


MINISTRIES INFORMATION

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ADMINISTRATION

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| <i>Finance Council</i> Meet 4 times a year (quarterly-January, April, July and October) at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month. Contact Rectory for more information | Council consists of parishioners with financial and legal background who advise the Pastor regarding the management of parish finances. |
| <i>Pastoral Council</i> Meets every month on the 1 st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Rectory except for the months of June, July, & August. Contact Rectory for more information | An organized advisory group to assist the Pastor in carrying out his role and pastoral duties. The Council assists the Pastor in developing the parish vision, identifying needs of the parish communities, prioritizing those needs and assessing the parish mission, goals, and use of resources. |
| <i>Safeguard the Children</i> Meets on the 4 th Saturday of each month at 9:00 am in the Rectory. Contact Donna Martins at 922-6997 | A committee of parishioners, School Principal, Director of Religious Ed, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, and parents working together to provide education and training to the youth, volunteers, parents, educators, ministers and others in order to assure and maintain a safe environment for children and young people. To be in compliance with the policies and procedures of the Archdiocese's directives. |

FAITH FORMATION

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| <i>Confirmation/Youth Ministry</i> Melinda Pursley, Coordinator Phone # 925-2007 | A two year program that prepares the candidates for reception of the sacrament and to inspire in each candidate the desire to continue their own faith journey throughout their lives. Encourages community and develops sense of belonging to this community. |
| <i>RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) (English)</i> Dave Dockstader, Coordinator #937-2487 Meets Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room | This is a process of welcoming, education, evangelizing, and conversion. If you have not been baptized or are a non-Catholic or if you have been baptized, but have not received the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation you may seek through the RCIA. Reception of the sacraments normally takes place at the Easter Vigil, the day before Easter. |
| <i>Religious Education Program And RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) (Spanish)</i> Rev. Riz Carranza #925-5826 | Teaches elementary and middle school children the basics of Catholic faith and prepares them for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Communion as well as post sacramental classes. |

WORSHIP

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| <p><i>Liturgical Ministries:</i> <u>English:</u> Mickey Pardo #925-5773; <u>Spanish:</u> TBA</p> | <p>In liturgical celebrations each one, minister or layperson, who has an office to perform, should do only those parts which pertain to that office by the nature of the rite and the principles of liturgy.</p> <p>Servers, readers, commentators, and members of the choir also exercise a genuine liturgical function. They ought to discharge their office, therefore, with the sincere devotion and decorum demanded by so exalted a ministry and rightly expected of them by God's people.</p> <p>Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, nos. 28-29</p> |
| <p><i>Altar Servers</i> Contact Dennis Pearson, Coordinator Phone #347-8407</p> | <p>The Ministry of Altar Servers is a group of young people assisting in the Parish liturgical celebrations. Its main goal is to encourage those who want to become worthy guards of honor to the Eucharistic King and enkindle greater piety and devotion to Christ through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.</p> |
| <p><i>Children's Liturgy of the Word</i> Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass</p> | <p>The gospel adapted for children ages 4 to 10. Children are gathered at the altar for prayer and then go to the classroom to study the Word. It provides an opportunity to experience the Word of God at a level that children can understand.</p> |
| <p><i>Parish Liturgy Planning Committee</i> Leaders from the each Liturgy Minister including Religious Ed and Youth Ministry attend the monthly meeting.</p> <p>For information contact the Rectory.</p> | <p>The committee is responsible for planning our parish Masses. The committee looks at the various liturgical seasons, Church feast and Holy Days, and other special times in the Catholic Church to ensure that the environment of the church, the characteristics of the liturgical celebration, and the music all work hand-in-hand toward making the experience of the Mass the most meaningful, prayerful and inspirational. The committee oversees the various ministerial roles in the liturgy seeking to encourage congregational participation in all aspects of the Mass, attempting to engage the community having beautiful and appropriate music and an inspirational environment.</p> |
| <p><i>St. Martha Ministry</i> Carmen Torres, Coordinator Meets weekly on Fridays after the 12 noon Mass at 1:00 pm. If you would like to join either team, Contact the Rectory</p> | <p>St Martha's Team I- Maintain the appearance of the church (including the sacristy, sanctuary, side altars, and vestibule), through cleaning, polishing, and upkeep of the sacred space, caring for the linens and vestments, and keeping the church in orderly manner.</p> <p>St. Martha's Team II-Makes plans for decorating the church to enhance the celebration during the various liturgical seasons of the year. Maintain and care for the plants and floral arrangements.</p> |
| <p><i>Ushers</i> English: Julian Morales #922-5438 Brett Barker # 937-3942 Spanish: Pablo Esparza #922-3369</p> | <p>Greets parishioners and visitors as they arrive at church. Assists with seating, presentation of the gifts at mass, and distribution of communion. Collects offertory and passes out bulletins after mass.</p> |
| <p><i>Sacristans</i> English: Mickey Pardo #925-5773 Spanish: Raúl SantaCruz #345-8214</p> | <p>Assist the priest and the faith community in the preparation of the altar and sanctuary for Sunday and special liturgies in the Church. They are responsible for the proper care of the sacred vessels and other items used for liturgy.</p> |
| <p><i>Lectors</i> <u>English:</u> If you are interested in becoming a lector, please contact Terry Pardo at 925-5773.</p> <p><u>Spanish:</u> Jose Gonzales #345-8392</p> | <p>Readers must understand and believe that they are performing a real ministry by sharing God's Word and one's faith.</p> <p>Qualities necessary for lecturing at St. Mary's include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Live a lifestyle in accordance with teachings of the Catholic Church.▪ Regularly attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.▪ Prepare and practice and pray scripture readings prior to the liturgical celebration.▪ Proclaim the scripture readings boldly and clearly. |

