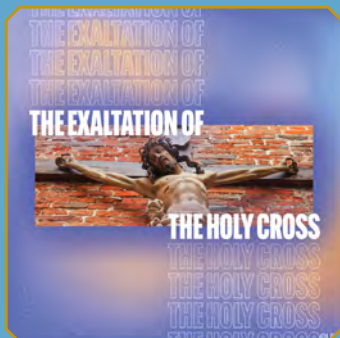




SUNDAY, September 14th, 2025



Pastor

Rev. Chris Axline

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Sylvester Modebei

Parish Deacon

Dea. Francis Staab

Hispanic Community

Rigoberto Ramirez

Facilities Manager

Francisco Mejia

Organist

Jerome Llagas



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

Parish Information

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9:00am – English,
2:00pm – Español

Monday/ Tuesday/ Thursday :
8:00am, *in the chapel*

Wednesday: 6:00pm – Español,
in the chapel

Friday: 6:00pm, *in the chapel*

Reconciliation

Saturday: 8:30am – 9:30am

Parish Office Hours

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

Friday: 8:30am – 12:00pm

Gift Shop Hours

Saturdays: 3:00–4:00pm, 5:00–6:00pm

Sundays: 8:00–9:00am, 10:00–11:00am,
1:00–2:00pm

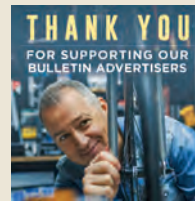
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St. Mary's Gift Shop Saturdays & Sundays:

Shop hours are one hour before Mass
& one hour after Mass.

Missals are now \$5.00 each, Span./Eng.

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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.

DAILY GOSPELS

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - September 14, 2025 Year C



Sat. September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church

Lk 6:43-49

4:00pm



Felix Natividad & Family
(Lupe Natividad)

Sun. September 14

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY
CROSS

Jn 3:13-17

9:00am

2:00pm
(Español)



Parishioners
Cameron Matthews
(Maria Martinez, Beth Matthews)

Mon. September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows (Twenty-Fourth
Week in Ordinary Time)

Jn 19:25-27 or Lk
2:33-35

8:00am

No Mass
(Fr. Chris & Fr. Sylvester on retreat)

Tues. September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Lk 7:11-17

8:00am

No Mass
(Fr. Chris & Fr. Sylvester on retreat)

Wed. September 17

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church; Saint
Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

Lk 7:31-35

6:00pm
(Español)

No Mass
(Fr. Chris & Fr. Sylvester on retreat)

Thurs. September 18

Weekday

Lk 7:36-50

8:00am

No Mass
(Fr. Chris & Fr. Sylvester on retreat)

Fri. September 19

Weekday
Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Lk 8:1-3

6:00pm

No Mass
(Fr. Chris & Fr. Sylvester on retreat)

Sat. September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest,
and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and
Companions, Martyrs

Lk 8:4-15

4:00pm



Steven Garger
(Marilyn Garger)



Teodora Migabon
(Herbert Migabon)

Sun. September 21

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Lk 16:1-13 or
16:10-13

9:00am

2:00pm
(Español)



Parishioners
Joe Farner
(Donna Farner)

Reflection for THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS : Year C
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Father John Muir

Readings: • Numbers 21:4b-9 • Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 • Philippians 2:6-11
• John 3:13-17

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091425.cfm>

GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

John 3:13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr. Marvin for breakthrough "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.



Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir

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Pray for All Who are Sick or Infirm



Maria Izaquiere,
Alexa Stefania Ibarra,
Poublon Family,
Aurther Penfold,
Judith Venenga,
Mike Serrano,

Patricia Tellman,
Dan Tellman,
Andree Duncan,
Juan Acuña,
Phee Serrano,
Lulu Bañuelos,

Fernando Cardona,
Fr. Matthew Krempel,
Fr. Michael Berry,
Robby & Lois Robinson,
Alan & Dale Rodberg,
Helena Hall,

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ST. MARY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

For Women 18 Years And Up

*Our upcoming Bible study program:
The Prophets – Messengers of God's Mercy. (go to
ascensionpress.com/pages/bible-studies to order
your workbook).*

When: Tuesday, September 16 (We meet the first & third Tuesdays of the month)

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Where: Parish Center Library

ST. MARY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S...

