. Angela Merici, Virgin</i>	Mk. 1:21-28	4:00 p.m.	+	Shirley Paquette (Darleen Williams)
Sun. Jan. 28 <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mk. 1:21-28	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.		People of the Parish Maria L. Camacho & Family (Anonymous)
Mon. Jan. 29	Mk. 5:1-20	8:00 a.m.	+	Vito Gallo (Rina Rabaiotti)
Tues. Jan. 30	Mk. 5:21-43	8:00 a.m.	+	Martina Aguila (Anonymous)
Wed. Jan. 31 <i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i>	Mk. 6:1-6	6:00 p.m.		Blake Kramer (Mr. & Mrs. Magrann)
Thurs. Feb. 1	Mk. 6:7-13	8:00 a.m.		St. Mary Priests (Anonymous)
Fri. Feb. 2 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	Lk. 2:22-40	6:00 p.m.		Kevin Forrest (Mr. & Mrs. Magrann)
Sat. Feb. 3 <i>St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr & St. Ansgar, Bishop</i>	Mk. 1:29-39	4:00 p.m.		Baker-Litot Family (Fran Baker)
Sun. Feb. 4 <i>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	Mk. 1:29-39	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+	People of the Parish 4 Amigos of St. Mary (David Acuña)

Reflection for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 28, 2024
Fr. Christopher Trummer

Readings: Dt 18:15–20 • Ps 95:1–2, 6–7, 7–9 • 1 Cor 7:32–35 • Mk 1:21–28 bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012824.cfm

Almost all disagreements in theological matters come down to authority. When something about God or His will for us is unclear, who or what has the final word? In Christianity and Judaism, God has always raised up certain people as His representatives who speak authoritatively on His behalf. He usually gives clear signs that authenticate the authority of these representatives. The most common sign is the working of miracles.

Clearly, this was the case for Moses. The Israelites believed Moses when he relayed God's words to them because they witnessed firsthand how God used Him in supernatural ways. The idea of God choosing to speak to a very small number of people who in turn are given authority over everyone else can be offensive to our modern sensibilities of democracy and egalitarianism. Already at the time of Moses, it was not easy for people to accept. Even Aaron and Miriam, who served God alongside Moses, once became indignant and complained, "Is it through Moses alone that the Lord has spoken? Has he not spoken through us also?" (Num 12:2).

Of course, in principle, God can speak to anyone, and He does speak to us all in various ways. The problem is that when everyone believes that they have equal access to God's revelation and do not need anyone else, chaos ensues. This is the problem with the Protestant Reformers and their notion of "*sola Scriptura*" (Scripture alone). This idea was supposed to embrace Scripture as the only authority for understanding the Faith. In practice, however, history has shown that "Scripture alone" inevitably devolves into each person being his or her own Magisterium. God knows that we need human authorities, and so throughout salvation history, He has provided them. Of course, they are always imperfect, and Moses himself was no exception. But the sins and flaws of God's representatives never give us the right to ignore them. God Himself says, "Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it."

The prophets did not only speak on God's behalf. They also received unique revelation of Him. A person has authority to speak for God in proportion to how much He has revealed to him. Thus it is no accident that Moses was the most authoritative prophet in the Old Testament, for Scripture describes says this of him: "The Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a person speaks to a friend" (Ex 33:11). No one else after Moses had this kind of relationship with God, and so no one else had his authority. But in the first reading, God promised to Moses, "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin."

Jesus Christ fulfills this promise — he is the prophet like Moses, the one who speaks to God face to face. As the beginning of the Letter to the Hebrews says, "In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a son" (Heb

1:1–2). In the Bread of Life discourse, Christ himself says, "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father" (Jn 6:45–46). Christ claims to reveal God and speak authoritatively for God in a completely unprecedented way. Because of this, in a way very similar to the Old Testament prophets, Christ performed signs and wonders that authenticated his teachings and claims. He did not merely speak eloquently or try to persuade people with arguments. Instead, he perfectly revealed God by both words and deeds, proclamation and demonstration.

Our Gospel reading today is a classic example. When Christ was teaching in the synagogue, the people were already marveling at the authority with which he spoke, which was so different from how the scribes taught them. As if trying to undermine this teaching authority, a demoniac disrupts him by crying out and causing a scene. Christ immediately exorcizes the demon, which naturally amazes everyone and makes them wonder, "What is this? A new teaching with authority." Christ had already impressed them by the authority of his words, and now he confirms this authority by his deeds. Christ reveals the Father by words and deeds. He is the epitome of authenticity: what he says and does perfectly coincides with who he is.

