

## UPCOMING EVENTS / PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS: PARISH PRAYER GROUPS / GRUPOS DE ORACIÓN PARROQUIALES

- ⇒ We invite all men 18 and over to join us for The Men's Prayer Group on Saturday's starting at 7:30 am in the St. Mary's Hall. Please contact Samuel Ximenez for more information. *Invitamos a todos los hombres mayores de 18 años a unirse a nuestro Grupo de Oración para Hombres los sábados a partir de las 7:30 a. m. en el Salón St. Mary's. Para más información, comuníquese con Samuel Ximenez.*
- ⇒ We invite all to join the Spanish Prayer Group "Grupo de Crecimiento Espiritual" on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm. Contact Juan Lara for more information. *Invitamos a todos al "Grupo de Oración" en Español, los Lunes de 7-9 pm. Para mas información, contacten a Juan Lara.*
- ⇒ We invite all to join the Spanish Prayer Group "Grupo de Oracion" on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm. Contact Juan Lara for more information. *Invitamos a todos al "Grupo de Crecimiento Espiritual," los Martes de 7-9 pm. Para mas información, contacten a Juan Lara.*
- ⇒ We invite all for the Communion Service and Adoration being observed on the second Tuesday of every month in the church starting at 7:00pm-8:45pm. *Invitamos a todos al servicio de comunión y adoración que se celebra el segundo martes de cada mes en la iglesia, de 7:00 a 8:45.*
- ⇒ We invite everyone to St. Peter's on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm-8:30pm for Adoration. Please contact Deacon Estevan for more information. *Invitamos a todos a la iglesia de San Pedro los jueves por la noche, de 7:00 a 8:30, para la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento. Para más información, póngase en contacto con el diácono Estevan.*
- ⇒ We will be hosting a Live Stations of the Cross with a procession through Somerset on Good Friday. We would like to invite anyone who would like to participate to come out on Saturdays or Sundays from 10:30-11:15 am to our practices. *El Viernes Santo celebraremos un Via Crucis en vivo con una procesión por Somerset. Invitamos a todos los interesados a asistir a nuestros ensayos los sábados o domingos de 10:30 a 11:15 h.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES

- ⇒ Father Kishore is available for house blessings, sick visits and anointings. Please call the office to set up an appointment. *El Padre Kishore está disponible para bendiciones de casas, visitas a enfermos y unciones. Por favor, llame a la oficina para programar una cita.*
- ⇒ If you haven't already done so, please fill out a registration form to update our records. Please indicate if you would like to receive offertory envelopes. If you are still waiting on your box of envelopes, please call the office. *Si aún no lo ha hecho, complete el formulario de registro para actualizar nuestros registros. Indique si desea recibir sobres para el ofertorio. Si aún espera su caja de sobres, llame a la oficina.*
- ⇒ We welcome Fred Leal as our new Spiritual Director. He was trained by Bishop Mike, and he is here to offer any spiritual direction. For more information, please contact Fred Leal. *Demos la bienvenida a Fred Leal como nuestro nuevo director espiritual. Fue formado por el obispo Mike y está aquí para ofrecer orientación espiritual. Para más información, contacten a Fred Leal.*
- ⇒ If you would like to reserve a Holy Thursday candle, please fill out an envelope with your \$5.00 donation, and place it in the collection basket. Small candles are available as well for \$3.00. Please call the office for more information. *Si desea reservar una vela para el Jueves Santo, por favor, llene un sobre con su donación de \$5.00 y colóquela en la canasta de colecta. También hay velas pequeñas disponibles por \$3.00. Para más información, llame a la oficina.*
- ⇒ The second collection next week, will be for Catholic Relief Services. *La segunda colecta la próxima semana, será para CRS (Catholic Relief Services).*
- ⇒ Catholics in action will be hosting a Bingo this Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 1pm with the Bingo starting at 2pm. \$10 meals will be available for purchase. This is a cash only event. *Católicos en Acción organizará un Bingo este domingo 8 de marzo. Las puertas abren a la 1 p. m. y el Bingo comienza a las 2 p. m. Se podrán comprar comidas por \$10. Solo se acepta efectivo.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 7TH AND MARCH 8TH, 2026

TERCERO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA  
7 Y 8 DE MARZO DE 2026



# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Founded 1933 / Fundada en 1933

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Through prayer and worship, we are dedicated to serving the pastoral and spiritual needs of our parish, forming a welcoming sanctuary for all and continue the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ to evangelize and Proclaim the Word to build up our Church community with loving care, and to help bring others closer to God.

**DECLARACIÓN DE MISSION:** A través de la oración y la adoración, nos dedicamos a servir las necesidades pastorales y espirituales de nuestra parroquia, formando un santuario acogedor para todos y continuando la misión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo de evangelizar y proclamar la Palabra para edificar nuestra comunidad de la Iglesia con cuidado amoroso y ayudar a acercar a otros a Dios.

### Mass Times / Horarios de Misa

**Saturday / Sábado 4:00 p.m. English**

**Sunday / Domingo 7:45 a.m. Español**

**Sunday / Domingo 11:30 a.m. English**

### Confessions/ Confesiones

Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:50pm

### Weekday Mass/Misa de entre Semana

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

**Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes 8:00 a.m.**

**Holy Hour Friday after mass**

**Hora Santa Viernes después de la misa**

### Confessions/ Confesiones:

Friday from 8:30am to 9:15am

**Fr. Kishore Bathula, Pastor**

**Deacon Estevan Bautista**

**Office Staff:** Mary Turrin—Bookkeeper  
Maddie Casares— Office Administrator  
Maria Gonzalez—Volunteer Bulletin Editor

**Office Hours/ Horas de Oficina:**  
**Mon / Lun 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Tue & Thurs / Mar y Jue 10a.m.- 5:00 p.m.**

**12:30p.m-1:30p.m (Lunch)**

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- ◇ **THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** the Sacrament is administered upon request to those seriously ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery. To arrange a pastoral visit please call the parish office.
- ◇ **HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:** Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the office when someone is ill and unable to come to church. Prayers may be requested for the sick and the elderly. Call the office when someone is in the hospital. **CONFESSIONS:** Any time by request. **NEWCOMERS:** We are happy to have you. Please approach the pastor right after the mass.
- ◇ **FUNERALS:** The family of the deceased should consult the pastor by calling the parish office, concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the undertaker, the normal setting of the funeral Mass is the Church.

