



SAINT MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church."

MARCH 15, 2026

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 5:00pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday | 8:00am, 9:30am,
 11:00am, 6:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday | 8:00am
 Tuesday | 8:00am
 Wednesday | 7:30am
 Thursday | 8:00am
 Friday | 8:00am
 Saturday | 8:00am

Confession

Monday through Friday
 7:00am-7:45am
 Saturday | 3:30pm-4:30pm
 First Saturdays | 8:30am-9:30am

Devotions

Daily Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 7:30am

Wednesday | 8:00am

Monday evenings | 6:30pm

Daily Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 8:00am

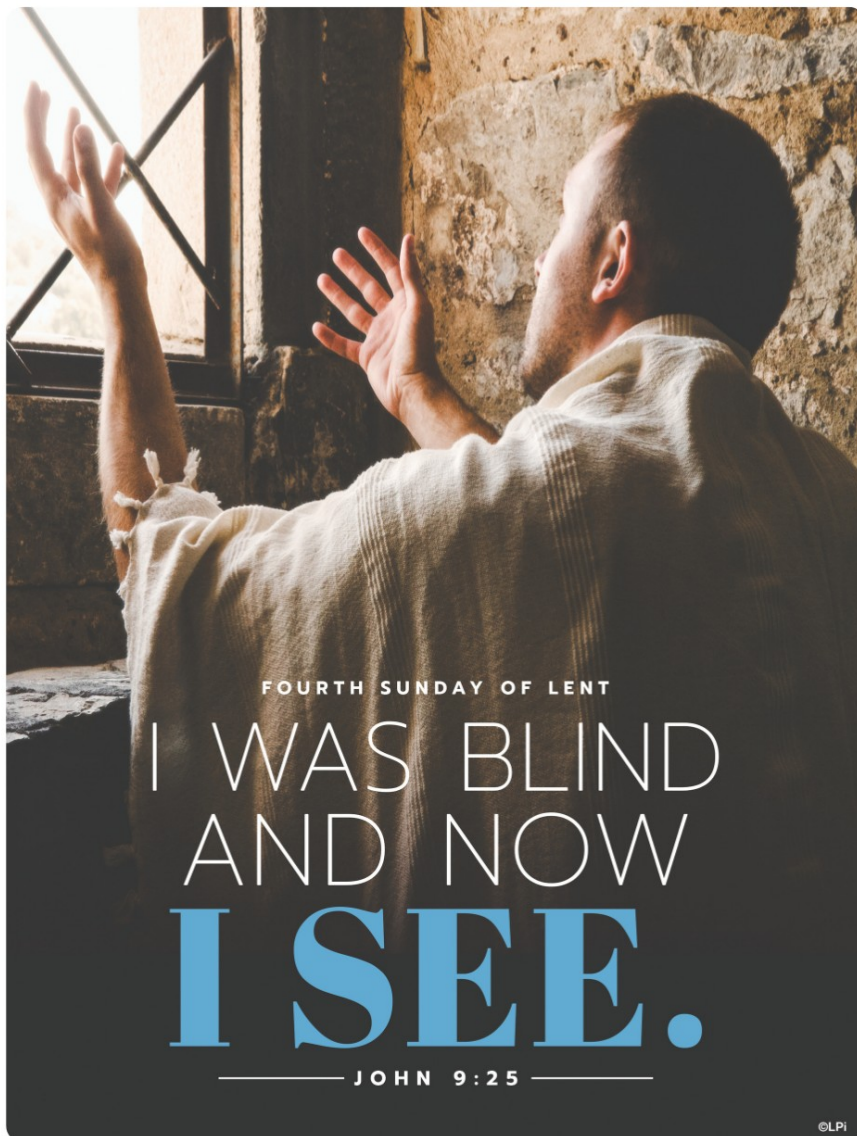
Wednesday | 8:00am

Lauds

Sunday mornings | 7:15am

GET IN TOUCH

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OUR VISION

The beauty and sacredness of the liturgy, sacramental life and parish experience at St. Mary Parish leads our parishioners and community to a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

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OCIA - Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the Director of Faith Formation at 708-326-9313.