FAITH – staying steadfast in our faith – no matter the adversities

EVANGELIZE to all about the Good News about Jesus Christ!

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 through adoration.

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

HOLINESS – Goal of 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

PRAY – Praying every day makes Jesus the center of our lives!

For more information about our Fellowship, contact
Rina: caterinar1986@gmail.com

Parish Events This Week

Monday No Mass JPC	Sept. 15 8:00am 6:00pm	Location Chapel Library
Tuesday No Mass Women's Fellowship	Sept. 16 8:00am 5:45pm	Location Chapel Library
Wednesday Rosary No Mass (Esp.) CERS CERS Youth JPC	Sept. 17 10:00am 6:00pm 6:45pm 6:45pm 6:45pm	Location Rm. 5,6,7 Chapel Rm. 1 Rm. 5,6,7 Library
Thursday No Mass Eucharistic Adoration <i>Text Kevin Davis to sign up: (508) 699-6289</i> R.E. Class	Sept. 18 8:00am 9:00am -5:00pm 5:30pm	Location Chapel Chapel Rms. 1-7 & Library
Friday First Friday Devotion No Mass CERS	Sept. 19 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:45pm	Location Chapel Chapel Rm. 5,6,7, Kitchen & Library
Saturday Confessions Mass	Sept. 20 8:30am 4:00pm	Location Church Church

What We Gave Back to God

September 7th, 2025 Attendance: 692

Needed to meet weekly expenses	\$ 8,000.00
Plate Collection	\$ 9,389.74
Online Giving	\$ 1,133.26
Building Fund	\$ 235.00

August 2025

Monthly Operating Expense	\$ 31,968.59
Monthly Plate Collection	\$ 42,753.00
Deficit or Gain	\$ +10,784.41



Please pray for all
those who have died,
especially:



Sue
Weatherwax,
Wayne
Peterson,

Rita Martin,
Deanna
Lindsey,

Bob Duncan,
Joe Williams,
Joe Farner,

Bill Glass,
Susie Cobb

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD
and you.
Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." (Nm 21:7)

Psalm:

Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross. (Phil 2:8)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it.
The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is
what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we
bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we
live the mercy which has saved us?

Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor
Friday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often "hear our prayer" or "pray for us"). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

Prayer of Love

Dear God,
Expand my heart in new ways
today,
to understand the love You have
for me,
to take that love deeply into
myself,
and to act from that love.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: When the unfaithful of the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. To heal us, God invites us to look upon the cross.

The Cross is Not Negotiable

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart — it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is *tough*, and to do it you have to make a decision to be *tough*, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness *is* for wimps, *because* the cross isn't negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross, we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

Answer:

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?

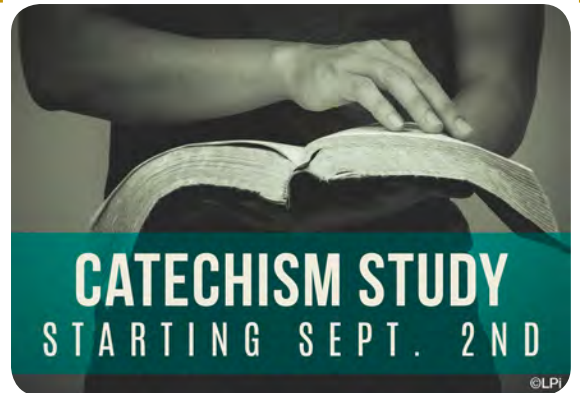
Parish News and Events

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Belles first meeting!

Belles first meeting went well, plans for coming year of activities! New officers are President: Kasie Juelfs, Vice President: Chris Seigworth, Treasurer: Paula Paulsen and Secretary: Susan Nossett, come and the Belles and give your talents to our Parish!



FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

Have you ever wanted to understand the Catechism of the Catholic Church? Wondered What we believe, How we worship, How we Live or How we pray?

Well, you're in for a treat.

WE are offering a down to earth course this Jubilee year of Hope. And by studying the Catechism this year of Hope, a special indulgence was declared by Pope Francis.

This awesome course will be offered on every other Tuesday morning at 10 am at the Parish Center beginning September 2nd.

If this interests you, please contact Grace McNair at grace.mcnair@gmail.com or catch her attention at the weekend Masses. She will help you to order your workbook from ascensionpress.com, or you may order it yourself.

