

Mass & Confession Schedule

Confession: Saturday, 2:00 pm – Outdoor
Masses: Saturday, 3:00 pm – Outdoor
 Sunday, 8:30 am & 11:00 am – Indoor
 Tues through Fri, 8:30 am – Indoor

Indoor Ash Wednesday and Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Masses: 8:30am & 6:30pm – Indoor
 Adoration: Fridays during Lent at 5:30pm – Indoor
 Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent at 6:00pm – Indoor

Holy Communion

Those of you who are sheltering in place and attending Mass virtually are invited to receive **Holy Communion** by coming to the church immediately following our “in-person” Masses. You may also contact a priest to schedule a time to receive Holy Communion by calling 707-822-7696 and leaving a message on Fr Francis’ or Fr Fabian’s line.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Sat Jan 13: Weekday; Blessed Virgin Mary
 Rds: Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-4c, 5-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10
 3:00 pm – Horacio Carvalho +

Sun Jan 14: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Rds: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10:31—11:1
 Mk 1:40-45

8:30 am – Natalia Oliveira +
 11:00 am – Carlos P. Avelar +

Mon Feb 15: Weekday
 Rds: Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13
 No Mass

Tue Feb 16: Weekday
 Rds: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21
 8:30 am – Available for your intention

Wed Feb 17: Ash Wednesday
 Rds: J1 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6,
 16-18

8:30 am – Natalia Oliveira +
 6:30 pm – For the People

Thu Feb 18: Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 Rds: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25
 8:30 am – Available for your intention

Fri Feb 19: Friday after Ash Wednesday
 Rds: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15
 8:30 am – For the conversion & just punishment of the perpetrators &
 concealers of sexual abuse

Sat Feb 20: Saturday after Ash Wednesday
 Rds: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32
 3:00 pm – Natalia Oliveira +

Sun Feb 21: First Sunday of Lent
 Rds: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
 8:30 am – Rena Giori +
 11:00 am – Anne Farrar +

Pray for the Sick: Names are listed here by request & will remain for four weeks. If you would like to extend the listed time or if you would like to add a name, please contact the office at 707-822-7696 or stmarysarcata@gmail.com. Thank you.

Joseph Dimmick, Larry Duff, Carl Sikora, Melissa Gordon, Linda Burr, Krista Melendy, Natalia Avelar, Joseph Johnston, Connie Jo Nunes, Elena David, Cecilia Mendonca, & Gary Nicholson

Pray for the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Jan Mobley (Pat Heavilin’s sister), Fr. Mathew Ittiyappara, Natalia Oliveira, Mary Carson, Msgr Gerard Brady, & Carlos P. Avelar

**6th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Jesus wants to heal us of everything that causes separation or broken relationships.

God created us because he wants to be in relationship with us. He does not have to love us. God *wants* to. The reason we exist is *relationship*. We were made for love. This is a kind of Good News that is not possible without the Divine, for no other love for us is so pure, so unconditional, so freely given.

But, in spite of the perfection of this design, we are also broken by sin. Even though we are made for relationship, so many things separate us and limit the love for which we were created.

Our first reading reminds us that physical circumstances such as illness can separate us from one another. There are many other physical forms of separation, such as a job that takes a loved one far away, an emotional wound that demands physical distance as a response, and, of course, death itself.

But spiritual separation also wounds us. Just as leprosy could be passed from one person to another, so also sin infects and hurts those around us. We can see how gossip or lack of integrity influences others. Selfishness or greed hurts those who are most vulnerable. The damage of sin is infectious, just as physical illness is contagious.

This is the brokenness into which Jesus enters with his mercy. *If you wish, you can make me clean.* The leper’s faith can lead us also to this confidence today. Jesus, the eternal Word of God, *moved with pity*, draws near to us! He reaches out to us, in a particular way through his sacramental presence in this Mass, because he *wants* to heal every separation, whether it be physical, emotional, or spiritual. He does *will* to make us clean.

What wounds can we bring to him today? What broken relationship, separation, or sin needs his healing presence? This is why Christ invites us here, this is why he draws near and reaches out to us. *I do will it*, he tells us, *be made clean.*

~Excerpts from Faith Catholic

Our Parish needs your support!

Thank you to all those who have donated to the parish.

