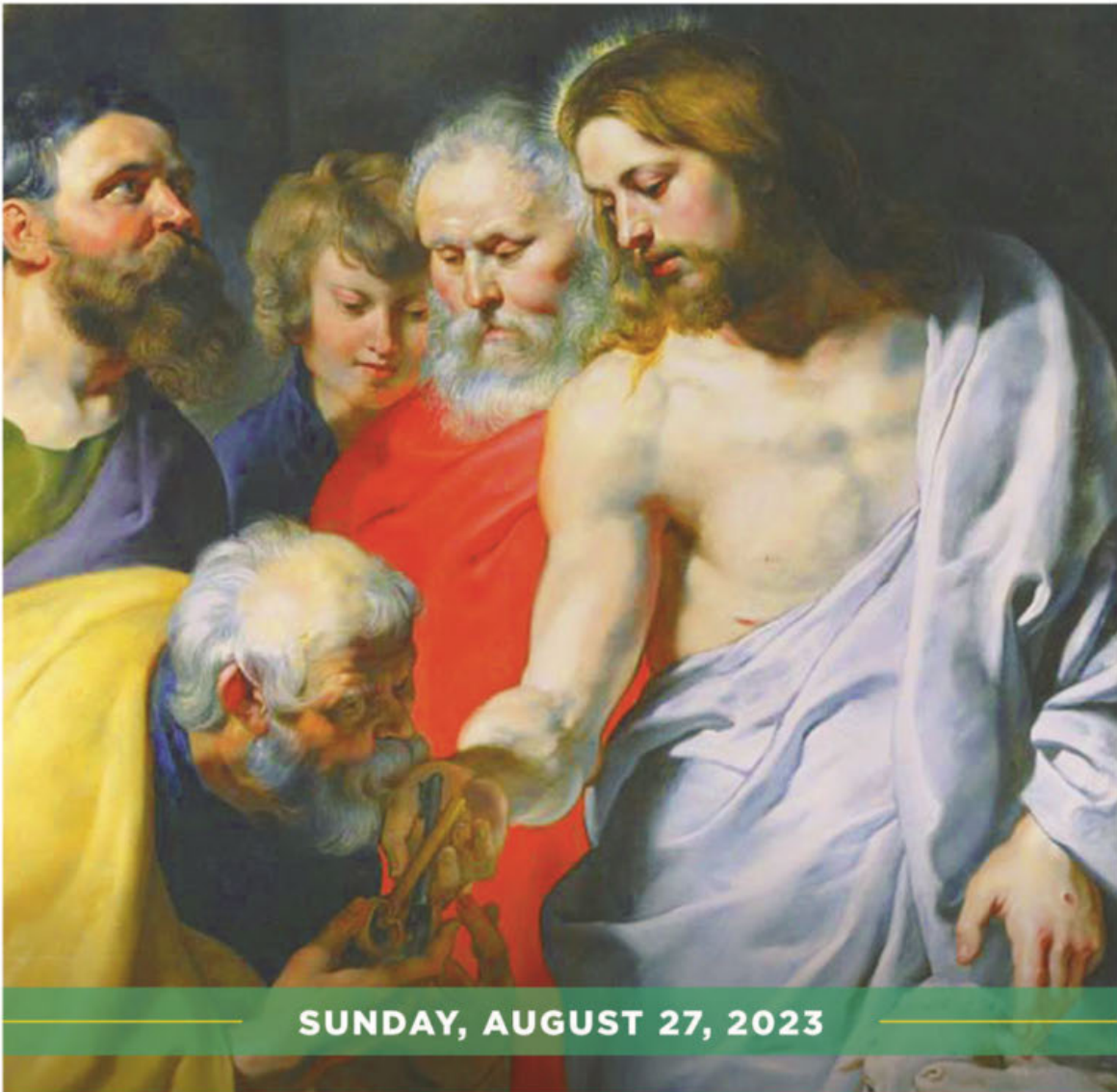


SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS OFFERED:**DAILY MASS**

8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, June - August
7:30 a.m. Wednesday from start of school year until May*

SCHOOL MASS

8:30 a.m. from start of school year until May*

**In the event of our school closing for inclement weather, on a Wednesday, Daily Mass will remain at 7:30 a.m. and the School Mass at 8:30 a.m. will be cancelled.*

***SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

5:00 p.m.

***SUNDAY MASSES**

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN - DOOR #3**OFFICE HOURS:**

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

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DEVOTIONS:**DAILY ROSARY**

7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start of the school year until May

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evenings

DAILY DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET; INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

8:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays from the start of the school year until May

ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration available at Old St. Mary.

