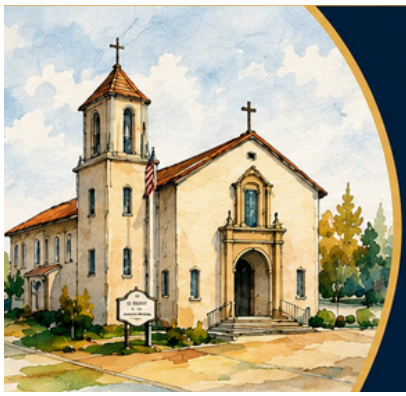


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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00pm Vigil *English*
Sunday 7:30am, 10:30am *English*
9:00am, 12:00pm *Español*

Weekday Mass

Monday to Saturday 7:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 7:30am - 8:00pm
Thursday 7:40am - 8:40am

Confession

Tuesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Saturday 8:00am - 9:00am
Other by Appointment

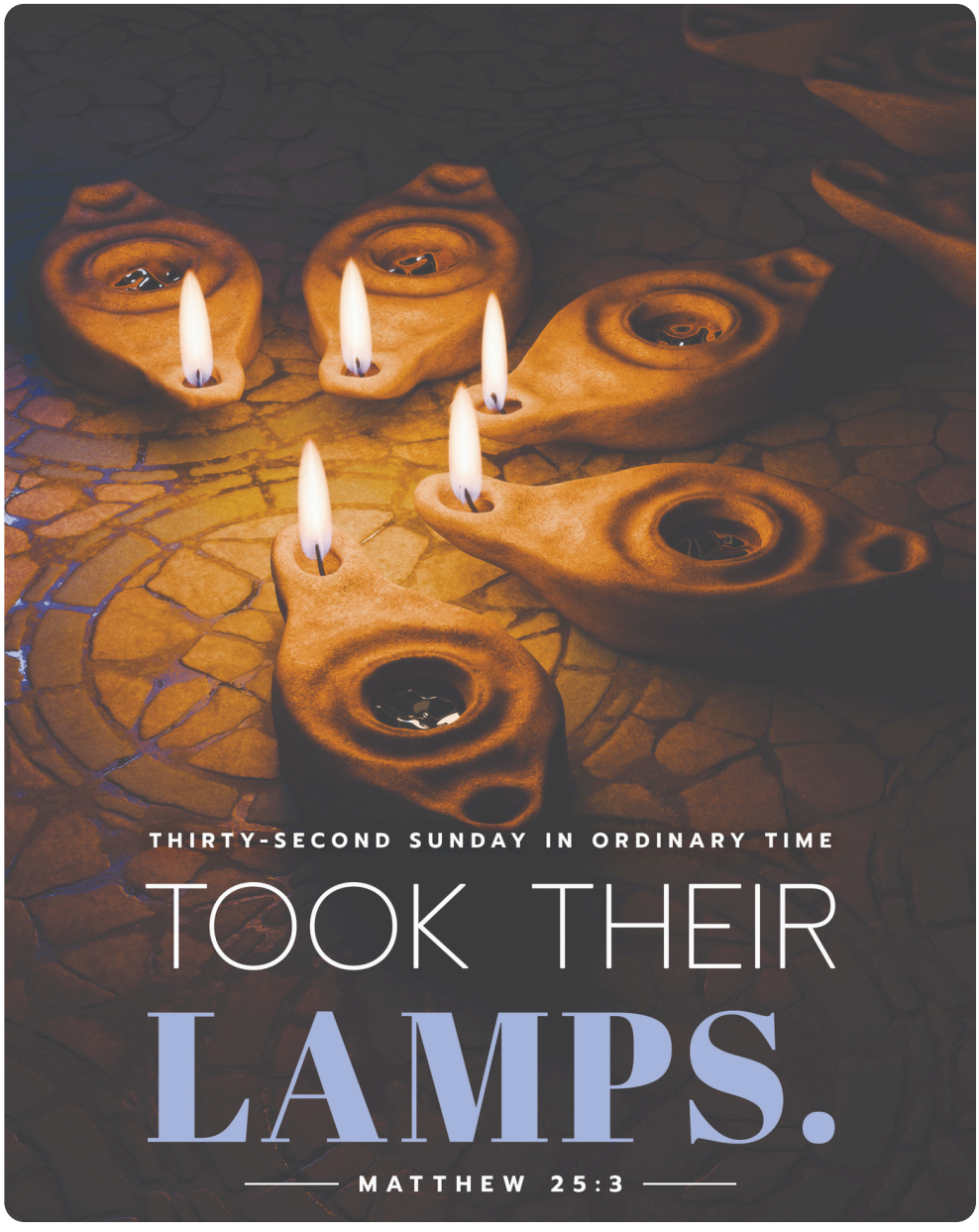
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A MONTH TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR
OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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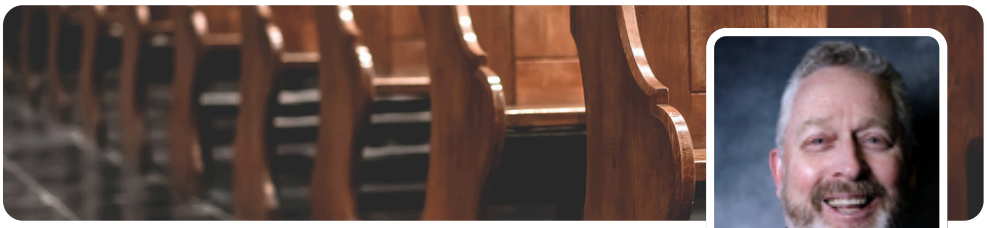
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

