

St. Mary's

CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 6, 2026
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAY TOGETHER

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00PM ENGLISH

SUNDAY

7:30 AM & 10:30 AM ENGLISH

9:00 AM & 12 Noon ESPAÑOL

Weekday

7:00 AM Monday-Saturday

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 8-9 AM & TUESDAY 7-8 PM

ADORATION

Tuesday 7:30 AM – 8:00 PM

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
2:00 PM-4:30 PM

Closed for Lunch 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Jesus said, "Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

We pray together when we come together at Mass, but do you ever pray with a neighbor, a co-worker, your spouse, or your kids? Since I'm an official pray-er I am usually asked to lead others in prayer whatever the situation might be and that's great. Praying with others can be awkward especially if we are not used to doing it with others. I think this stems from a lack of confidence. Confidence is gained by practice.

I definitely prayed a lot with the family while growing up. But one on one with another person, that took skills. I definitely felt like I did not have any prayer skills as a young man. I probably could have done it if it was an emergency but I would have deemed it awkward and unusual. The prayer would have gone something like this, "Ah, er, umm, God, Jesus, umm Lord, yah, it's me, and I'm trying to pray out loud...can you hear me, ok? Well, you know, I'm a rookie at this, talking from my heart stuff, and I really don't know what to say, but this friend just asked me to pray with him and I'm just trying to help him out. Yup, I think that is about all I got. I know you're like super busy answering prayers around the clock. Well, thanks for listening. Talk to you later."

Hey, if that's all you got, go for it! The next time you'll be praying like Billy Graham. Practice makes perfect. Before you know it, friends and strangers will be asking you for prayers. Don't be afraid to pray. The Lord is there right by your side. He wants us to gather in his name and pray. Let the prayer flow from your heart. Don't wait for others to ask you to pray, ask them, "May I pray for you?" "Lord, it's me again, I have a special request ... thanks. I'll talk to you later."

God bless,
Fr. Matthew



Mass Intentions

Sunday 9-6: 7:30 AM Intentions of couples at the Retrovaille Marriage Retreat, Ernie Ciccarelli, Tony Garcia, Francisca Garcia, Tony DeSimoni, +Lidia Mora, +Emilio Mora Sr. +Jose DaSilva, +Olgaria DaSilva, +Sherrill Gomes,

Sunday 9-6:10:30 AM St. Mary's Parishioners

Monday 9-7: 7:00 AM +Dominic Carmelich

By Charlyn Bairos

Tuesday 9-8: 7:00 AM +Dorothy Lajeunesse

By Suzette Titus

Wednesday 9-9: 7:00 AM Intentions of Sonia DaSilva

Thursday 9-10: 7:00 AM +Richard T. Estrada

By Louis & Joanne Brichetto

Friday 9-11: 7:00 AM +Abby Risetto

By Charlyn Bairos

Saturday 9-12: 7:00 AM +Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 9-12: 5:00 PM Intentions of Judy Oliver

By Jane Homer

Intenciones de Misa en Español

Domingo 9-6: 9:00 AM +Dora Gómez

Domingo 9-6: 12:00 PM Intenciones de Benito Ibarra, Rubén Plascencia, +Martin González Jr., +Roberto López, +Paula Salcedo, +Juanita Suarez, +Pedro, +Josefina, +Elisa, y +Pablo Muñoz y hermanos.

Readings Week of September 7-12

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31 Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22 Lk 6:43-49

Sunday Offerings ~ Thanks for giving!

August 30: \$12,058.10

Online Giving: \$2,069.34

Pray For: Craig Owen, Kathy Huggins, Efren Cifuentes, Robert Merritt, Tony Rodin, Ernie Ciccarelli, Paul Singh, Sara Machado, Kelly Hernandez, Patty Godinez, Darryll Toepfer, Brian Tacke, Edward Parker, Maria Elena Ramirez, Jett Trunnell

Prayer list was recently updated. If you wish to add, remove or keep someone, please email the parish office at: stmaryoakdale@gmail.com

Coming Soon

September 6/20: Young Adult Ministry
September 7: Labor Day Office Closed
September 12/26: "Into the Breach" Men's Group
September 16: OHS Sacred Heart Club
September 17: Millions of Monicas
September 25: Food Distribution
September 27: St. Mary's Parish Festival



Parish office will be closed this Monday September 7, in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen for regular business hours on Tuesday September 8. Have safe and happy holiday!