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

English:

If you are interested in this ministry as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, please contact Mickey Pardo at 925-5773

Spanish:

Maria Elena Camacho #478-7398

Music Ministry

Leticia Mattson, Choir Dir. #938-0571

English:

1st Sunday- Divine Mercy Choir-
Melee Bucayu

2nd Sunday-TBA

3rd Sunday-Youth band/choir-
Judge Rogelio Flores

4th Sunday- Traditional choir-
Jeannine Vanier

5th Sunday- St. Mary's School Children

Spanish: Rotate monthly

Lazaro Choir

Paco Chavez #925-2351

Raúl Santa Cruz #925-1769

Santa María Choir

Toni López #925-7307

Gift Bearers

Contact the Rectory for information.

Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick

English: Cecilia Pérez # 349-3772

Spanish: Laura Esparza # 922-3369

If you are interested in this ministry, contact the Rectory.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Janie Perez #925-0349

Toni Lopez #925-7307

Adorers needed at all hours. You must sign-up in the Rectory. For your own safety and the safety of others, please do not share the code.

First Friday of Divine Mercy

7:00 pm at the Church

Rosary Group

Charismatic Prayer Group (English)

Contacts: Yvonne Pasko #938-7535

Elodia Noragong #934-0244

Meetings are held each Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Room C behind the Parish Hall.

Assist the Priest with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass.

To qualify to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist one must:

- Be a confirmed practicing Catholic who attends Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Live a life in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Conduct oneself with reverence in handling the Body and Blood of Jesus.
- Cultivate devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Good and appropriate music enhances the mass experience and contributes to the liturgy and spirituality. This ministry is for anyone who enjoys psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs and can sing or play an instrument. New members are always welcome. Choirs sing in English and Spanish. There are the Traditional choir, Youth choir, Guitar choir, Divine Mercy choir and Trio choir that are scheduled for Sunday Masses each month.

At Mass one family or couple is selected by the Ushers unless there is a request by a family to carry the gifts (Body and Blood) to the Priest for Consecration.

Ministers visit with and bring Holy Communion to the homebound parishioners and those in hospitals and nursing homes.

If you or your family member or neighbors, need to receive Holy Communion or need a priest for Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Rectory.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a means of focusing the heart and mind in prayer.

“Could you spend 1 hour with me?”

Come and join us for this hour of praise and worship and receive many Blessings.