JESUS IS COMING - STAY AWAKE

Jesus is the bridegroom and the Church, his Bride. And, because we are the Church, Jesus has a spousal relationship with all of us. Jesus came once for his bride and he is returning once more. Today's Gospel teaches us the urgency of being awake and ready with lighted lamp, because we do not know his arrival time. The five "wise virgins" were ready, but the foolish ones were not.

When "the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt. 25:10-13)

As I write this article the Church celebrates, All Soul's Day. Saint Mary's death registry had 47 individuals who died this past year. I was honored to prepare some of them to meet the bridegroom. Death and dying are a part of priest's life. Those who have lived long and full lives are much easier to do. It's the young ones that are the toughest. No matter how old we are we must be ready to meet the Lord, since "you know neither the day nor the hour" of your passing.

As you know, the month of November is dedicated to all of our loved ones who have passed from this world to the next. Don't forget to pray for the deceased. They will thank you one day, just as you and I will thank those who pray for us when we pass. We're in this together! If you're ready for the Lord, great. If you're not ready, get ready. If you know someone who is not ready to meet the bridegroom, help them prepare for his coming. Jesus is coming – stay awake!

God bless you,
Fr. Matthew

LIVING OUR FAITH

MASS INTENTIONS
NOVEMBER 8-14

Sunday	**7:30am**	**St. Mary's Parishioners**
	9:00am	†Maria Esther Salgado, †Maria Arauza †Jesus Arauza, †Amelia Castro, †Eduardo Castro, †Soledad Rivas, †Brenda Cisneros, †Adrian Solorio, †Ariana Solorio, †Ashley Solorio
	10:30am	Intentions of the Mendoza-Valencia Family, Debbie Santillanes †Jose Leonardes, †Cecilia Leonardes †Dennis Kerber, †Jose Luis Bento †Craig Owen, †Jeanette Jackson, † Beatrice Luis, Souls in purgatory
	12:00pm	†Raquel Ibarra
Monday		Souls in purgatory
Tuesday		†Kristen Machado
Wednesday		† Nellie Ballwanz
Thursday		Intentions of Stephen Girau
Friday		†Abby Rissetto
Saturday	**7:00am**	Souls in purgatory
	5:00pm	†Dennis Kerber