In the Church today, people rightly demand authenticity from Church leaders as those who represent God and speak on His behalf. People have a right to demand that those who teach about God actually know Him and spend time with Him in prayer, speaking to Him "as a person speaks to a friend." Authority of office is real and important, and we cannot ignore or dismiss it. But in order to be effective, authority of office must be complemented by authority of experience and authority of charism. In other words, a person must really know and love God in order to speak of Him authoritatively. As much as we rightly expect this authenticity from our Church leaders and pray for them to have it, do we ourselves sincerely pursue the Lord? Do we have a disposition of humble obedience to those the Lord has given us as His representatives on earth? We cannot wait until these men are perfect before we will follow them. In the words of St. Paul, God gives us His treasure in clay vessels (2 Cor 4:7). None of us possesses the full revelation of who God is and what He wills. Our only choice is to humble ourselves and allow God to teach, feed, and protect us through His Church. Only in heaven, when we have finally been prepared to see God, will we no longer need mediators.

And so, in closing, St. Paul reassures us, "We know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. [. . .] At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known" (1 Cor 13:9–10, 12).

Sharing our Gifts

What We Gave Back to God

January 21, 2024

Attendance: 609

Needed to meet weekly expenses	\$ 8,000.00
Plate Collection	\$ 6,883.26
Online Giving	\$ 291.47
Building Fund	\$ 234.00

December 2023

Monthly Operating Expense	\$44,750.63
Monthly Plate Collection	\$47,606.66
Deficit or Gain	+\$ 2,856.03

Our Daily Bread

Thank you for your continued support of Our Daily Bread ministry. We have made and distributed 17,460 sandwiches year to date, and 342,945 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,

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 January 28, 2024

Sunday:

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday:

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5,
6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday:

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday:

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,
11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday:

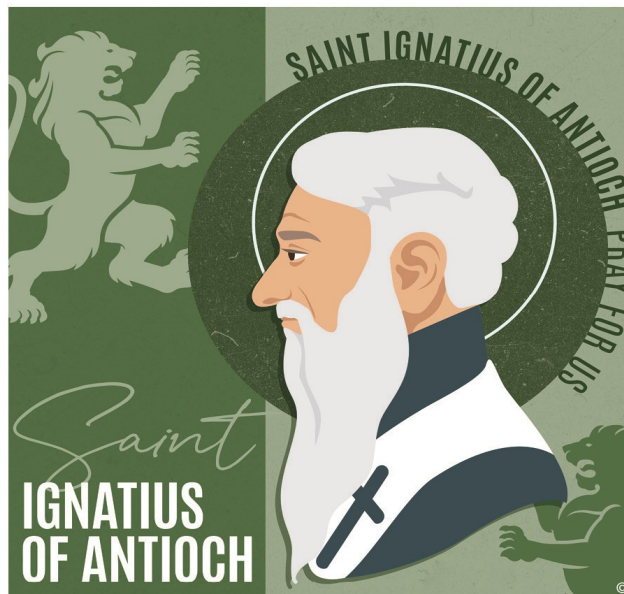
Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday:

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/
Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
(see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



Saint of the week

St. Ignatius of Antioch, a bishop of Antioch in the first century, was a direct disciple of the apostle John. Despite being thrown to the lions and martyred in Rome's Colosseum for his faith, his teachings and hope for Christian unity live on as early examples of Christian theology.

Prayer for the Youth

Dear Lord,
Be with our young people
this week and always — keep
them in Your care. Help them
to form godly friendships,
speak the truth, and know You
in the personal way that will
challenge, shape, and guide
them. Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

What Have You to Do with Me, Jesus of Nazareth?

Inevitably, when we read the story of the Garden of Eden, my children try to imagine what life would be like if Adam and Eve had not sinned against God.

"Would we have to go to school?" they ask me.
"Would we get sick? Could we eat whatever we want? Would we get older?"

I tell them the only thing I know for sure about a world without sin is that we would be happier. I can see confusion in their faces — *Why? How?* — but I have none of the concrete answers they want. I don't know how to describe a happiness untouched by sin.

The moment sin entered the world, a chasm erupted between God and mankind. There is now a space between humanity and the divine, a cavernous and seemingly impassable void into which God calls for us, unendingly. And because we are lost in the dark, and miserable, instead of following his voice when we hear it, instead we reply: "What do you want?"

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

Did the unclean spirit know, when he cried out all those thousands of years ago in Capernaum, that he was giving voice to a question which defined the human condition? They are the words of a demon, yes, but they are also my words. Far, far more often than I care to admit, when God is reaching for me, I look upon His hand with contempt and confusion. When I am grappling with a problem or a sin which overwhelms me, again and again I forget that I already know the solution.

The tragedy of original sin is not that we live in a world where we cannot eat what we want, where we age, and where we become sick and die. The tragedy of sin is that we have forgotten how to be happy. We look at happiness and we think: "What do you want with me?"

