



SUNDAY, November 23rd, 2025



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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Sylvester Modebei

Parish Deacon

Dea. Francis Staab

Hispanic Community

Rigoberto Ramirez

Facilities Manager

Francisco Mejia

Organist

Jerome Llagas



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**



The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE
UNIVERSE - November 23, 2025 Year C



Sat. November 22 Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Lk 20:27-40	4:00pm		Elsa Cerezo (Maria Agduyeng) Zaida Labitan (Herbert Migabon)
Sun. November 23 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Lk 23:35-43	9:00am 2:00pm (Español)		Parishioners Willow Zumwalt (Gloria Valles)
Mon. November 24 Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time)	Lk 21:1-4	8:00am	†	Martina Aguila (Anonymous)
Tues. November 25 Weekday Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr	Lk 21:5-11	8:00am	†	Anna Le, Tran Thirde* (Cecelia La)
Wed. November 26 Weekday	Lk 21:12-19	6:00pm (Español)		Gillstrap Family (Anonymous)
Thurs. November 27 Weekday Thanksgiving Day	Lk 21:20-28 or "In Thanksgiving to God" (943-947)	8:00am	†	Virginia A. Dwyer Mescher (Wayne & Cheryl Smith)
Fri. November 28 Weekday	Lk 21:29-33	6:00pm	†	Rita Martin (Bernie Hubbert)
Sat. November 29 Weekday; BVM	Lk 21:34-36	4:00pm	†	Joe Williams (Darleen Williams)
Sun. November 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Mt 24:37-44	9:00am 2:00pm (Español)	† †	Parishioners Jose Cardenas Juana Isaac (Lourdes Cardenas)

If you would like to add an announcement or event to the bulletin, **please fill out**
our Bulletin Submission Form, available in the Parish Office and on our website
(under the About tab).

**When completing the form, please be sure to include your event's date, time,
location, and any contact information.**



Reflection for OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: Year C
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Tracy Earl Welliver

Readings: • 2 Samuel 5:1-3 • Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 • Colossians 1:12-20
• Luke 23:35-43 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112325.cfm>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP – RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How Would You Rule Your Kingdom?

It would be kind of awesome to be a king or queen! Absolute rule, untold wealth, and people answering your every beck and call are things that wouldn't be half bad. Of course, I would be a benevolent monarch, and I would hope that all my subjects would love me. They could cheer me as I came out of the palace, and I think my popularity ratings in the polls would be through the roof. But if they weren't, that would be fine, too, because I would rule the kingdom. And that means no throwing me out of office. Talk about job security!

As great as that sounds, the King of kings could have had all that as well, but instead, he chose quite a different path. He gave up absolute rule so all his subjects could have the free will to choose to follow him. He gave up untold wealth so he could be treated like a common criminal and receive a death sentence. He gave up having servants at his disposal so he could be the servant of all his subjects himself. Yes, he was the King of kings, but he was nothing like a typical king. As much as I think it would be great to be a king myself, I would rather emulate this King instead.

Who would you rather be like? You could have it all or choose to give away everything. You could choose a path of luxury or a path of trial. You could be respected by many or find yourself in a culture that increasingly finds you objectionable. Who would you rather be like? Do you arrive at an answer quickly, or do you need some time to think about it? The King of kings awaits your reply.

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



Pray for All Who are Sick or Infirm



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Steve Caris,
Jerry Carreiro,
Joey Matthews,
Maria Izaquirre,
Alexa Stefania Ibarra,

Poublon Family,
Aurther Penfold,
Judith Venenga,
Mike Serrano,
Patricia Tellman,
Dan Tellman,

Andree Duncan,
Juan Acuña,
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Betty Myrick,
Carlos Valenzuela,
Marlene Tidwell,

Michael Page,
Linda Pinnick,
Carol Kreft,
Diane Schatz,
Ray Martin



Parish Events This Week

Monday Mass JPC	Nov. 24 8:00am 6:00pm	Location Chapel Library
Tuesday Mass	Nov. 25 8:00am	Location Chapel
Wednesday Rosary Mass (Esp.) CERS CERS Youth JPC OCIA	Nov. 26 10:00am 6:00pm 6:45pm 6:45pm 6:45pm 7:00pm	Location Rm. 5,6,7 Chapel Rm. 1 & 3 Rm. 4 Library Rms. 5,6, & 7
Thursday Mass Eucharistic Adoration <i>Text Kevin Davis to sign up: (508) 699-6289</i> R.E. Class	Nov. 27 8:00am 9:00am -5:00pm 5:30pm	Location Chapel Chapel Rms. 1-7 & Library
Friday Mass CERS	Nov. 28 6:00pm 6:45pm	Location Chapel Rm. 5,6,7, Kitchen & Library
Saturday Confessions Mass	Nov. 29 8:30am 4:00pm	Location Church Church