WEEKLY READINGS
For the Week of November 8-15

Monday
Ez 47:1-2, 11-14
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday
Ti 3:1-7
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday
Phlm 7-20
Lk 17:20-25

Friday
2 Jn 4-9
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday
3 Jn 5-8
Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: 11-15
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30 or
25:14-15, 19-21

The Word of God has the grace to illuminate, heal, and instruct our hearts.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
Lord, strengthen our parish community in faith, hope, and love. Help us to grow together as disciples of Christ, to welcome one another with joy, and to serve those in need with generous hearts.

OUR FAMILIES & YOUTH
Lord, bless and strengthen our families. Guide our children and young people, deepen their friendship with Christ, and help our homes become places of faith, prayer, love, and hope.

OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND
Lord, bring comfort, strength, and healing to all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. May they feel Your loving presence in times of illness, loneliness, or difficulty. Bless those who care for them and renew their hope in You. Please pray for our sick and homebound parishioners, and all those who have asked for our prayers:

Johnny Vizcaino, Carol Kersenbrock, Kathleen Garcia, S.B.Q., Anthony Hidalgo, Payton Obermeyer, M.P., Francisco Leonardo, Tony & Francisca Garcia, Gerry Wolf, Tony DeSimoni, John Sousa, Kathy Huggins, Efren Cifuentes, Robert Merritt

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



SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN

November 13: She was an italian born religious sister and missionary who served immigrants in the United States, founding schools, hospitals, and institutions for those in need. Her example teaches us to trust in God's providence and generously serve those who are vulnerable, forgotten, or far from home. **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin, pray for us!**



LET'S CELEBRATE 125 YEARS OF FAITH AND BLESSINGS!

Our parish is celebrating, and YOU are part of this beautiful story!

We have so much to celebrate and so much to thank God for! For 125 years, the Lord has sustained, guided, and blessed our parish community. Generations of families have found a spiritual home here, growing in faith, receiving the sacraments, and experiencing God's love. Now it's our turn to celebrate and carry on this beautiful legacy of faith!

SAVE THE DATES!

Throughout our anniversary year, we will have many special celebrations and activities, including:
December 8, 2026: Solemn Opening Mass of our 125th Anniversary followed by a potluck.
April 6, 2027: Parish Feast Day Celebration.
April 10, 2027: Oakdale Rodeo Parade Float.
April 11–17, 2027: Marian and Cristero Pilgrimage to Mexico.
September 13, 2027: 125th Anniversary Gala.
October 2–3, 2027: Parish Festival.

THREE EXCITING THINGS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

1. WEAR OUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY WITH PRIDE!

Be part of this historic celebration! Get your commemorative anniversary T-shirt or cap and take home a special keepsake celebrating 125 years of faith and tradition.

2. LET'S BEGIN THIS ANNIVERSARY YEAR TOGETHER!

On December 8, 2026, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, join us for our Solemn Bilingual Opening Mass, followed by a parish potluck celebration.
Let's begin this special year united in prayer, gratitude, and joy!

3. FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH!

Can you imagine visiting the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and walking in the footsteps of the Cristero martyrs who courageously gave their lives for Christ? Join us for our Marian and Cristero Pilgrimage to Mexico in April 2027! This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith, discover our Catholic heritage, and experience an unforgettable spiritual journey.

DISCOVER EVERYTHING WE HAVE PLANNED!

And this is just the beginning! Many more celebrations, activities, and special surprises are being planned for our entire parish family. **Scan the QR code in the next page** or visit our parish website to discover all the details, upcoming events, how to purchase your anniversary T-shirt or cap, and how to join our pilgrimage.

STEWARDSHIP

11/01

Sunday 11-01: **$15,929.00**
Online Giving: **$1,060.10**

Thank you!

MAKE YOUR DONATION ONLINE

You can also support our parish through secure online giving.