**PARISH MINISTRY COORDINATORS/  
COORDINADORAS DEL MINISTERIO PARROQUIAL**

- ⇒ **LITURGY/LITURGIA:** Patricia Bautista, 817-657-2128
- ⇒ **DRE:** Sylvia Cruz, 210-415-1364
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- ⇒ **FINANCIAL COUNCIL/CONSEJO FINANCIERO:** Diana Bonelli, 210-336-2638

**PRAYER GROUPS/ GRUPOS DE ORACIÓN**

- ⇒ **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP:** Deacon Estevan Bautista, 817-300-1145
- ⇒ **WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP:** Patricia Bautista, 817-657-2128
- ⇒ **GRUPO DE ORACIÓN:** Juan Lara
- ⇒ **DANZA CORAZON DE MARIA (MATACHINES):** Imelda Cruz, 210-473-0350
- ⇒ **WEEKDAY MASS AND DEVOTIONS:** Mary Frances Anderson, 210-286-4110

**Weekend Collection/  
Colección Semanal:**

**FEBRUARY 28TH AND MARCH 1ST:**

**Saturday at 4pm - \$1039.07**

**Second collection- \$0.00**

**Sunday at 7:45am- \$737.00**

**Second collection- \$0.00**

**Sunday 11:30am- \$948.00**

**Second collection- \$0.00**

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\* Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS/LECTURAS  
DE ESTE DOMINGO**

**First Reading**

Exodus 17:3-7

God tells Moses to bring forth water from the rock.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

Sing joyfully in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading**

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**Gospel Reading**

John 4:5-42

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well. (shorter form: John 4:5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK /  
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**9 Mon Lenten Weekday5 [Saint Frances of Rome, Religious] 2 Kgs**

5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30 (237)

**10 Tue Lenten Weekday Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35 (238)**

**11 Wed Lenten Weekday Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 (239)**

**12 Thu Lenten Weekday Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23 (240)**

**13 Fri Lenten Weekday Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34 (241)**

**14 Sat Lenten Weekday Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 (242)**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SAT	3/7 4PM	+William Barbola +Carmen V. De Luna +Jose Clemente Aguinaga Melendrez Birthday Blessings for Charles Alva Jr.
SUN	3/8 7:45 AM	+Carmen De Luna +Rafaela Marina +Jose Clemente Aguinaga Melendrez Por la salud de Josie Cruz
SUN	3/8 11:30AM	+Diane Reyes Alaniz +Jose Clemente Aguinaga Melendrez +Carmen De Luna
MON	3/9 8AM	+Aurelia Rodriguez
WED	3/11 8AM	+Carmen V. De Luna
FRI	3/13 8AM	+Reyes R Gutierrez
SAT	3/14 4PM	+William Barbola For the health of Martha Alva
SUN	3/15 7:45AM	+Olivia Ruiz +Rafaela Marina +Manuel Dominguez-Bermudez Anibersorio Guillermo y Imelda Cruz
SUN	3/15 11:30AM	+Arthur Padilla +Diane Reyes Alaniz Birthday Blessings for Richard Martinez

**Sanctuary Lamp/Lámpara del Santuario**  
For the family of  
**+Juan & +Carolina Martinez**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

John 4:25-26



**Dear parishioners ...**

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

*With love Fr. Kishore Bathula....*

**Queridos feligreses...**

En el Evangelio de hoy, el diálogo entre Jesús y una mujer samaritana es uno de los más extensos y teológicos de las Escrituras. Se esperaba que Jesús, un judío practicante de aquella época, evitara conversar con mujeres en público. La animosidad entre judíos y samaritanos también debería haber impedido la conversación. La propia mujer alude a la ruptura con la tradición: "¿Cómo puedes tú, siendo judío, pedirme de beber a mí, que soy samaritana?" Sin embargo, Jesús no solo conversa con la mujer, sino que también le pide compartir su vaso, una acción que lo hace impuro según la ley judía. El momento culminante de la conversación es cuando Jesús se revela a ella como el Mesías. Aunque ella es una paria y no judía, regresa a su pueblo para guiar a otros hacia Jesús y preguntarse si ha encontrado al Mesías. Jesús usa su encuentro con la mujer samaritana para enseñar a sus discípulos que la misericordia de Dios es ilimitada. Pero la conversión de los habitantes del pueblo samaritano es un anticipo del tipo de comunidad abierta que se creará entre aquellos que creen que Jesús es el Mesías.

*Con amor Padre Kishore Bathula....*

**Lenten Events:**

- ⇒ **Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis): St. Mary's:** Friday's after 8 am Mass and at 6:30pm (Bilingual); *Todos los Viernes después de la misa de 8 am y a las 6:30 pm*
- ⇒ **Lenten Mission Confessions (Confesiones durante la Cuaresma):** March 19 at **St. Peter's** from 6:00pm-8:30pm  
⇒ March 20 **St. Mary's** from 6:00pm-8:30pm
- 6:00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Exposición del Santísimo) Confessions will end at 8:30pm (Confesiones terminaran a las 8:30pm)**

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**Fin de Semana en las Bancas!**

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