

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024



• THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

**ONE MIGHTIER
THAN I IS COMING.**

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MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 am Daily Masses / Misas
Wednesday - **Pobres Almas del Purgatorio**
Thursday - † **Mae Lastrella Amaranto**
Saturday - **Our Blessed Mother**

12:15 pm Daily Mass/ Misas diarias
Monday - † **George & Marjory Brennan**
Tuesday - † **Megan Shoemaker**
Wednesday - † **Jay Ross**
Thursday - **Vocations from St. Mary**
Friday - **Carmel of Maria Regina**

Sunday Masses/Misas dominicales
5:30 pm Vigil - † **George Nunez**
8:00 am - † **Paul Killorin**
10:00 am - **Bob & Marie Collins**
12:00 pm - **For Parishioners**
5:30 pm - **Linda Schor**

SERVERS/LECTORS/GREETERS

Proclaimers of the Word

8:00 am Wed ~ Mary Joan Gordon
8:00 am Thu ~ Jack Pynes
8:00 am Sat ~ Pat Murphy

12:15 pm Mon - John Harshberger
12:15 pm Tue ~ Kathy Bittner
12:15 pm Wed~ Ellen Brown
12:15 pm Thu ~ Dan Young
12:15 pm Fri ~ Judy Spearin

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Darrin Fleming
8:00 am ~ Knights of Columbus
10:00 am ~ John Harshberger, Sally Thompkins
5:30 pm ~ Daniel Barker

Servers

8:00 am Wed ~ Don Gordon
9:00 am Thu ~ Daniel Smisor
8:00 am Sat ~ Victor Nnoli

12:15 pm Mon ~ Matt Yeager
12:15 pm Tue, Wed, Fri ~ Dan Young
12:15 pm Thu ~ Ignacio Hernandez

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Grace C, Luke C
8:00 am ~ Knights of Columbus
10:00 am ~ Charlie W, Gwyneth W, Robert W
5:30 pm - Eli B, Noah B

Ushers & Greeters

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Nancy Hathaway, Kelly Power
8:00 am ~ Knights of Columbus
10:00 am ~ Junior Arendain,
Marielena & Uvaldo Malagon,
5:30 pm LifeTeen ~ Michael C, Sean Coffey



FROM TODAY'S READINGS

Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

DE LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

¡Regocijaos siempre en el Señor! Grande es en medio de nosotros el Santo de Israel, poderoso salvador. Él es el anunciado por Juan; él es quien bautizará en el Espíritu Santo.

Next Week's Readings/Lecturas para la próxima semana:

Mi 5:1-4a

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Salmo Is 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

IN LOVING MEMORY

We pray for the repose of the souls of our loved ones.

RECORDANDO CON CARÍÑO

Oramos por el reposo de las almas de nuestros seres queridos.

Blanche Morris, Jo Ann Brinkman,
Leónides Trujillo, and Mary Knox

IN OUR PRAYERS

...all those who are ill, in our Book of Intentions

EN NUESTRAS ORACIONES

... todos los que están enfermos, en nuestro Libro de Intenciones

Prayer requests are published in the Bulletin for three weeks,
and remain in the Book of Intentions for one year.

Due to the Holidays, the bulletin was submitted for publishing on **December 6**.
Debido a los días festivos,
el boletín fue enviado para su publicación el día **6 de diciembre**.

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"A eucharistic parish united in Christ, proclaiming God's love to our neighbors through evangelization, service to others, liturgy, prayer, & education."

PARISH STAFF

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Parochial Vicar

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Chrysten Copley

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Lead Custodian

Joe Crandall

Assistant Custodian - part time

Sunday, December 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

10:00 am Children's Liturgy

12:00 pm Misa en español

3:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass

Monday, December 16

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

7:00 pm La Posada

Tuesday, December 17

11:00 am First Way Van

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

1:30 pm Rosary, Prayer, & Discernment

7:00 pm OCIA

7:00 pm La Posada

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

1:30 pm Staff Meeting office closed

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm La Posada

Thursday, December 19

8:00 am Mass

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

7:00 pm ECYA

7:00 pm La Posada

Friday, December 20

8:30 am Adoration

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

5:30 pm Benediction

6:00 pm Penance Service

7:00 pm La Posada

Saturday, December 21

8:00 am Mass

3:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Sunday Vigil

7:00 pm La Posada



Sunday, December 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

COFFEE & DONUTS

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

10:00 am Children's Liturgy

11:00 am Confirmation

12:00 pm Misa en español

1:30 pm St. V de Paul Conference

3:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass

7:00 pm La Posada

Monday, December 23

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

Tuesday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00 am Daily Mass

4:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

7:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

10:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am Christmas Mass

11:00 am Misa de Navidad en español

Thursday, December 26

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am Mass

Friday, December 27

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

No La Esperanza

Saturday, December 28

8:00 am Mass

3:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Sunday Vigil

St. Mary Concert Series CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT CELEBRATING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Experience an enchanting evening of song showcasing members of the parish, in the church on **Friday, January 3rd**, at 6:30 pm.