What We Gave Back to God

November 9th, 2025 Attendance: 699

Needed to meet weekly expenses	\$ 8,000.00
Plate Collection	\$ 7,208.58
Online Giving	\$ 1,501.16
Building Fund	\$ 8.00

October 2025

Monthly Operating Expense	\$ 42,520.68
Monthly Plate Collection	\$ 35,881.60
Deficit or Gain	\$- 6,639.08



Please pray for all
those who have died,
especially:



Michelle
Guenther,
Louise
Robinson,

Simon
"Robby"
Robinson,
Mack
Delmonico

Patricia
(Trish) Cobb,
Sue
Weatherwax,

Wayne
Peterson,
Rita Martin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"And the LORD said to you,
'You shall shepherd my people Israel
and shall be commander of Israel.'" (2 Sm 5:2)

Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading:

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile all things for him,
making peace by the blood of his cross
through him, whether those on earth or those
in heaven. (Col 1:19-20)

Gospel:

He replied to him,
"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43)

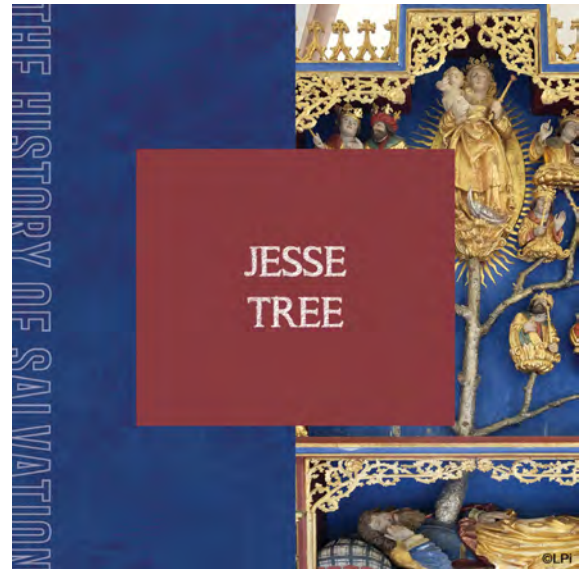
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?

Observances for the week of November 23, 2025

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold “shoot from the stump of Jesse” who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

Jesus is King

Dear Jesus,
I see the kingdom you love,
the one full of the broken and forgotten.
I see the crown you wear —
thorns out of love for me.
I pick you as my King.
Mold my heart to be a worthy
member of your kingdom.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It's taken me a few hundred read-throughs of this Gospel passage to finally understand a painful truth: I am Gestas, "the bad thief." I am as close to Jesus as he was, and I ask for all the wrong things.

The King Who Hangs Beside Us

We love to hate the bad thief.

Ancient Christian tradition has called him by the name "Gestas." In contrast to Dismas, "the good thief" who recognized and repented of his own sins, Gestas goes down bitter and swinging. With his last breaths he taunts Jesus, poking fun at the absurdity of a deity who allows himself to be crucified by mortals. "Are you not the Christ?" he sneers.

But his final words betray an undercurrent of desperation. Of terror. In the end, Gestas just wants Jesus to save him.

It's taken me a few hundred read-throughs of this Gospel passage to finally understand a painful truth: I am Gestas. I hang from my own cross — we all do, in this life. But I'm lucky enough that my cross is right beside Jesus, because the sacraments bring him as close to me as he was to Gestas — closer, even. How unfathomable is the mercy of God.

And yet, I am not grateful. I don't rejoice at my proximity to my Lord, to the flesh and blood that have bought my salvation. I don't do what I should do, and what Dismas does. I don't say, "Wherever you are King, please, let me be your subject. Wherever you are going, please, take me with you."

"Are you not the Christ?" I say instead. And what I mean is exactly what Gestas meant: "Get me down. Take this cross away. I don't want it. I can't take it."