Please contact the Parish Office for the code.

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First Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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RCIA - 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 stop in the parish office to begin this process.

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.

REBUILDING GOD'S HOUSE

WITH GENEROSITY & JOY

Question: Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer: Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.



Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10). ©LPi

Peace and all good things,

Father Dindo

September 2 - September 3: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 8:00 AM	Sunday, 9:30 AM	Sunday, 11:00 AM	Sunday, 6:00 PM
Lector	Ted Kopczynski	Mary Fran Consola Bill Trudeau	Karen Dilger Stan Nowak	Bob Cornejo	Daniel Alberts
Eucharistic Minister	Peter Baker Bob Gombas Lora Oldham Andrea Taylor	Sandy Halper Cris Pirelli Robert Rafferty Susan Rizzo	Frank Grobmeier Kathleen Melei James Naumczik Joshua Sifuentes	Nancy Blake Bob Meyers Patti Pertchi NOT FILLED	Karen Haugh Robert Koch Kathleen Rowe
Altar Server	Andrew Jansky Charleigh Widelski Scarlett Widelski NOT FILLED	Danielle Cullen Caitlin Eiden Alexis Ferin Jillian Ferin	Aiden Raimondi Logan Raimondi Henry Valente Lucas Valente	Stefanie Banner Josh Barger NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Ruth Pluchar Charlie Pluchar Therese Pluchar
Usher	Mary Ann Braasch Jim Grady Mark Miron James Palermo	Chris Cichowicz Rich Gavillet Tom Magdziasz Roy Mueller	John Delladio Joanne Eaton Joanette Kulesa Jim Kulesa Diane Mucia	William Farhat David Larson Sandra Tome Gladys Weber	Linda Drake Melissa Rolinitis Mike Rolinitis NOT FILLED
Greeter	NOT FILLED	Denise Mueller	NOT FILLED	Carolyn Farhat	NOT FILLED
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 and Greeters for their dedication and outstanding service.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, August 28

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church)

Tuesday, August 29

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
3:30 p.m. Children's Choir (Church)
6:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (Fatima)

Wednesday, August 30

5:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
7:00 a.m. Rosary (Church)
7:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. School Mass (Church)
5:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Parent Event (Guadalupe)
6:00 p.m. Venite Adoremus Meeting (Fatima)

Thursday, August 31

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 p.m. Cycle Health and Awareness (Guadalupe)

Friday, September 1

7:30 a.m. Rosary (Church)
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
3:00 p.m. Wedding Ceremony (Church)
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

Saturday, September 2

7:00 a.m. Fit Shepherds (Church Grounds)
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
8:30 a.m. First Saturday Confessions (Church)
9:15 a.m. Militia Immaculata (Lourdes)
1:30 p.m. Wedding (Church)
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Church)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, September 3

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
9:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
11:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
12:30 p.m. Baptisms (Church)
3:30 p.m. Missionaries of Apostolic Grace (Fatima)
6:00 p.m. Mass (Church)

Divine Mercy In-Home Ministry

This Apostolate is one of compassion, mercy, and prayer. We are available to be with families and their loved ones, who are sick and dying, to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet with them.

For information or if you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact

Michelle and Paul Sullivan
at 815-995-0480.

"When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge but as a merciful Savior."
(Diary of St. Faustina, 1541)



Jesus I Trust in You



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 28

8:00am: Jack Saunders

Tuesday, August 29

8:00am: Scott Reiter, Mary and George Weaver, Patricia Schuetz, Vince Egresits, Don Schlegel, Shirley Delladio, Jack Grier, Jack Saunders, Peter Prancus

Wednesday, August 30

7:30am: Bill Delladio

8:30am: Carl and Lana Sutton

Thursday, August 31

8:00am: Marlene Briscoe

Friday, September 1

8:00am: Ronald Tamer

Saturday, September 2

8:00am: Anthony and Hattie Fiordo

5:00pm: Eric, Kathy and Rowland Boucher, Gerald White, Patricia Genz, Scott Reiter, Sarah Wolf, Bishop Ronald Hicks, The Parishioners of St. Mary