Please make reservations by clicking the QR code, or by contacting the Parish Office.

Admission is free. Donations will be accepted at the door. 100% of the donations go to the St. Mary Building Fund.



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Suggested song for meditation while lighting two purple and the rose advent candles (Choose one):

"O Come, Divine Messiah"

"Magnificat primi toni" by Palestrina

"Para pedir posadas," a traditional Spanish hymn

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 61:1

MEDITATION

This week I invite you to ponder the journey of St. Joseph and the Virgin Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem. It must have been very difficult. Now we can enter into his struggle by walking with them. A true sign of God working in us, however, is that we struggle while remaining joyful. Instead of seeing the struggle as our plight, we see the joy that is to come; we see the good that we are a part of. This is how the glory of God leaves its mark in the soul. Even with adversity and injustice, the joy of the Lord does not diminish, but in fact grows. To experience the joy of the birth of the Christ child wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger, we must also experience the rejection Mary and Joseph endured, but let us not lose our peace.

PRAYER

O loving Father, let us experience a joy that this world cannot give. See how our hearts are being mad ready for the coming of the Savior. What joy it is to ponder heaven. Let the whole world know your goodness. May this time be of great blessing to those who are earnestly searching for you. Let us love those whom you send us with great joy and tenderness. May we be led into a deeper union with you. Amen.

Apostles' Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be . . .

PRAYER CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK

Pray for your deceased friends and loved ones. Pray for those whom you are separated from, wither by distance or by loss of connection. Pray for God's love to surround them.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How can I find joy even amid the struggle? How has serving those in need brought me joy?
2. What are some areas where I can be gentler with myself and with others?
3. What were some virtues I remember from the deceased in my family? How can I imitate those virtues?

LIVE THE LITURGY

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live our your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Asking the Question

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question—right away, no doubts or hesitations—there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew. They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" that his reply was not going to be; "Keep doing exactly what you're doing."

They heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That's a hard thing to do, and I don't do it enough. Too often, I'm afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation—and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ST. MARY 2024 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Penance Service

Friday, December 20, 6:00 pm, Bilingual

Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 18, 11:00–Noon, Bilingual

Friday, December 20, 11:00–Noon, Bilingual

Saturday, December 21, 3:00–5:00 pm, Bilingual
(Last Reconciliation before Christmas)

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm ~ Christmas Vigil Mass with Choir

7:00 and 10:00 pm ~ Christmas Vigil Mass
with Organ and Instrumentals

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am ~ Christmas Day Mass with Organ and Instrumentals

11:00 am Misa en español con coro español

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, December 31

5:30 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass in English

Wednesday, January 1

8:00 am and 12:15 pm ~ Holy Day Mass in English

6:00 pm Misa del día santo en español

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, January 3

6:30 pm, in the Church



Throughout the world, there are many different traditions associated with Christmas. Las Posadas is celebrated throughout Latin America. "Posada" is Spanish for "inn." Over the course of nine nights, local groups reenact the Holy Family's search for lodging in Bethlehem. Children dress as Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds, and Wise Men. They go from home to home singing Christmas carols throughout the neighborhood. After several "rejections," the final home welcomes the group for a party. Las Posadas is a social event, a family gathering, and a moral lesson. Las Posadas reminds participants of the importance of hospitality and welcome to those in need.

Add a new tradition to your Advent, and join the celebration of Las Posadas at St. Mary, each evening at 7:00 pm, in the Parish Center, through **Sunday, December 22.**



OFFERTORY COLLECTION/RECOLECCIÓN DE OFRENDAS

November 10-16 / 10-16 de noviembre

	Actual	Monthly Need:
Offertory/Ofertorio	\$ 11,966.54	\$74,350.00
Online Giving/en línea	\$ 4,305.00	
Other Income/Otros ingresos	\$ <u>516.15</u>	
Total	\$16,787.69	

Online Giving is easy. Set up one-time or recurring donations at stmaryeugene.com by clicking on the WeShare icon, or click this QR code.



Give to St. Mary via text message

Text "StMary" to 1-800-950-9952, click on the link and complete your gift. Simple, safe, and convenient.

Dar a Santa Maria por mensaje de texto

Envía "StMary" al 1-800-950-9952, haga clic en el enlace y complete su donación. Sencillo, seguro, y conveniente.