What a tragedy it would be, if all Christ had to offer us was an easier life.

None of this looks like anyone thought it would. The long-foretold Messiah, whose majesty and might would eradicate violence and establish peace. The guy who was going to make everything okay again. The King of the Jews. And here he hangs: bleeding and dying and doing what looks like nothing. Staring at Gestas. Staring at me. Staring at you.

What will you say to him?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Answer:

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

Parish News and Events

**JOIN US
IN CHAPEL ADORATION**



Sign-ups for Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday in the Chapel!

Benediction at 8:40am, Reposition at 5pm. Spend one hour with our Lord exposed in the Monstrance. We ask for a commitment of several months or a year, or more.

On-call substitutes are required, as well, for appointments or vacations.

Sign up for your weekly commitment hour. Slots are urgently needed for every hour.

Text Kevin Davis at (508) 699-6289.

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.

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OCIA Class

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
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in Rooms 5, 6, 7
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Novena de la Virgen de Guadalupe

12/03, Weds. - 6:45pm

12/04, Thurs. - 6:00pm

12/05, Fri. - 5:00pm

12/06, Sat. - 6:00pm

12/07, Sun. - 3:00pm

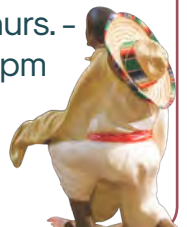
12/08, Mon. - 7:00pm

12/09, Tues. - 6:00pm

12/10, Weds. - 6:45pm

12/11, Thurs. -
6:00pm

**Tendremos las mañanitas
alabanzas ala Virgen**



The Hispanic community is having a raffle on Dec. 12th.
Raffle tickets are being sold from now till Dec. 7th.

Queen Comforter- 4 tickets/ \$10
Princess House set of plates - 4 tickets/ \$10
The Last Supper (framed) - 3 tickets/\$10



First Friday Devotion

December 5, 2025
5:00pm
In the Chapel

First Saturday Devotion

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



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



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Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

In preparation for the festivities of our Lady of Guadalupe of Dec 12th, the Hispanic community is doing different activities of fundraisers after each Mass to bring a Mariachi band on that day.

Monetary donations are accepted if you do not wish to purchase any raffle tickets for the items displayed in the back of the church.

All parishioners are invited to come on Dec 12th to the Rosary and bilingual mass. Please see the bulletin for more information.

We appreciate your support and generosity."



St. Nick & Santa Meet & Greet

The Belles will be hosting a meet & greet with
St. Nick & Santa on

**Sunday, December 7th
from 10-11:30am.**

Come listen to the story of St. Nick,
and bring your camera for a photo opportunity!



Ways to Support Your Parish



St. Vincent de Paul

Our sincere thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sharing the proceeds from the Fall Festival. It enabled us to add to our dwindling pantry.

We are not doing a food drive as such this year, but ask that you deposit your food donations in one of the boxes in the foyer of the Church, or bring them to our location at 218 E Beale St. The need for food has doubled and we are trying to keep up, With the holidays fast approaching, all donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.



WINTER COAT DRIVE & FOOD DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Coat Drive and Food Drive through December 28th. Boxes will be labeled in the vestibule. Thank you.



Cleaning Hours

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



Altar Flower Donations

11/29/2025

In loving memory of Virginia Dwyer Fleck

12/25/2025

In loving memory of the Dwyer Family

Donated by Cheryl M. Smith

12/06/2025

In loving memory of Joe Farner

Donated by Donna Farner

To donate altar flowers in memory / in honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office.

A portion of the harvest is set aside for the poor and the stranger. Leviticus 19:9-10



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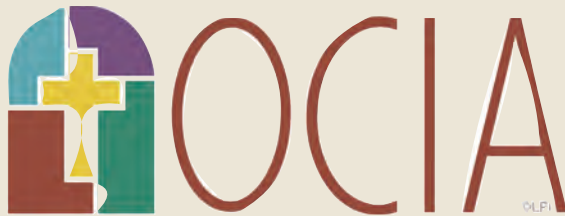
Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session **has ended**.

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!



OCIA Class

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults meets weekly:

Wednesdays, at 7pm

in Rooms 5, 6, & 7 at St. Mary's Parish Hall

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.

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