Baptisms - Baptisms are usually scheduled the first and third Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements for the baptismal preparation class.

Marriages - Weddings need to be scheduled at least 6 months in advance upon approval of a priest. Remember to secure the church date before the reception hall. Please contact the parish office.

Registration - New to St. Mary? Please stop in the parish office to complete our registration form or visit our website at www.stmarymokena.org.

Anointing of the Sick - Please contact the parish office at 708-326-9300.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



MY DEAREST PARISHIONERS,

I greet you with love and peace in the name of Jesus!

In life, we all experience moments of uncertainty. There are times when we do not know what will happen next, and our hearts become filled with questions, worries, and even fear. In those moments, prayer becomes our greatest source of strength. Recently, I went through a personal moment of uncertainty while renewing my visa at the US Embassy. Like many people who go through similar processes, many thoughts entered my mind. I asked myself: *What if my visa is denied? What if I won't be able to return? What will happen to the ministry and the community I serve?*

These questions were real and honest. But in prayer, I spoke to the Lord from my heart. I told Him that He knows my intentions. He knows that my desire is to continue serving this parish and walk with all of you in faith. I told the Lord that whatever happens, I trust that His will is always for the good. I also asked many people to pray for me, and I truly felt the strength of those prayers. It reminded me that the Church is not only a place we come to on Sundays, but a family that carries one another in prayer.

Many of you are also carrying your own uncertainties. Some may be worried about family problems, health concerns, finances, work, or the future of their children. Some may be silently asking: *What will happen next?* In those moments, remember that you do not carry these burdens alone. Bring them to God in prayer. Speak to Him honestly, just as you would speak to someone who loves you deeply, because He does.

Also ask others to pray for you and to pray with you. When we pray together as a community, we strengthen each other's faith. Prayer may not always remove our difficulties immediately, but it gives us peace, courage, and hope. It reminds us that God is always with us, guiding us even when the path ahead seems uncertain. May the Lord continue to bless our parish family and strengthen us in faith as we walk together with Christ.

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Joe Gasta, RCJ
Pastor

THE SOLEMNITY

St. Joseph

IS MARCH 19TH.

St. Joseph is known as the foster father of Christ, and the chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The “Litany of St. Joseph” prayer refers to St. Joseph as the **“Guardian” of both Christ and our Blessed Mother.**

In Scripture, St. Joseph never spoke a single word. However, we know him to be a **“righteous man”**, who **trusted God** and was obedient to His will.



His role in Christ’s life makes him a great saint to call upon:

- **“Protector of the Universal Church”**: Just as God entrusted St. Joseph to protect Christ and Blessed Mother on earth, we entrust St. Joseph to protect the Church, the bride of Christ.
- **“Pillar of Families”**: As the head of the Holy Family, we ask St. Joseph to help our families.
- **“Model of Workers”**: As a carpenter, he was an everyday worker. There is a separate Feast Day for this title: May 1st.
- **“Terror of Demons”**: Because he trusted God without hesitation, demons flee from him.
- **“Patron of the Dying”**: Tradition holds that St. Joseph died in the arms of Christ and his Blessed Mother. We ask St. Joseph to provide us with a happy death such as his.

PRAYER FOR ST. JOSEPH’S PROTECTION.