Simply scan the QR code below to make a one-time or recurring donation. Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 7/8: Y.L.I. Annual Craft Fair
November 11: Veterans Day Parish Office Closed
November 14: Young Adult Group Social 6:30PM in the cottage
November 14/28: "Into the Breach" Men's Group 7:30AM in the Parish Center
November 16: Food Distribution 9:30AM in the parking lot
November 18: OHS Sacred Heart Club
November 19: Millions of Monicas 6:30PM in the Church
November 22: DWTW Couples Bible Study
November 26: Thanksgiving
November 26/27: Parish Office Closed
November 28: Y.L.I. Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
November 28: K of C Wine & Cheese
November 29: K of C Coffee & Donuts

ALL SOULS' DAY ENVELOPES

CONMEMORACIÓN DE TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

Special All Souls' Day envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. We invite you to take an envelope, write the names of your departed loved ones, and place it in the offertory basket during Mass. These envelopes will be placed near the altar month of November

Los sobres especiales están disponibles a las entradas de la iglesia. Puede escribir los nombres de sus seres queridos difuntos y depositarlo en la canasta de las ofrendas. Estos sobres serán colocados cerca del altar por el mes de Noviembre



PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY

God of peace,
we pray for those who have served our nation
and have laid down their lives to protect
and defend our freedom.
We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, and whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way; shield them from danger and bring them home.
Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace. May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains and saves us.
Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen.

Thank You

After five wonderful years of blessing our parish with his beautiful, God-given voice, our beloved cantor, **Alex Green**, will be returning to his hometown of Gilroy. I am deeply grateful for Alex's dedication to sacred music, his faithful service, and his continual pursuit of excellence in glorifying God through the beauty of the liturgy.

Alex, **thank you** for sharing your extraordinary gift with our beautiful parish of Saint Mary of the Annunciation. Your voice and presence will truly be missed. May God bless you abundantly, guide you on your journey, and keep you safe from all harm.With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,

Christopher Bengochea - *Director of Sacred Music*

VETERANS DAY

November 11th

Our Parish office will be closed on Wednesday Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. We will reopen for regular business hours on November 12.

Thank you, and happy Veterans Day!



Did you know?

Our website has a section just for **YOUNG PEOPLE!**

Check it out! It's for you. There you will find our activities and much more information.

SCAN THE QR CODE

Y.L.I. Annual Tree Lighting

It's that time again to remember your loved ones during the **Tree Lighting Ceremony** held at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine on **Saturday November 28th**, immediately following the Saturday night mass. Fr. Matthew will bless the Christmas Tree and members of the Y.L.I. will read the names submitted during the ceremony.

Envelopes for donations and to list loved ones can be found at the entrances of the church. Names must be turned in no later than November 25th. All donations will be given to the church to finance a project of the Priest's choice.





ADVENT BOOK STUDY "JOY TO THE WORLD"

Join Deacon Dan & Kim for a 4-week Advent book study featuring Ascension's *Joy to the World.* Come grow in faith and prepare your heart for Christmas!

Mondays: November 30 & December 7, 14, 21 at 6:30 PM
Parish Center
Book Cost: $8. To reserve your book contact Kim at (209) 845-7533.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Help Us Feed 40 Families This Thanksgiving!

St. Mary's Life Teen, together with our Religious Education and Confirmation programs, is collecting food donations to provide **40 families with a complete Thanksgiving dinner!** We invite you to donate non-perishable food items using the collection barrels located in the church and Parish Center. **Donations are needed by Sunday, November 22**. You can also donate a turkey or contribute $15 toward the purchase of one.

Items needed: Boxed stuffing, Instant Mash Potatoes, Jarred Gravy,
Canned items needed: Green beans, Yams or Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Cranberry Sauce & fruit.
These items please give to Tina: Cool whip, Pumpkin Pie & Dinner Rolls

For questions and turkey donations contact Tina Lucas at (209) 581-3822.