Your generosity is much appreciated. This is a challenging time for all of us: spiritually, physically, & financially. If your budget allows during these trying times, please consider donating to St Mary’s Church, 1690 Janes Rd, Arcata, CA 95521, or donating online at www.stmarysarcata.com. **Thank you!**

Offertory Donation Jan 31: \$3040.00

**On Fire Youth! Keep the Light Bright Series
Feb 20th, 2-4pm**

Click on <http://www.onfirenorcal.com/> to navigate to virtual events that are inspiring and fun!

Youth & Young Adult resources: www.catholicya.org & www.onfirenorcal.com or email Stephen Morris at dsryouth@srdiocese.org

Masses for the People & of Reparation

Mass for the People: Feb 17
 Mass for the healing/support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse: Feb 12
 Mass for the conversion & just punishment of the perpetrators & concealers of sexual abuse: Feb 19
 Mass for the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting & leading their sheep from all harm: Feb 26



Saint of the Week Our Lady of Lourdes

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous.

This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: "O Mary conceived without sin." During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was "something white in the shape of a girl." She used the word *aquero*, a dialect term meaning "this thing." It was "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (*tu*), but the polite form (*vous*). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters. There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film *The Song of Bernadette*: "For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."

Our Lady of Lourdes is the Patron Saint of Bodily Ills.

~Excerpts from *Franciscan Media*

Online Worship Opportunities

Dispensation from attending Mass in person is still in effect. In an effort to continue the practice of our faith in these trying times, you may find livestreamed masses &/or resources on the following websites:

www.santarosacatholic.org (diocese)

www.franciscanmedia.org (saint of day)

www.wordonfire.org (click on Resources)

www.ewtn.com (click on TV) or EWTN Channel 23 on your television set



We wish **Fr. Francis** much joy and many blessings as he celebrates his **Ordination Anniversary** on Feb 14th and his **birthday** on Feb 15th!

Celebrate Marriage!

The Diocese of Santa Rosa is hosting a FREE virtual event on Sunday, Feb 14 at 1:00pm in English and 2:00pm in Spanish. You will need to register in advance for this FREE event. To register go to www.srdiocese.org, scroll down to Diocesan News, click on Celebrate Marriage, & scan the QR code or enter the URL address to be taken to the registration page.



St. Valentine's Day, February 14th

Dear Glorious martyr and Saint, teach us to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving. Enable us to bring out the best in each other. As we love each other, may we grow in the love of God. Amen.

Pick up your **Free Lenten publications** available at the church: The **Little Black Book** furnished by the Altar Society and **The Best Lent Ever Journal** from Dynamic Catholic furnished by Elizabeth Borges.

Looking for an activity for your little ones?

Go to drawing-god.com/lent2021

Women's Bible Study

The next meeting of the Women's Bible Study is on Thursday, Feb 18 at 10:30am via ZOOM. Please join us! Questions? Call Paula at 707-822-9573.

40 Days to Grace and Glory

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for FREE Daily Lenten Reflections & concrete ways to apply them to your life. Available on formed.org/lent.

40 Days for Life Feb 17-March 28

40 Days for Life is a cross-denominational, faith-based pro-life campaign of prayer & fasting, peaceful vigil, & community outreach. Learn more by visiting the web address 40daysforlife.com/Humboldt or contact Stephanie at 40DaysForLife.Humboldt@gmail.com or at 707-498-7758.

Scrip! The St Mary's Scrip program is an ongoing fundraising tool for our many maintenance needs in our parish. Purchasing scrip is a dollar-for-dollar exchange; there are no extra costs for you to use scrip. We carry scrip from many local merchants, VISA scrip that can be used wherever VISA is accepted, & we are able to order from a huge selection of out-of-town merchants! Please consider using Scrip. Please call Alice @ 707-822-6850, Cathy @ 707-616-4772 or Bev @ 707-826-2729 to place your order. Thank you!

Additional Mass & Worship Opportunities

Christ the King Church, McKinleville

Weekdays

Monday Mass: 11:00am

Friday Adoration: 3:00pm

Friday Mass: 3:30pm

Weekends

Saturday Mass: 3:00pm

Sunday Mass: 1:00pm

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S! Whether you are a long time parishioner, a returning Catholic, or a new member, we hope your time with us is a meaningful and spiritual experience. If you haven't registered, please complete this form and return it to the rectory office or place it in the offertory basket. Name: _____ New Parishioner yes / no
Address: _____ Phone: _____