OH, ST. JOSEPH, WHOSE PROTECTION IS SO GREAT, SO PROMPT, SO STRONG, BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD, I PLACE IN YOU ALL MY INTERESTS AND DESIRES. OH, ST. JOSEPH, DO ASSIST ME BY YOUR POWERFUL INTERCESSION, AND OBTAIN FOR ME FROM YOUR DIVINE SON ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. SO THAT, HAVING ENGAGED HERE BELOW YOUR HEAVENLY POWER, I MAY OFFER MY THANKSGIVING AND HOMAGE TO THE MOST LOVING OF FATHERS. OH, ST. JOSEPH, I NEVER WEARY CONTEMPLATING YOU AND JESUS ASLEEP IN YOUR ARMS; I DARE NOT APPROACH WHILE HE REPOSES NEAR YOUR HEART. PRESS HIM IN MY NAME AND KISS HIS FINE HEAD FOR ME AND ASK HIM TO RETURN THE KISS WHEN I DRAW MY DYING BREATH. ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF DEPARTING SOULS - PRAY FOR ME. AMEN.

**St. Mary Parish has relics of St. Joseph. Honor him by visiting his relics!
Our relics are found in the northwest corner of the church.**



All men are invited to join us for our next meeting
SATURDAY, MARCH 21

The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

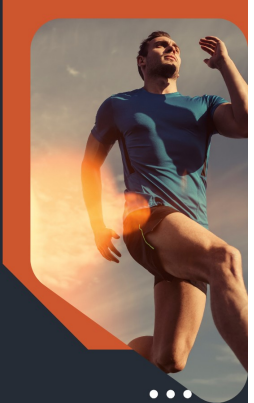


8am Mass - 10:30am
St. Mary, Mokena
Church Hall

Breakfast served--RSVPs encouraged!
SMPmensministry@gmail.com



FIT SHEPHERDS AIMS TO HAVE EVERY MAN IN OUR COMMUNITY BE IN THE BEST PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL SHAPE OF THEIR LIVES.



BE BETTER
Better son...Better husband
Better brother...Better father



- Fit Shepherds are formed through
- Demanding workouts
- Fraternity
- Discipleship

A Fit Shepherd wants to model his life after the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Please join us every Saturday morning in any kind of weather at 7:00 am (also Wednesdays at 5:00 am) in the St. Mary parking lot



WOMEN'S MINISTRY
 FAITH • FELLOWSHIP • FAMILY

Taking God With You In The Chaos

How to keep faithful in stormy seasons of life

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026



At our March meeting we are blessed to have a guest speaker who will share with us her personal story exemplifying virtue amidst difficult times.

Women's Ministry meets following the 8am Mass in the Church Hall. A full breakfast will be served.
 To RSVP email: SistersInChrist@stmarymokena.org or call: 708-326-9313.

James 1:3 ~ Because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

Giving

Rooted in Gratitude
Giving with Grace

Support our ministries this fall through faithful generosity.

The Offertory for
March 8th

Online Giving	\$13,667.40
Envelopes	\$21,161.92
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	\$34,829.32

Budget \$34,000
Thank you so much for your generosity!

Online Giving

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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 16

8:00am: Thomas Mangan

Tuesday, March 17

8:00am: Stephen Heffernan, Bill Dorans, Tom Callahan, John and Margaret Devine, Donald Maestro, Guy Cesario III

Wednesday, March 18

7:30am: Lilia Cosio

8:30am: Fernando Rojas

Thursday, March 19

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino, Kevin Zarlango

Friday, March 20

8:00am: Bill Delladio

Saturday, March 21

8:00am: Miguel Castro

5:00pm: Nancy Hennecke, Joseph Rubino, Nader Judah, Thomas Prieboy, Dolores Danforth, Paul Wolf, Poor souls in purgatory, Pedro Flores