Sunday, September 3

8:00am: Anthony and Francis Dodaro

9:30am: Stephen Unton

11:00am: Margaret Witowski

6:00pm: Donna Patrizi

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dan Albrecht, Brett Anderson, Joe, Austin, Lisa Bernhard, Florence and Gino Bondi, Agnes Breslin, Alan Brown, Darlene Broadhurst, Jerry Broadhurst, Rachel Butler, Brian Butler, Francis Bulow, Bonnie Caper, James Caper, Michael Carey, Monica DiGiovanni, Janice Dobek, Janet Dobrick, Joanne Eaton, Susan Ewert, Vincent Felice, Barb Finn-Figliulo, Bradley Frank, Marcia Frank, Mary Ann Franson, Debbie Geren, Bonnie Gondek, Richard Grabenhofer, Jerry Grabowski, Rose Grunhard, Kelly Hampton, Natalie Haran, Jeremiah Hartmann, Mary Ingala, Daniel Izzo, Richard Junge, Les Kazmierczak, Sherley Keene, Robert Klimkowski, Diane Klootwyk, Richard Kolovitz, Fr. Roger Kutzner, Carlotta Lawton, Liz Leech, Jennifer Naril, Dan Lahy, Alice Lesnik, Chet Lockwood, Vernadine Lumpkin, Walter Lumpkin, Shirley Lyons, Robert Margalus, Donna Matteson, Jeanne Matug, Bill Maynard, Heidi Meekma, Janice Melisi, Marge Migler, Rich Milkeris, Angel Munoz, Lisa Hunt Nichols, Barb Noone, Geraldine Nykaza, Kenneth O'Gradney, Edward Olenick, Bruce Omastiak, Lorraine Peppmuller, Matthew Orr, Bob, Podlasek, Janelle Portman, Eileen Redican, Eduardo Reyes, Michael Rinke, George Rohrer, Judy Roque, Barbara Rusin, Midge Saunders, William Schlieman, Dan and Brenda Schmiedel, DianeSchoneich, Katherine Shanahan, Barbara Smith, Brandon Smith, Jan Smith, Al Sparks, John Stapinski, Geoffrey Sullivan, Joshua Swarez, Victor, Tamosaitis, Tiffany Theresa, Dave Thompson, John Turas, Judy Turas, Anne Wadsworth, Leo Wilczek, Tim Weber, Jodie Weber, Jonathan Weber, Dan Wolf, Sarah Wolf, Jerry Wolff, Karen Yaeger

May God grant them healing!



Marriage Banns

September 1st

Nickolas Bania and
Cassandra Menini

September 2nd

Tyler Bomba and
Meghan Mitoraj

God Bless Our New Parishioners

Mr. Joseph Berardi,
The Santangelo Family



Please Pray for our Faithfully
Departed Brothers and Sisters

Stephen Sullivan,
John P Cronin,
Janice Smith,
Helen Kaniewski



*Eternal rest grant unto them and let
perpetual light shine upon them!*

Please Pray for the Newly Baptized



Christian James Schrader,
Michael Andrew Balata,
Lyla Mae Geary,
Brody Edwin Bommersbach,
Blake Anthony Klaver,
Henry William Jager

May God Bless the Little Ones

Mass Etiquette

Fast	-Do not eat any food an hour before the Mass. Only water is allowed.
Come Early	-Allow 10-15 minutes of meditation before the Mass.
Do Not Eat	-Eating is not allowed during the Mass
Dress Properly	-This is to show decency and honor to God
No Phones	-Turn your phones off
Genuflect	-Kneel your right knee in the direction of the tabernacle before sitting
Participate	-Sing, respond, listen and pray
Commune	-Examine conscience beforehand
Be Still	-Don't be in a hurry. Enjoy and feel God's presence and thank Him for His graces



FIT SHEPHERDS

CALLING ALL MEN!!!!

Get stronger, grow in holiness, become a Fit Shepherd.

Join your fellow brothers Wednesdays at 5:00 AM and Saturdays at 7:00 AM in the St. Mary parking lot for an outdoor workout and brief reflection. All fitness levels are welcome; modifications are provided.

Any questions, please contact Patrick Fulton
(pmfulton@hotmail.com)



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Please prayerfully consider financially supporting our parish.

We depend on your support to continue the operations of St. Mary as well as those of its many ministries. We ask that you consider supporting the parish through Online Giving.

For those not currently contributing online and would like to learn how to, please consider signing up at

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

By doing this, you are saving and supporting the great work we have done and will continue to do in our future.