2025 CALENDARS

Each year, St. Mary proudly offers complimentary calendars to our cherished parishioners, and we eagerly anticipate the arrival of these Catholic calendars. The cost is \$900, and we invite sponsors to share in this blessing, helping to cover all or part of the expense. Please contact Claudia in the Parish Office if you feel called to support this meaningful tradition. Thank you for your generosity!

SUNDAY'S FLOWERS

We invite parishioners to sponsor the weekly flowers for our altar in honor of loved ones or special intentions, at a suggested donation of \$40 or more. While this sponsorship is distinct from and should not be confused with a Mass intention, your support helps our flower team create a beautiful arrangement for the front of the altar each week. Please note that major celebrations, including Advent, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost will continue to depend on the generosity of our entire parish community. Special intentions for flowers will be listed in the Bulletin each week from **January 11 through March 1.** Please sign up and make your donation in the office.

III DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

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Canción sugerida para meditar mientras se encienden dos velas de adviento moradas y una rosa (elija una):

“Oh Come, Divine Messiah”

“Magnificat primi toni” de Palestrina

“Para pedir posadas”, un himno tradicional español

ESCRITURA: Isaías 61:1

El Espíritu del Señor Dios está sobre mí,
porque me ha ungido el Señor
para traer buenas nuevas a los afligidos;
me ha enviado a vendar a los quebrantados de corazón,
a proclamar libertad a los cautivos,
y a los presos apertura de la cárcel.

MEDITACIÓN

Esta semana los invito a reflexionar sobre el viaje de San José y la Virgen María desde Nazaret hasta Belén. Debe haber sido muy difícil. Ahora podemos entrar en su lucha caminando con ellos. Sin embargo, una verdadera señal de que Dios está trabajando en nosotros es que luchamos mientras permanecemos alegres. En lugar de ver la lucha como nuestra situación difícil, vemos la alegría que está por venir; Vemos el bien del que somos parte. Así es como la gloria de Dios deja su huella en el alma. Incluso con la adversidad y la injusticia, la alegría del Señor no disminuye, sino que de hecho crece. Para experimentar la alegría del nacimiento del niño Cristo envuelto en pañales y colocado en un pesebre, también debemos experimentar el rechazo que soportaron María y José, pero no perdamos la paz.

ORACIÓN

Oh Padre amoroso, permítenos experimentar una alegría que este mundo no puede dar. Mira cómo nuestros corazones se están preparando para la venida del Salvador. Qué alegría es reflexionar en el cielo. Permite que todo el mundo conozca tu bondad. Que este tiempo sea de gran bendición para quienes te buscan con ansias. Haz que amemos a quienes nos envías con gran alegría y ternura. Que seamos llevados a una unión más profunda contigo. Amén.

Credo de los Apóstoles, Padre Nuestro, Ave María, Gloria...

DESAFÍO DE ORACIÓN PARA LA SEMANA

Ora por tus amigos y seres queridos fallecidos. Oren por aquellos de quienes están separados, marchitos por la distancia o por la pérdida de conexión. Oren para que el amor de Dios los rodee.

PREGUNTAS PARA LA REFLEXIÓN

1. ¿Cómo puedo encontrar alegría incluso en medio de la lucha? ¿Cómo me ha traído alegría el servir a los necesitados?
2. ¿En qué áreas puedo ser más amable conmigo mismo y con los demás?
3. ¿Cuáles fueron algunas virtudes que recuerdo de los fallecidos en mi familia? ¿Cómo puedo imitar esas virtudes?

HORARIO DE NAVIDAD DE SANTA MARÍA 2024

Servicio de Penitencia

Viernes 20 de diciembre, 6:00 pm, Bilingüe

Reconciliación

Miércoles 18 de diciembre, 11:00—mediodía, Bilingüe

Viernes 20 de diciembre, 11:00—mediodía, Bilingüe

Sábado 21 de diciembre, 3:00—5:00 pm, Bilingüe

(Última Reconciliación antes de Navidad)

LA NATIVIDAD DE NUESTRO SEÑOR

Martes 24 de diciembre

4:00 pm ~ Misa de Vigilia de Navidad con Coro e instrumentos

7:00 y 10:00 pm ~ Misa de Vigilia de Navidad

con órgano e instrumentos

Miércoles 25 de diciembre

9:00 am ~ Misa del Día de Navidad con Orquesta

11:00 am Misa en español con coro español

MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS

Martes 31 de diciembre

5:30 pm Misa de Vigilia del Día Santo en Español

Miércoles 1 de enero

8:00 am y 12:15 pm ~ Misa del día santo en inglés

6:00 pm Misa del día santo en español

CONCIERTO DE NAVIDAD A LA LUZ DE LAS VELAS

Viernes 3 de enero

6:30 pm, en la Iglesia



Únase a la celebración de Las Posadas en Santa María, cada noche a las 7:00 pm, en el Centro Parroquial, hasta el domingo 22 de diciembre.