Sunday, March 22

8:00am: Ercole and Innocenza Sturino

9:30am: Shannon O'Reilly

11:00am: Jill Augustine

6:00pm: Patricia Pagoria

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Tammy Balamut, Lisa Barber, Lisa Bernhard, Florence and Gino Bondi, Agnes Breslin, Alan Brown, Darlene Broadhurst, Rachel Butler, Brian Butler, Francis Bulow, Brenda Castile, Dolores Castro, Bonnie Caper, James Caper, Michael Carey, Monica DiGiovanni, Janet Drobick, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliulo, John Finili, Bradley Frank, Marcia Frank, Mary Ann Franson, Debbie Geren, Bonnie Gondek, Richard Grabenhofer, Colleen Grabenhofer, Jerry Grabowski, Kelly Hampton, Natalie Haran, Emma Harrison, Jeremiah Hartmann, Bobbie, Howie, Mary Ingala, Daniel Izzo, Richard Junge, Les Kazmierczak, Sherley Keene, Joseph Kerke, Hattie Kerke, Diane Klootwyk, Beverly Klosowski, Richard Kolovitz, Jan Kosmatine, Betty Krzewicz, John Kurator, Joseph Kurczewski, Fr. Roger Kutzner, Jennifer Naril, Dan Lahy, Andy Lihosit, Chet Lockwood, Vernadine Lumpkin, Jay Lutsky, Shirley Lyons, Terrence McKenna, Jack Manuszak, Robert Margalus, Jeanne Matug, Bill Maynard, John McGeehan, Joelee McMaster, Thomas Meehan, Heidi Meekma, Patty Melei, Janice Melisi, Ginny Meyer, Rich Milkeris, Isabella Miller, Angel Munoz, Pat Murphy, Sue Murphy, Lisa Hunt Nichols, Jim Narel, Celine Narel, Geraldine Nykaza, Kenneth O'Gradney, Irene Okoniewski, Callie Olson, Bruce Omastiak, Matthew Orr, Bob and Jackie Pasqualoni, Ed Polzin, Janelle Portman, Rosemary Purcell, Dave Racine, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, Sean Rio, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbra Rusin, Joseph Santiago, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, Diane Schoneich, Marie Shaw, Wendy Sifuentes, Karen Singer, Barbara Smith, Brandon Smith, Phyllis Stanton, Geoffrey Sullivan, Tom Sullivan, Joshua Swarez, Victor Tamosaitis, Terri Kelson-Tamer, Tiffany Theresa, John Turas, Judy Turas, Marion Wallis, Kathy Wereldsma Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Dan Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Diana Woods, Karen Yaeger,

God Bless Our New Parishioners

The Salkeld family,
The O'Connor family



PRAY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Almighty God, watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families. Take them into your most gracious protection. Amen.

SSG Jarred Andras, ARNG	MAJ Steven Pieczynski, USAF
PFC Jenson Andras, USMC	SSG August Pintarro, USA
SP4 Arhan Atreya, USA	PFC Joshua Poplin, USA
Capt Lukasz Bokun, ANG	E-3 Sydney Quatrochi, USAF
Lt Col Joseph A. Budzyn, USAF	Cpl Ryan J. Schwartz, USMC
AET2 Lauren Bulow, USCG	MA3 Greg Siegmund, USN
TSgt Loretta Caplinger, USAF	CPT David Skrzypiec, USAR
E3 Colette Gagen, USN	LT Kevin Skrzypiec, USN
ET2 Nicholas Gambino, USCG	ME2 Gage Stearns, USCG
PFC Noah Genz, USA	Sgt Luke Swiatek, USMC
CPT Andrew Jacobs, USA	LCDR Nicholas Swiatkowski, USNR
MIDN Isabella Judeh, USMMA	Maj Jennifer Tenumah, USAF
CPT Kevin Kelly, USA	CPT Vincent R. Teodoro, USA
PV3 Devin Klinger, USA	Cpl Blanton Vego, USMC
Cpl John P. Morrison, USMC	PO3 John David Villaseñor, USN
Sgt Cody Nicks, USAF	MAJ Bryan Welch, USA
PO3 John O'Brien Nolan, USN	MMN3 Peter Weygandt, USN
PFC Matthew Pakosz, USMC	CPT Christopher Zolner, USA