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."
— Psalm 95:7*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

Parish News and Events

Parish Events This Week

Sunday, January 28

Santo Niño 11:00am Kitchen,
Rm. 5,6,7

Monday, January 29

O.D.B. 9:00am Kitchen
JPC Mtg 5:30pm Library

Tuesday, January 30

Wednesday, January 31

Rosary 10:00am Rm. 5,6,7
JPC 6:45pm Library
CERS 6:45pm Rm. 1
CERS-Youth 6:45pm Rm. 5,6,7

Thursday, February 1

Anointing of the Sick 8:00am Chapel
R.E. 5:30pm All Rooms
KOC 6:00pm JB House

Friday, February 2

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

Saturday, February 3

Confessions 8:30am Church

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First Saturday Devotion

Saturday,
February 3, 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.

INTO THE FOLD

Our next INTO THE FOLD reception will be **Saturday, February 17, 2024, after the 4:00 Mass.**

We will be welcoming new parishioners who registered in Oct., Nov. and Dec. **Members of ministries or groups**, if you'd like to be represented at the reception, please contact Rina: caterinar1986@gmail.com

Catholic Charities DIGNITY Diversion is an intensive education-based program for women who have been arrested for prostitution. Our program provides the opportunity to avoid jail time and divert women from reoffending.

Help support Catholic Charities DIGNITY Diversion Program by donating these items:

- Lotion
- Shampoo (for all hair types)
- Body wash
- Body scrubbers/loofahs
- Sports bras
- Hoodies (all sizes)
- Razors



To learn more about DIGNITY Diversion or to donate, call 1-602-258-2785 or visit us at CatholicCharitiesAZ.org
"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40

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.

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.

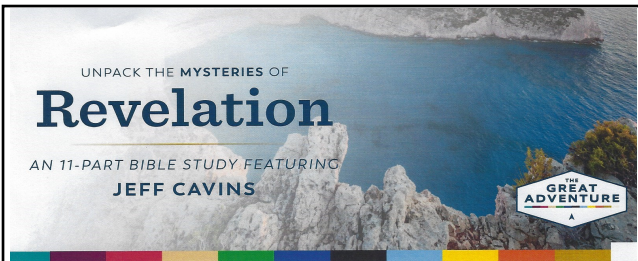
In this 11 week course we will show you how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God, through the Psalms. Learn how to meditate fruitfully on the captivating words of the Psalms using lectio divina and study the many ways the Psalms tell the life and mission of Jesus.

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 to order your workbook (Psalms, the School of Prayer)

If interested, please contact Grace McNair at grace.mcnair@mail.com to sign up.

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



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!**

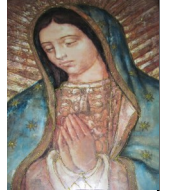
For More Information

Contact Liz at 928.530.9442

Events & News



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 Wetzal, 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, Alan Rodberg, Dylan Short, Joe O'Neill, Ginny Carter, Marcheta Keller, Mert Glancy, Sandy Kinsinger, Patricia Tellman, Vicky & Nestor Sanchez



Anointing of the Sick

On Thursday, February 1, 2024 anointing of the sick at the 8:00am Mass. All practicing Catholics, 65 years and older or those who are seriously ill are encouraged to participate in this healing sacrament.

Please sign in and take a name tag as you enter the Chapel. Confession is an important part of the healing sacrament.



Please pray for all those who have died, especially;

Rita Thomas,
Yolanda Gallegos,
Margarita Temple,
Norma Feilen

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.



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,
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To learn more about MANA House or to donate, call 602.254.6785 or visit us at 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 (\$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.

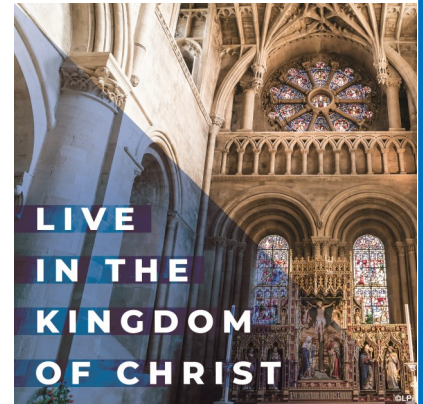
Spirit – Call on the Holy Spirit for guidance – in our thoughts, words, actions,

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



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."

Parish News and Events

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.

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@kevindavis3985

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



Our Lady of the Lake Gift Shop

Mon—Fri 9:00am to 12noon
Sat. 3:00pm to 6:00pm
Sunday 7:00am to 2:00pm

Expecting a child is life changing, and you're not the first person to question what to do now that you're pregnant. Catholic Charities Joining Hearts can help you during your unexpected pregnancy. YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

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