MENSAGE DE NUESTRO PARROCO

JESÚS VIENE — MANTENGANSE DESPIERTOS

Jesús es el esposo y la Iglesia es su esposa. Y, dado que nosotros somos la Iglesia, Jesús mantiene una relación esponsal con todos nosotros. Jesús vino una vez por su esposa y volverá una vez más. El Evangelio de hoy nos enseña la urgencia de permanecer despiertos y preparados, con la lámpara encendida, pues no sabemos cuándo llegará. Las cinco «vírgenes prudentes» estaban preparadas, pero las insensatas no.

"Llegó el esposo, y las que estaban preparadas entraron con él al banquete de bodas. Y se cerró la puerta. Más tarde llegaron las otras vírgenes y dijeron: "¡Señor, señor, ábrenos la puerta!". Pero él respondió: "En verdad les digo que no las conozco". Por tanto, manténganse despiertos, porque no saben ni el día ni la hora" (Mt 25, 10-13).

Mientras escribo este artículo, la Iglesia celebra el Día de los Fieles Difuntos. En el registro de defunciones de Santa María figuran 47 personas que fallecieron durante el último año. Tuve el honor de preparar a algunas de ellas para el encuentro con el esposo. La muerte y el proceso de morir forman parte de la vida de un sacerdote. Es más sencillo acompañar a quienes han vivido una vida larga y plena; los casos más difíciles son los de los jóvenes. Sin importar nuestra edad, debemos estar preparados para el encuentro con el Señor, ya que "no sabemos ni el día ni la hora" de nuestra partida.

Como saben, el mes de noviembre está dedicado a todos nuestros seres queridos que han pasado de este mundo al siguiente. No olviden orar por los difuntos. Un día ellos se lo agradecerán, del mismo modo que ustedes y yo agradeceremos a quienes oren por nosotros cuando partamos. ¡Estamos juntos en esto! Si están preparados para el Señor, ¡qué bien! Si no lo están, prepárense. Si conocen a alguien que no esté listo para el encuentro con el esposo, ayúdenlo a prepararse para su venida. ¡Jesús viene; manténganse despiertos!

Que Dios te bendiga,
Padre Mateo

¡CELEBREMOS 125 AÑOS DE FE Y BENDICIONES!

¡Nuestra parroquia está de fiesta y tú eres parte de esta hermosa historia!

Durante 125 años, Dios ha sostenido, guiado y bendecido a nuestra comunidad parroquial. ¡Tenemos mucho que agradecer y celebrar! Ahora nos toca continuar este hermoso legado de fe.

¡MARCA TU CALENDARIO!

8 de Diciembre de 2026: Misa solemne de inauguración y convivencia parroquial.
6 de Abril de 2027: Fiesta patronal.
10 de Abril de 2027: Carro alegorico en el desfile del Rodeo de Oakdale.
11–17 de Abril de 2027: Peregrinación Guadalupana y Cristera a México.
13 de Septiembre de 2027: Gran gala el 125.º Aniversario de Fundacion de nuestra parroquia.
2–3 de octubre de 2027: Festival parroquial.

¡NO TE PIERDAS ESTAS TRES ACTIVIDADES!

1. ¡Lleva con orgullo nuestro aniversario!. Adquiere tu playera o gorra conmemorativa de los 125 años.
2. ¡Celebremos juntos! Acompáñanos el 8 de diciembre a nuestra Misa solemne bilingüe de inauguración, seguida de una convivencia parroquial.
3. ¡Una peregrinación inolvidable! Visita la Basílica de Guadalupe y los lugares de los mártires cristeros. El Padre Matthew y el Padre Saúl dirigirán esta peregrinación.

¡ESCANEA EL CÓDIGO QR!

¡Esto es solo el comienzo! Escanea el código QR o visita nuestra página web para conocer todos los detalles, adquirir tus artículos conmemorativos y obtener información sobre la peregrinación. ¡125 años de fe, esperanza y amor! Celebremos juntos esta gran bendición.

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