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE NAME OF SOMEONE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY PUBLISHED HERE, PLEASE EMAIL THEIR NAME, RANK, AND BRANCH OF SERVICE TO BOB CORNEJO, BCORNEJO@STMARYMOKENA.ORG. THANK YOU.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 16

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 4:30 p.m. Little Flowers
- 6:00 p.m. SPRED Meeting (Fatima)
- 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class (Lourdes)
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Welcome (JP II Room)

Tuesday, March 17

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 10:00a.m. Stroke Scan Set Up (Lourdes)
- 11:00a.m. Stroke Scan (Lourdes)
- 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
- 4:45 p.m. RE Stations Gr. 1-6 (Church)
- 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
- 6:45 p.m. RE Stations Gr. 7-8 (Church)
- 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study (Guadalupe)
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Bible Study (JP II Room)

Wednesday, March 18

- 5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 9:00 a.m. Scripture Study (Church Hall)
- 10:00a.m. Stroke Scan Set Up (Lourdes)
- 11:00a.m. Stroke Scan (Lourdes)
- 11:00a.m. Young at Heart Set Up (Guadalupe)
- 1:00 p.m. Young at Heart Meet Up (Guadalupe)
- 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
- 4:45 p.m. RE Stations Gr. 1-6 (Church)
- 6:30 p.m. RE Gr. 7-8 (Classrooms)
- 6:45 p.m. RE Stations Gr. 7-8 (Church)

Thursday, March 19

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 10:00p.m. Stroke Scan Set Up (Lourdes)
- 11:00a.m. Stroke Scan (Lourdes)
- 11:30a.m. CCW Gen Mtg Set Up (Guadalupe)
- 4:30 p.m. RE Gr. 1-8 (Classrooms)
- 4:45 p.m. RE Stations (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Ministry (School Cafeteria)
- 6:30 p.m. CCW General Meeting (Guadalupe)

Friday, March 20

- 7:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration (Church)
- 9:30 a.m. Walking with Purpose (Guadalupe, Lourdes)
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 21

All Day Spring Food Drive (Church Hall)

- 7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry (Guadalupe)
- 12:00p.m. K of C Spaghetti Dinner Set Up (Guadalupe)
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. K of C Spaghetti Dinner (Guadalupe)

Sunday, March 22

All Day Spring Food Drive (Church Hall)

- 7:15 a.m. Lauds (Church)
- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
- 9:30 a.m. RE Class Gr. K-6 (Classrooms)
- 11:00a.m. Mass (Church)
- 11:30a.m. Knight of the Holy Temple Meeting (Guadalupe)
- 12:00p.m. OCIA Meeting (Lourdes)
- 1:00 p.m. OCIA Handing on of the Lord's Prayer (Church)
- 1:00p.m. Baptism Prep (Fatima)
- 6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission (Church)