For those of us that do not want to give online, you can still contribute by mailing your donations to:

19515 S. 115th Avenue
Mokena, IL 60448

The Offertory for
Sunday, August 20th was

Online Giving	\$13,503.50
Envelopes	\$15,653.19
	\$29,156.69

Budget \$32,500
Thank you for your generosity.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a
and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt
23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

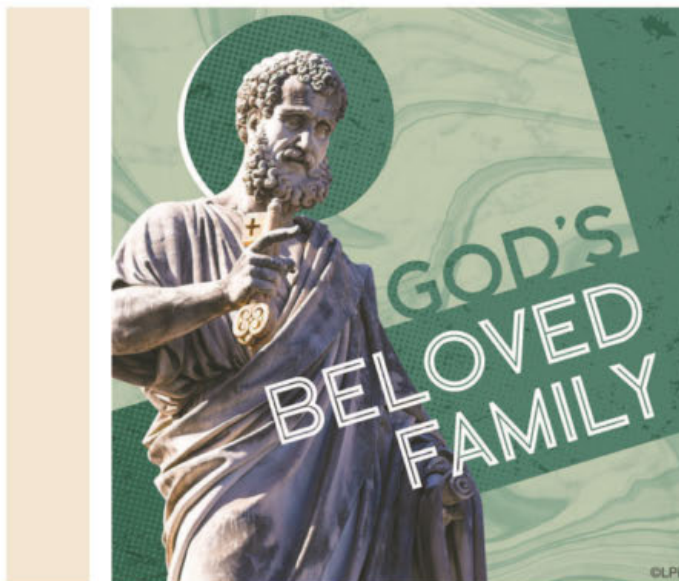
1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— Father John Muir

Come. Follow. Me.

*Women's Welcome
Weekend 2023*

NOVEMBER 4-5, 2023

This incredible one and a half day renewal weekend will help restore balance, rediscover the peace of Christ, connect you with other women, and renew your relationship with God.

This is for women of all ages!

All meals included! Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner, Sunday breakfast & lunch.

**Participants will sleep at their own homes
Saturday night, this is not an overnight.**



Registration is now open, please register by October 27!

**Free registration at www.stmarymokena.org/Welcome
or call the parish office.**

Email Danielle with any questions, dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org.



Join St. Mary Parish on a **BUS TRIP** to visit the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, Ss. Louis and Zélie Martin!



Date: Saturday, September 30th

Departure: 1:00 p.m., St. Mary Parish, Mokena

Return to St. Mary Parish: 9:00 p.m.

We will visit the National Shrine & Museum of St. Thérèse in Darien, see the saints' relics, and attend a special Vigil Mass commemorating the anniversary of St. Thérèse's death.

Cost: \$30.00 -- Space is limited!

Please contact Erica Sestak at esestak@stmarymokena.org to reserve your seat today!



FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

Explore the meaning of life with The Search, a beautiful video program that explores life's deeper questions.

Join us on Wednesdays beginning September 20 for food and conversation about this series!

Find out more and register at
stmarymokena.org/search

Cycle Health & Awareness

All cycling women, including teen girls, are invited to learn more about how knowing your cycle can unlock other aspects of your overall health. Learn about what the Catholic Church teaches and get insight on the beautiful way women's bodies are designed--this is a wholesome look at how women's bodies work! This event will not teach a specific method of Natural Family Planning.



Thursday, August 31 at 7pm
St. Mary, Mokena Church Hall

Presented by Annie Norton & Meg Murray,
 St. Mary Parishioners & Marquette Method Instructors
 of  Simply NFP

RSVPs appreciated: dkuboushek@stmarymokena.org

BE FORMED

SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 8 2023

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Small Groups
- Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism

Join a small group and
 reignite your zeal for
 living the virtuous life!

USCCB Small Group
 Material will be included
 as it becomes available

REGISTRATION
 OPEN
 JULY 11 - AUGUST
 27TH!

SEASON 7
EUCCHARISTIC
REVIVAL



On or after July 11th, register by using the QR code above
 or go to <https://tinyurl.com/4rbpmxvu>

St. Mary's will be hosting Be Formed
 small groups for the first time--register today!

St. Mary's Scripture Study



DISCOVER THE BEAUTY AND MEANING
 OF THE EUCHARIST IN THE BIBLE!

JOIN US ON
TUESDAY EVENINGS 7:00-8:30PM
 OR
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 9:00-10:30AM
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 19TH/20TH

ST. MARY, MOKENA CHURCH HALL

TO SIGN UP, PLEASE VISIT
WWW.STMARYMOKENA.ORG/SCRIPTURE

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARY HARTL:
 708-479-1031 OR MARYHARTL@COMCAST.NET



COURAGE TO TRUST STRENGTH TO LOVE

Leading Our Teens to the Heart of Christ



Wednesday, August 30
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Guadalupe Room – Church Hall

Parents, Grandparents, Godparents, Guardians...
Join us for an evening of reflection & discussion.



For More Information
contact Tom Blue at 708
821-0343 or
tblue@stmarymokena.org

Youth Ministry Kick-Off Event

**Sunday, 9/10
Guadalupe Room
(Church Hall)**

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS ARE WELCOME!