Hope to see you there.

Wanted a few good men --- and women, to help re-upholster the chairs in the rec room, on Wednesday, September 17th at 1:00pm. Please bring scissors and staple guns.

Note: We will join the Wednesday Rosary group at 11:00am at Calico's for a no host lunch, before beginning the re-upholstering. All are welcome.

Contact Connie-Marie Sanders for info 503-757-2814.



Rosary Group

Wednesdays at 10:00am
in Parish Center: Rm. 5,6,7

Come join us for prayer & Christian fellowship.



Pro-Life meetings: 2nd Sat. of each month, 9:30am in the library



Raffle Items Display

The Knights of Columbus will have displays of gift baskets and prizes to be raffled at this year's Fall Festival.

Displays can be found at the back of the church after the weekend Masses on September 13th, 14th, and 19th

St. Mary's Fall Festival is scheduled for Sunday, September 21st.

Thank you for your support!



First Friday Devotion

September 5, 2025
5:00pm In the Chapel

First Saturday Devotion

September 6, 2025
2:30pm to 3:30pm In the Chapel



The Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center's Annual Benefit Tea

We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

- Isaiah 64:8



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Location:

College Park Community Center
4873 Van Nuys Road

Time: 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025

Join us for a celebration with music by local gifted musicians, tea, and desserts with a family of supporters, friends, and guests.

We offer complimentary photographs, silent auctions, and raffles to benefit the work of the Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center, a non-profit center.

Adult Invitation (15 years and older)
\$15.00

Free from 14 years and younger

If you'd like to reserve a table, do so in September.



Daily Mass Cancelled 09/15-9/19

There will be no daily Masses 09/15-9/19.

If you requested Mass intentions for these dates, please report to the Parish Office.

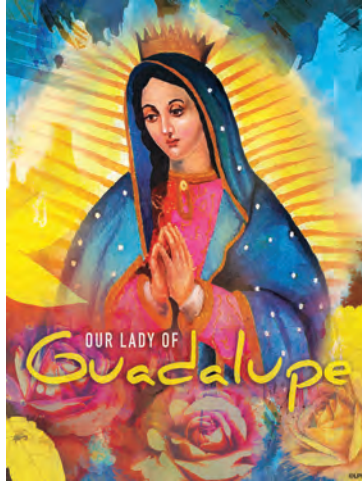
Mass intentions will be rescheduled to the earliest availability.

Deadline: Friday, September 12th before 12pm

Ways to Support Your Parish

The Silver Rose

In 1960 the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico to honor Our Lady. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.



Today eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop The Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary centered occasion to pray for respect for life, spiritual renewal of each nation and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Silver Rose will be at St Mary's following the mass on Sep 27th.

Special services will be held Sep 28th following the 9am and 2pm masses.

Cleaning Hours

The chapel will be closed for cleaning
Fridays
9-11am



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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There are two bouquets at the altar, available for a donation of \$50 for each. You may choose to donate one or two bouquets.



Religious Formation and Sacraments

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session **has ended.**

Classes are held on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center.

No payments will be accepted at class times. Payments can be made at the Parish Office during business hours, or online at this QR code →



We look forward to a great year with our St. Mary's families!

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CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thursdays: 5:30-7:00pm



Early Childhood (ages 4-6):

No sacramental preparation

Elementary Catechism, Year 1 (ages 7+):

1st Reconciliation (if baptized)

**Unbaptized children complete two years of catechism, with Baptism being received in the second year, along with Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion*

Elementary Catechism, Year 2 (ages 8-12):

1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism (if unbaptized)

Catecismo en Español, año 1 (7+ años):

1a Reconciliación (si está bautizado)

**Los niños no bautizados completan dos años de catecismo, recibiendo el bautismo en el segundo año, junto con la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión.*

Catecismo en Español, año 2 (8-12 años):

1a Santa Comunión, Confirmación, Bautismo (si no está bautizado)



BAPTISM INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS



Baptism Information

(children ages 6 and younger)



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD

To have your child baptized in our parish, a parent of the child to be baptized must come to the Parish Office to obtain an outline describing the required forms.

After submitting these required forms to the office, the parents and godparents will be scheduled to attend a pre-baptism class. Only after all requirements have been met can the baptism of your child be scheduled.

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

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