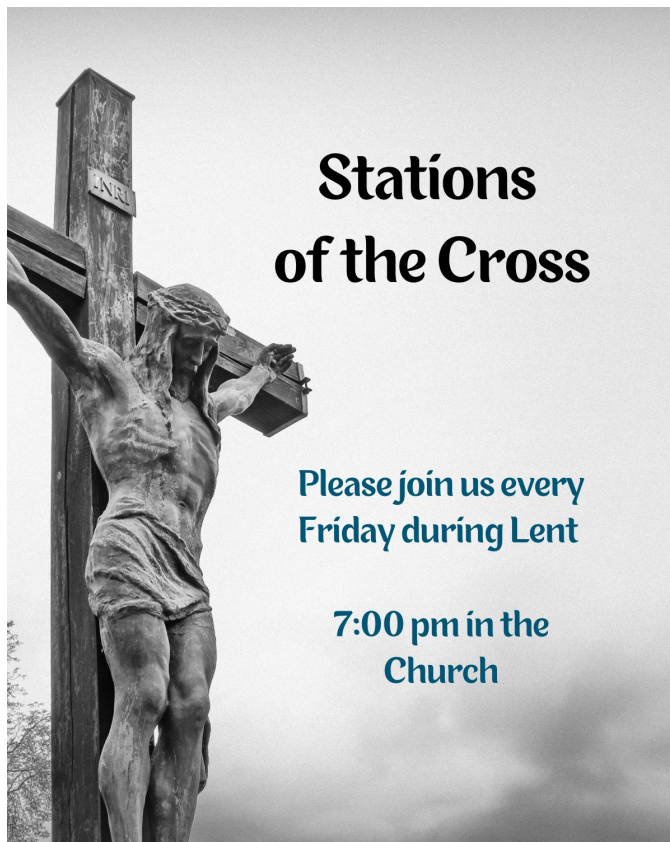


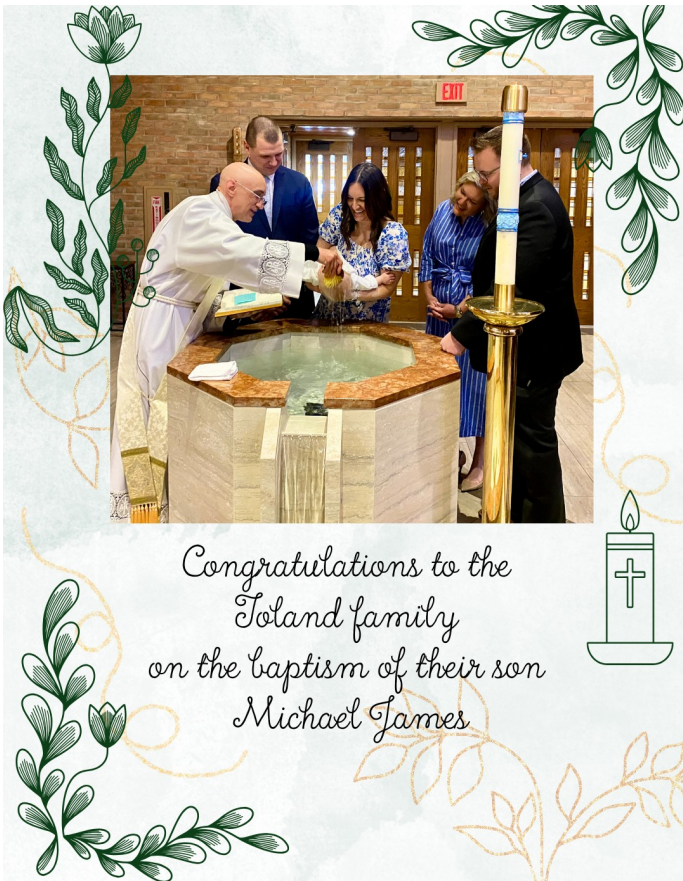
She drove hours just to hear Mass. Then everything changed.

As a member of the deaf community, Diana longed for more than a seat in the pew. She yearned for genuine spiritual connection, for a liturgy where she could truly encounter Christ. That longing led her to the Deaf Formation Ministry — and your generosity to the CMAA helped make that possible.



Watch the video and see the good your donation to the CMAA brings to our community





“Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” -Jesus

To St. Mary Parishioners:
 We are so grateful for how welcoming you are to our families with young children. Please don't underestimate the power of a simple affirmation, smile, or word of encouragement to those around you after mass.