Attention Catechism and Confirmation Parents:

Reminder: Class list are already posted in the **Family Life Center Windows** Please check your child's class and mandatory parent meeting times. You must attend the parent meeting or your child will not be able to attend class. Any questions please call Corinne at (209)404-4874 or Tina (209)581-3822

Atención, padres Catecismo y Confirmación:

Les recordamos que las listas de clases ya están en las **ventanas del salón Family Life Center**. Favor de revisar las ventanas para ver la clase de sus hijos y el horario de la reunión obligatoria para padres de familia. Es indispensable asistir a la reunión de padres de lo contrario, su hijo no podrá asistir a clase. Si Tienen preguntas, por favor llamen a Corinne al (209) 404-4874 o a Tina al (209) 581-3822.

You are invited to

HOLY HOUR

Every Thursday

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-  The holiness of our priests
-  Our parish
-  More and holy vocations

EVERY THURSDAY
7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Come, adore, and be transformed.
JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU.

PARISH FESTIVAL

St. Mary's Parish Festival September 27

Last meetings to help us plan:

September 23 & 26 in the Parish Center #4 at 6:00 PM. We Still need your help. Please call Debbie at (209)559-0608

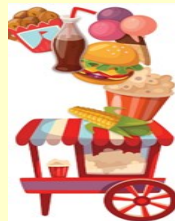
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Festival de Santa María, Septiembre 27

Ultimas reuniones para ayudarnos a planificar : 23 y 26 de Septiembre, Salón Parroquial #4 a 6:00 PM. Todavía necesitamos de su ayuda.

Preguntas, favor llamar a Debbie al (209) 559-0608

"Les agradecemos su continuo apoyo, y por donar su tiempo, talento y recursos."



Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them.'

For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these'

Matthew 19:14



Kid's Adoration

*The 2nd & 4th Tuesday
of each month*

*from
1-1:30pm*

Call Mary at 209-701-9445

St. Mary's Young Adult Group Ages 18-39

All are welcome, whether lifelong Catholics or those interested in learning more about the faith.

- **Sunday September 6 & 20 @ 1 - 3pm**
 - **Parish cottage (1205 Olive Ave.)**
- Please do not block the priest's garage**

For more information call Dante Martin at (209)595-4405. Or scan the QR code for more details.

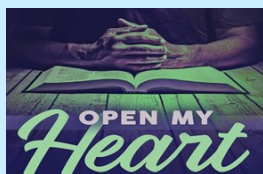


"Into the Breach" Men's Group

Being an authentic Christian man meets

September 12 & 26 at 7:30AM in the

Parish Center. For more information contact Deacon Dan at (209) 918-4624 or email deacondan20@gmail.com



Millions of Monicas is a prayer ministry that brings together mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts and any women who "mother" to pray for the return of their children to the practice of their Catholic faith through the powerful intercession of St. Monica. We are seeking donations of handheld sized crucifixes, (new or gently used). These crucifixes are used during our prayer gatherings as a focal point for prayer as we ask Christ to draw our loved ones ever closer to His Sacred Heart. If you have a crucifix you would like to donate, please contact: oakdalemillionsofmonicas@gmail.com

"Nothing is far from God." — St. Monica

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

**M of M meets
September 17 at
6:30PM in the
church**

*One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children*

You're Invited!

TAMALES SALE

FUNDRAISER

To support the celebration of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12, 2026

¡Estás Invitado!

VENTA DE TAMALES

RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS

Para apoyar la celebración de
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
12 de Diciembre del 2026

PRE-SALE TICKETS

**This weekend
September 5 & 6**

AFTER EACH MASS

BOLETOS EN PREVENTA

**Este Domingo
Septiembre 6**

DESPUÉS DE CADA MISA

PICK UP ORDERS

September 12 & 13

AFTER EACH MASS

LAS ÓRDENES SE ENTREGARÁN

12 y 13 de Septiembre

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Thank you for your support!

POR FAVOR RECUERDEN:

Hagan sus órdenes con anticipación después de Misa.

¡SOLO ÓRDENES ANTICIPADAS!

Para más información llamar a Miguel al (209) 595-7200

¡Gracias por su apoyo!

You're Invited!

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ENGLISH

SEPTEMBER 10

Holy Hour

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
Every Thursday

Spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

ESPAÑOL

SEPTIEMBRE 10

Hora Santa

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
Todos los Jueves

Acompaña al Señor en la Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento.

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

PICK UP YOUR Tamales Order

After each Mass at the Parish Center.

SEPTIEMBRE 12 & 13

RECÓGE TU ORDEN DE Tamales

Después de cada Misa en el Centro Parroquial.

SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

FREE Popsicles

delicious treat courtesy of the Spanish parish groups after Mass – enjoy!

SEPTIEMBRE 12 & 13

PALETAS DE HIELO Deliciosas

¡Gratis! cortecia de los grupos de hispanos de la parroquia después de Misa – ¡disfrútalas!