FLORES DEL DOMINGO

Invitamos a los feligreses a patrocinar las flores semanales para nuestro altar en honor a sus seres queridos o intenciones especiales, con una donación sugerida de \$40 o más. Si bien este patrocinio es distinto y no debe confundirse con una intención de misa, su apoyo ayuda a nuestro equipo de flores a crear un hermoso arreglo para el frente del altar cada semana. Tenga en cuenta que las celebraciones principales, incluido el Adviento, la Navidad, la Pascua y Pentecostés, seguirán dependiendo de la generosidad de toda nuestra comunidad parroquial. Las intenciones especiales para las flores se incluirán en el Boletín cada semana desde el 11 de enero hasta el 1 de marzo. Regístrese y haga su donación en la oficina.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Da. Ama. Actúa con justicia. Esto, dice Juan, es la forma de vivir tu arrepentimiento. A medida que se acerca la Navidad, "bautízate" con estas palabras del profeta más grande de Dios. Deja que te llenen de nueva vida mientras esperas la venida de Cristo.

Religious Education: Helps to build a strong foundation



St. Mary offers three programs for children from kindergarten through fifth grade. Contact: Sharon Dunham.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Age-appropriate lessons based on the day's Gospel readings are offered during the 10:00 am Mass for children from kindergarten to fourth grade. No registration is required.

FAITH FORMATION

Classes are offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for kindergarten to sixth-grade children during the school year. Thanks to a generous donor, there is currently no fee and registration is now open.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is offered one week each summer for children entering first through fifth grades in the fall. Registration is required. Dates are announced in spring.

La educación religiosa: ayuda a formar una base sólida



Sta. Maria ofrece tres programas para niños desde jardín de infantes hasta quinto grado. Contacto: Sharon Dunham.

LITURGIA INFANTIL

Se ofrecen lecciones apropiadas para la edad basadas en las lecturas del Evangelio del día durante la misa de las 10:00 am para niños desde jardín de infantes hasta cuarto grado. No se requiere inscripción.

FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

Las clases se ofrecen los domingos por la mañana a las 9:00 a. m. para niños desde el jardín de infantes hasta el sexto grado durante el año escolar. Gracias a un generoso donante, actualmente no hay costo y la inscripción ya está abierta.

LA ESCUELA BÍBLICA DE VACACIONES

La EBV se ofrece una semana cada verano para los niños que ingresan del primero al quinto grado en el otoño. Es necesario registrarse. Las fechas se anuncian en primavera.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

St. Mary offers multiple programs for children and adults preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

Classes for children grades 2 and above preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion are offered beginning in the fall. Registration is required. Contact: Julie Rutledge

CONFIRMATION

Classes for children grades 7 to 12, preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are offered beginning in the fall. Registration is required. Contact: Chrysten Copley

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Classes for adults preparing for Confirmation are offered each spring. Registration is required. Contact: Marybeth Schombert.

ORDER OF THE CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Classes for adults preparing to enter the Catholic Church are offered on Tuesday evenings. Registration is required. Contact: Marybeth Schombert.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Are you engaged, or civilly married but desire the blessing of the church? Are you divorced but want to marry again? Contact Julie Rutledge.

PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Sta. Maria ofrece múltiples programas para niños y adultos que se preparan para los sacramentos del Bautismo, la Reconciliación, la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación.

PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

A partir del otoño se ofrecen clases para niños de 2.º grado y mayores que se preparan para los sacramentos de la Reconciliación y la Primera Comunión. Es necesario inscribirse. Contacto: Julie Rutledge

CONFIRMACIÓN

Se ofrecen clases para niños de 7.º a 12.º grado, preparándose para el Sacramento de la Confirmación, a partir del otoño. Es necesario registrarse. Contacto: Chrysten Copley

CONFIRMACIÓN DE ADULTO

Cada primavera se ofrecen clases para adultos que se preparan para la Confirmación. Es necesario registrarse. Contacto: Marybeth Schombert.

ORDEN DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS (OCIA)

A partir del otoño se ofrecen clases para adultos que se preparan para ingresar a la Iglesia Católica. Es necesario registrarse. Contacto: Marybeth Schombert.

PREPARACIÓN DE LA MATRIMONIO

¿Está comprometido o casado por lo civil pero desea la bendición de la iglesia? ¿Está divorciado pero desea casarse nuevamente? Contacto: Julie Rutledge.