To the Parents of our Young Parishioners:
 Thank you for bringing your growing family to celebrate with us! Know that you are welcome to sit toward the front where it's easier to see and hear and we encourage you to quietly explain the parts of the Holy Mass to your child. If you feel you must go to the narthex with your child, *please come back!*



March 21 - March 22: Fifth Sunday of Lent

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Pamela DeGregorio Sue Mahns	Guy Cesario Mary Frances Consola	Denise L Bartolotta Richard Hamilton	John Brett Guy Cesario	Youth Ministry Lector
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Ann Braasch Ted Kopczynski John Mitoraj Karen Sayon	Joan Aust Robert Rafferty Nancy Santry Stefanie Walthier	Frank Dundek Gretchen Nenn Joshua Sifuentes Kathleen Sifuentes	Remo Lucci Bob Meyers Louise Szura NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Judy Siegmund
Altar Server	Seamus McGarry Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski NOT FILLED	Gerard Sima Liam Sullivan NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Dennis Dilger Hazel Dilger Megan Wajda NOT FILLED	Christian Taylor Luke Tyrka Zachary Tyrka NOT FILLED	Allison Eiden Caitlin Eiden Gretchen Eiden McKenna Griffin
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Maurice Helm Mark Miron James Palermo Tom Siemieniec Joe Toman	Chris Cichowicz Ed Dorey Rich Gavillet Roy Mueller Gregory Santry	John Delladio Ed Dorey Joanette Kulesa Jim Kulesa Diane Mucia Phillip Sparacino	Ed Dorey William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Youth Ministry Usher 1 Youth Ministry Usher 2 Youth Ministry Usher 3 NOT FILLED
Greeter	Mary Ann Braasch	Denise Mueller	Ed Dorey	Carolyn Farhat	Ed Dorey
Live Stream			Eugene Satrun		

Serving God as an Altar Server is a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. At St. Mary, we are blessed with an amazing team of Altar Servers. We thank you for giving up your time to serve the Lord and St. Mary. We also thank our wonderful team of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, and Live Streamers for their dedication and outstanding service.

If you are assigned and are unable to serve, please request a substitute via the Scheduler.

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events



**For the battle
belongs to the Lord.**

1 SAMUEL 17:47

Steubenville Sign Up

**Graduating 8th Graders through
Graduating High School Seniors are
able to sign up and join us for an
incredible weekend of faith,
adoration, and community with
thousands of teens from across the
midwest.**

**June 26th -28th
Benedictine Univerisity
Lisle, IL**



**No High School Youth
Ministry March 22nd due
to Parish Mission**

**DONUT SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY
FOLLOWING ALL MORNING
MASSES**



Contact Youth Minister, Matt Jung, with any questions.

mjung@stmarymokena.org



Youth Ministry

Join us for our Lenten Parish Mission

ENCOUNTERING THE MYSTERY: A Reflection on the Scrutinies

with Fr. Steven Borello,

Diocese of Joliet Vocations Director

Sunday, March 22 - Tuesday, March 24

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

St. Mary, Mokena



Sunday, March 22:
“For What Do We Thirst?”

Monday, March 23:
“And Now I See.”

Tuesday, March 24:
“Come Out.”



Each evening will include Adoration.

Spend time in Jesus' presence at

Behold

Thursday, March 26th

7:00 pm in the Church

A Night of Prayer, Music,
Confession and Adoration



St. Peregrine

DEVOTION AND HEALING SERVICE

PATRON OF THOSE WHO SUFFER WITH
CANCER OR ANY INCURABLE DISEASE
OR CONDITION

**26
MARCH**

6:30PM
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
SIDE CHAPEL

**EVERY LAST THURSDAY OF THE
MONTH!**

- ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS
- RECONCILIATION
- ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT





STUDENT COUNCIL CLOTHING DRIVE

Donate gently used clothing to help All God's People! As you're cleaning your closets this spring, donate gently used shoes and clothing to help the homeless. They need mens, women's, and children's shoes and clothing. There is also always a great need for jeans in all sizes.

All God's People is a local charity that is a beacon of hope for the Chicago community. They're dedicated to making a positive impact in the lives of the homeless. Their mission is not just to offer essentials like food, clothing, and shelter, but to also uplift spirits and inspire change.

Additional questions, contact Danelle Bernas
(dbernas@stmarymokena.org)

When: Monday, March 30– Wednesday, April 1st



**Drop off your donations at the main entrance of the school.
Let's help those in need during Holy Week!**



St. Mary Parish Easter Egg Hunt!