SEPTEMBER 27

PARISH Festival

Details coming soon!
Volunteers needed!
Call Debbie (209) 559-0608

SEPTIEMBRE 27

FESTIVAL de la Parroquia

Detalles más adelante.
¡Se necesitan voluntarios!
Llama a Debbie (209) 559-0608

God bless you

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Dios te bendiga



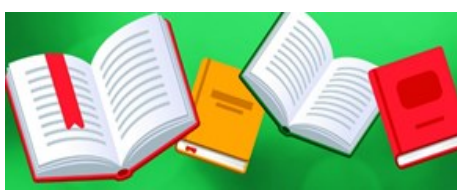
NUEVOS MONAGUILLOS

¡Es una gran bendición y alegría servir al Señor en su altar!

Invitamos a los niños y jóvenes que deseen convertirse en monaguillos y servir durante la Santa Misa. Ven a crecer en tu fe y experimentar la alegría de servir a Cristo y a nuestra comunidad parroquial. *Se requiere que tengan la Primera Comunión.* Favor de llamar a la oficina Parroquial para registrarse al (209)847-2715

Clases de Ingles Gratis!

Clases de Ingles gratuitas inician el Martes 8 de Septiembre a las 10:00 AM en el salón parroquial. No necesita registrarse, solo llegar puntual. Los esperamos.





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OREMOS JUNTOS

Jesús dijo: “Les aseguro también que si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo en la tierra para pedir cualquier cosa, mi Padre celestial se la concederá. Porque donde dos o tres están reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos”.

Rezamos juntos cuando asistimos a Misa, pero ¿alguna vez rezas con un vecino, un compañero de trabajo, tu cónyuge o tus hijos? Como persona dedicada oficialmente a la oración, suelo recibir peticiones para guiar a otros en ella, sea cual sea la situación, y eso es algo maravilloso. Orar con otras personas puede resultar incómodo, sobre todo si no estamos acostumbrados a hacerlo. Creo que esto se debe a la falta de confianza; y la confianza se adquiere con la práctica.

Sin duda, recé mucho en familia durante mi infancia y juventud. Pero orar a solas con otra persona requería ciertas habilidades. De joven, sentía que carecía de destreza para ello. Quizás lo habría hecho en caso de emergencia, pero me habría parecido algo extraño e inusual. La oración habría sido algo así: *“Ah... eh... bueno... Dios, Jesús... Señor... soy yo. Intento rezar en voz alta... ¿me oyes bien? Verás, soy principiante en esto de hablar desde el corazón y realmente no sé qué decir, pero un amigo me ha pedido que rece con él e intento echarle una mano. Sí, creo que eso es todo. Sé que estás muy ocupado respondiendo oraciones a todas horas. Bueno, gracias por escucharme. Hablamos luego”.*

¡Oye, si eso es todo lo que te sale, adelante! La próxima vez rezarás como Billy Graham. La práctica hace al maestro. Antes de que te des cuenta, amigos y desconocidos te pedirán que ores por ellos. No tengas miedo de orar. El Señor está justo a tu lado. Él quiere que nos reunamos en su nombre y oremos. Deja que la oración brote de tu corazón. No esperes a que otros te pidan que ores por ellos; pregúntales: “¿Puedo orar por ti?”. “Señor, soy yo otra vez; tengo una petición especial... gracias. Hablamos más tarde”.

Que Dios te bendiga,
Padre Mateo



Respect-Life Committee Corner

“Procured abortion is the deliberate killing, by whatever means it is carried out, of a human being in the initial phase of his or her existence, extending from conception to birth. The moral gravity of procured abortion is apparent in all its truth if we recognize that we are dealing with murder and, in particular, when we consider the specific elements involved.”---Saint Pope John Paul II from *Evangelium Vitae, The Gospel of Life*. Please consider joining us for praying and sidewalk counseling outside the abortion center in Modesto (2030 Coffee Road), every Thursday morning starting at 8 AM. Those mothers and unborn babies need your help. For more information, contact Spencer Tacke at 840-2897, 848-3529.

Rincón del Comité Respeto a la Vida

“El aborto provocado es la muerte deliberada, cualquiera que sea el modo en que se realice, de un ser humano en la fase inicial de su existencia, que va desde la concepción hasta el nacimiento. La gravedad moral del aborto provocado se manifiesta en toda su verdad si reconocemos que se trata de un homicidio y, en particular, cuando consideramos los elementos específicos que conlleva”. —San Juan Pablo II, en *Evangelium Vitae (El Evangelio de la Vida)*. Le invitamos a unirse a nosotros para orar y ofrecer orientación a las mujeres que llegan al centro de abortos de Modesto (2030 Coffee Road), todos los jueves por la mañana a partir de las 8:00 a. m. Esas madres y sus bebés no nacidos necesitan su ayuda. Para más información, comuníquese con Spencer Tacke a los números 840-2897 o 848-3529.



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