Prays the rosary before the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

The Spiritual Life needs to be developed and Spontaneous Prayer needs to be practiced. St. Mary's English speaking Prayer Group invites you to join the group once a week for song, prayer, sharing, and reflection on Holy Scripture. “At every opportunity pray in the Spirit using prayer and petition of every sort. Pray constantly”.(Ephesians 6:18)

A monthly Healing Mass is celebrated on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Church. All are welcome. Look for flyers in the vestibule of the Church.

Charismatic Spanish Prayer Group

Contact: Laura Esparza #310-1403

Leti Rico #922-835

Invites you for worship and praise every Monday at 7pm in the church. Come experience the power of God! The Healing Mass is celebrated on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 pm at the church.

Mass at Dawn

9 days of masses celebrating the birth of Christ beginning each year on December 15th at the church at 5:30 a.m. except on Sundays at 7:00 a.m.

Bereavement Ministry (English)

Contact Mickey and Terry Pardo at

#925-5773.

Provides spiritual and emotional support to families following the death of a loved one. The Ministers lead the prayers and Rosary at the Vigil service for the deceased and their relatives and friends. They also meet with families to support them and assist in choosing the scripture readings for the funeral mass. Ministers' set-up for the funeral mass and assist the Priest. Once a year in November, a Memorial Mass is planned for the families who have loss a loved one, followed by a reception .

OUTREACH/SUPPORT

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| <p>Guadalupanas Contact Janie Perez #925-0349</p> | <p>Our mission is of Love, Charity, Service, Spiritual, and Sharing nature as well as to promote and encourage devotion Mary, the Mother of God under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe as she appeared to Juan Diego at Tepayac. Our goal is to grow in membership as well as spiritual in order to serve God and our Parish. Fundraisers and special events are planned throughout the year to help our Parish and our Parish Community.</p> |
| <p>Legion of Mary Contact Arcadia Lapiz #926-5948</p> | <p>The Legion of Mary promotes vocations and growth in spirituality of each member through evangelization and other spiritual work of mercy in union with Mary. Novena and Rosary for Vocation is held every Wednesday at 6 pm in the church for Rosary for Vocations and at 6:30 pm for Novena</p> |
| <p>Mother of Grace Ministry Contact Rosalie Marquez and Ruth Lundbeck #922-5826</p> | <p>The mission of this ministry is to bring the gifts of faith and spirit to our parishioners. Throughout the year this ministry will promote works of charity and joy to our parish community. This is how we live our Faith and spread the Good News of God's love. Provide gift baskets to all homebound parishioners during Christmas. Food boxes for 15-20 families in our parish community.</p> |
| <p>Our Lady of Fatima Community Tony & Fatima Carreira #922-6741</p> | <p>Our Lady of Fatima of Portugal statue was donated by the Portuguese Community to St. Mary's Church. This holy statue is a replica of the original statue at the Fatima Sanctuary in Cova da Iria, Portugal and was sculpted by Lucia's nephew. The statue is now located in the church on the right side of the altar. A celebration in honor of Our Lady of Fatima takes place on the 4th Saturday of October of each year at the 5pm Mass follow with a rosary procession and reception at the parish hall.</p> |
| <p>Parish Ministries Contact Bill Marquez #925-4077</p> | <p>This ministry consists of all leaders and/or representatives of each parish ministries and organizations that come together every two months to share their ministry's events and to participate or assist in coordinating an event or celebration. Leaders or representatives are required to attend these meetings if they are using the parish's facilities and/or church for there meetings and worshiping.</p> |
| <p>St. Mary's Respect Life Contact Dayle Rutledge #346-1580</p> | <p>Join us in the Rosary, chaplet of Divine Mercy, & Song. Many voices will end abortion and euthanasia. See parish bulletin for activities information.</p> |
| <p>Vocation Ministry Registered parishioner or family may sign-up at the Rectory. Contact Joe Martins #922-6997</p> | <p>To encourage family and friends to participate in this mission to have the Parish Chalice for a week and as a family pray together the prayer for vocations.</p> |