Hosted by the RE Board

**EASTER CANDY AND
PLASTIC EGGS
NEEDED**

**TO MAKE OUR EGG HUNT PERFECT,
WE COULD USE YOUR HELP!**

**PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO THE
ST. MARY RE OFFICE BY MARCH 15**



Saturday, April 4

11:00 a.m.

Willowview Park Pavillion

**(next to St. Mary, Mokena
Church)**

St. Mary Cemetery is fundraising!

What started out as a small fundraiser for a headstone for unmarked graves from 1918 has now blossomed, thanks to your support.

St. Mary Cemetery is extending the headstone fundraiser to continue this mission to mark the final resting place of those without stones, and to replace or preserve historical stones which need repair.



Help us to fulfill the corporal work of mercy of Burying the Dead by donating to this fundraiser.

Donations can be made online:

<https://osvhub.com/stmarymokena/giving/funds>

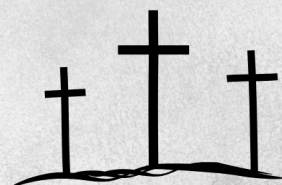
Thank you to everyone who has already donated to this cause.
We would not be able to extend this fundraiser without you!

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, March 25th | 6:00 - 7:00 PM

**PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR CHRIST THIS EASTER
BY RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.**

Confessions will be heard by both St. Mary's and visiting priests.



Easter is Sunday, April 5th.

SPAGHETTI DINNER!



**SATURDAY, MARCH 21
IN THE
CHURCH HALL 6:00 P.M.**



**SPONSORED BY THE ST. MARY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**COST: FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE
DONATED TO THE
ST. MARY CEMETERY STONE FUNDRAISER
& PRO-LIFE CHARITIES**

A L L A R E W E L C O M E

*Ministers of Care &
Homebound Helpers*

Please stop by the Parish Office and pick up an Easter Lily for the Parishioner you visit (one per household) beginning Monday, March 23.

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8:45am - Bus Departs

Noon - Adoration/Confession

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1pm - Rally Begins

2pm - March Begins

3pm - Departure

6pm - Approx Return

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40daysforlife.com/flossmoor

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The Council of Catholic Women

The next **General Meeting** will be **Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

The next **Board Meeting** will be **Wednesday, April 8** at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Fatima Room

The St. Mary Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet? We meet the first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall, Fatima Room (unless it is a holiday). Prayer Shawls for the ill, homebound and grieving are like receiving a "Hug from God". If you would like to give you are welcome to choose from a wide variety of colors and styles at the Parish Office front desk.



Our next meeting will be Monday, April 13th

Contact Jan Homolka if you are interested in joining this group janhomolka@yahoo.com

The Young at Heart Club

**Join us on Wednesday, March 18th for St. Patrick's Day Dinner
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Contact Marla Garbarczyk for information or if you need a ride 708-308-2505 or trampool@aol.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Due to the Parish Mission, the next **Officer Meeting** will be **Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Lourdes Room

Save the Date!
K of C Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, March 21 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

The next **Council Meeting** will be **Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall, Guadalupe Room

HELPING HANDS



The Knights of Columbus have formed a sub-committee called Helping Hands which is offering our services to any parishioner who is in need of repairs around their home and is unable to perform these tasks due to financial hardships or not having able bodied family members available. The resident may be responsible for any material costs, but the Knights would provide the labor. There is a screening process to make sure it is something our members can handle and the work qualifies.

Anyone wishing to apply should contact Donna Hungerford, Christian Service Director (708) 326-9312 to schedule a visit from one of our members. If you are interested in joining this committee, email Rich Neubauer rich.neubauer3@gmail.com

**The St. Mary
Widow & Widower's Club**

This group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at a designated restaurant or other location.

Contact Marcia Frank for details
708-227-8290.



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