5:00pm - Discover SMP Youth Ministry

6:00pm - Mass

7:00pm - Cookout & Fellowship












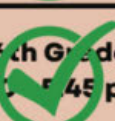

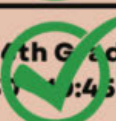

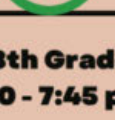






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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A CATECHIST?

Nine Open classes for Catechists
Green checkmarks = filled classes

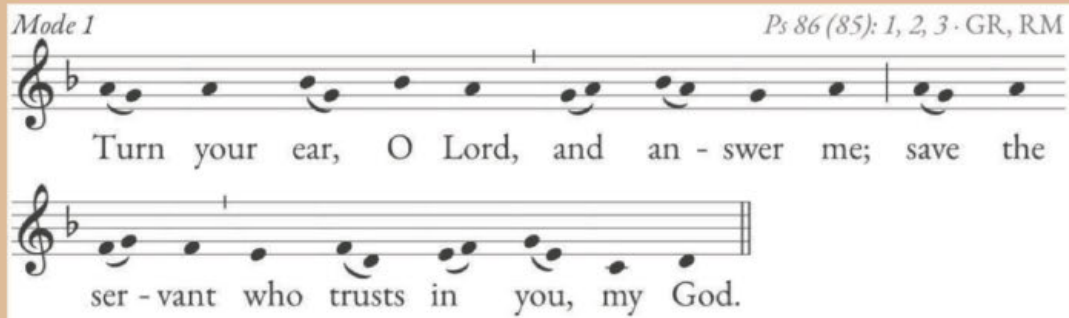
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Sunday
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6th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	6th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	6th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	6th Grade 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
7th Grade 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	7th Grade 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	7th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	✗
8th Grade 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	8th Grade 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	8th Grade 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.	✗

CONTACT RE@STMARYMOKENA.ORG

St. Mary's Sacred Music

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 27th

Mode 1 *Ps 86 (85): 1, 2, 3 · GR, RM*



Turn your ear, O Lord, and an - swer me; save the
ser - vant who trusts in you, my God.

Looking for Cantors!

We are looking for more cantors to sing at our weekend masses! If you have a talent for singing, and would like to use that talent to praise the Lord as a cantor, contact Joseph or Abby for more details.

Joseph Berardi:

jberardi@stmarymokena.org

Abby Gonyaw:

agonyaw@stmarymokena.org



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

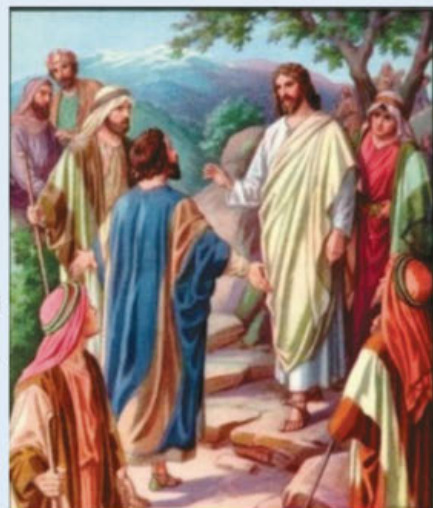
Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to the disciples. He leads up to it gently enough: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they offer varying responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them. "But who do you say that I am?" Peter gets the answer right: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. Surely we would not hesitate to answer just as Peter did, that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God.

But do our lives truly reflect this answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to Heaven, then we must say so, not just with words but with our actions. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family life, my entertainment say so?

The gifts and blessings that God has given us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — are meant to be used in a manner that says "Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.

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Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service *for Victims of Abortion*

Date & Time

Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 1 PM

Location

Resurrection Cemetery (SE corner)
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Gather at Garden of the Angels

Special Details

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, will preside. Speakers include Rest in His Arms founder Susan Schulenberg and Laura Reyes, who will give her touching testimony.

Local Contact

Don Hrdlicka, (630) 415-6603
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For more information on this event, visit NationalDayOfRemembrance.org



The Council of Catholic Women

The next **Board Meeting** will be Wednesday, September 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fatima Room, Church Hall.

Welcome Back Mass and Teal

Sunday, September 10
after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall.
All Women are welcome!



Save the Date

Saturday, October 7
after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

"Late Night Catechism" Theater Show
in the Church Hall.



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September 9 & 10
Tootsie Roll
Individuals with Disabilities
Community Drive

The next **Council Meeting** will be
Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

The next **Officer Meeting** will be
Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lourdes Room, Church Hall.

The Young at Heart Senior Club



The next meeting will be Wednesday,
September 6
1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

All seniors (over 55) are invited to a
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Wednesday,
September 20th
1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

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September 9 & 10

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