



Lord,  
come to  
my aid!

## SAINT MARY CHURCH

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### CELEBRATION OF MASS:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 P.M.

Sunday: 10:00 A.M.

Weekdays: 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

8:30 A.M. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Parents must be registered, participating members in the Parish for at least six months and have attended an instructional class held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 P.M. To pre-register for this class, please call the Parish Office at 883-2883.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Diocesan Guidelines require initial interview with the Priest to be held at least six months prior to the wedding. One must be a registered, participating member of the Parish at least one year prior to the wedding or registered with your family of origin.



## St. Mary & St. Therese Church, Orange OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

### We invite to our OCIA program those who:

Are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and have been thinking about becoming a Catholic

Are married to a Catholic and want to learn more about their spouse's faith

Were baptized Catholic but received no further instruction or Sacraments (Holy Communion and Confirmation)

### Want to learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church

The OCIA process occurs all year long, though there are a series of classes intended to introduce the basic concepts of the faith in a logical progression in a group setting so that inquirers may journey together in fellowship with others. These routine meetings will occur weekly on **Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 pm**. If you or someone you know would like more information on the OCIA program, please contact the Parish office at **St. Mary (409) 883-2883 & St. Therese (409) 883-3783** or email at: **[pastor@stmaryorange.org](mailto:pastor@stmaryorange.org)**. You may also directly contact either one of our deacons or the OCIA Director: Tiffany Sterling at **[tiffanysmith@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanysmith@gmail.com)**.

**OCIA classes will begin on Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

### GOOD NEWS

One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: “It’s time to take a stand.” Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament “cloud of witnesses” who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand.

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**August 17—23**  
**Church Sanctuary Candle**  
Frances Lavergne  
**Chapel Sanctuary**  
Anabel & Arthur Anderson

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Long ago, a signet ring was an essential part of the wardrobe of influential people. A letter or document would be sealed with hot wax, and a signet ring pressed into the wax would affirm the origin of the document. In the case of the pope, at least from the thirteenth century, the ring was used to seal public documents with hot lead, saving the red wax for private letters. The public documents were called *bullae* after the Latin name for the lead stamp, and we still call them “papal bulls.”

It is not surprising, therefore, that a signet ring has long been bestowed as part of the inauguration of a pope. The ring is called the *Pescatorio*, or “Ring of the Fisherman.” It reminds the wearer of his link with Peter, and his responsibility to continue the apostolic ministry of “fishing for human beings.” Until 1842 it actually functioned as a signet ring. Now, each pope receives a new gold ring at the beginning of his ministry. It goes on the fourth finger of his right hand and bears some fisherman design, usually St. Peter casting nets from a boat, as well as the pope’s name in Latin. A custom that endures for the pope, but not so much for bishops, is for people being introduced to him to kiss the *Pescatorio* as a sign of respect for his teaching authority. Another enduring custom is for the ring to be smashed and defaced at the pope’s death, originally a way of preventing counterfeit deathbed documents.

—Rev. James Field

**August 16—17**  
**Blessed Sacrament & Blessed Mother Altars Flowers**  
**for the Anniversary of Angie and Bruce Smith**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 16, 4:30 p.m.**  
+Earl Droddy

**Sunday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.**  
St. Mary Parish Family

**Monday, August 18, 8:30 a.m.**  
+Frank & Evelyn Giarratano

**Tuesday, August 19, 5:00 p.m.**  
Devotional to Our Lady of Perpetual help after Service  
+Communion Service

**Wednesday, August 20, 8:30 a.m.**  
+Communion Service

**Thursday, August 21, 8:30 a.m.**  
+Communion Service

**Friday, August 22, 8:30 a.m.**  
(Holy Hour 7:30 —8:30 a.m.)  
+Joe Luna Sr. & + Joe Luna Jr.

**Saturday, August 24, 4:30 p.m.**  
+Anabel Anderson

**Sunday, August 25, 10:00 a.m.**  
St. Mary Parish Family

**Religious Education Classes will begin on  
Wednesday, September 3**  
Classes times for all grades  
PreK—8th grade 5:30—6:30 p.m.  
High School 6:30 —7:30 p.m.

St. Mary Youth Group meetings are held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

**Youth Director, Patricia Daleo 409-656-9259**  
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## ST. MARY

August 9—10

ENVELOPES.....	\$	7,602.00
LOOSE.....	\$	643.00
TOTAL.....	\$	8,245.00

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## Scripture Readings For the Week of August 17, 2025

**Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb  
12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

**Monday** Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,  
43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and  
Doctor of the Church**  
Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope**  
Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday Memorial of the Queenship of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-  
7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4,  
5; Mt 23:1-12



## PRAYING FOR THE SICK.....

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. In the listing below you will find the names of those who have requested our prayerful intercession.

Beth Ann Clark, Shirley Goss, Lyndia Patronella, Kathy Fuqua, Denese Bass, Robert Marroquin, Michael Anderson, Marie Cormier, David Waller, Joan Gunn, Charissa Broussard, Rita Bourliea, Vivian DeJohn, D. Thomas Abshire, Jr., Steven Campbell, Jennifer Hinson, Joshua Bergeron, Pat Seay, Michael Savigano, Lisa Hamerly, Susan Morris, Jim Jones, Carolyn Smith, Brian McCall, Tammy Norwood, Aimee Tait, Lisa Pitre, Marie Theresa Adames, George Mason, "Tacky" Stringer, Evelyn Giarratano, Joel Rivera, Camilo Molins, Milton Westbrooke, Lynne Theriot, Wayne Lofton, Karen Ball, David Lester, Walter & Yvonne Trahan, Debra Harrington, Mandy McDaniel, Brenda Hill, Bonnie Buford, Angela Dean, Janie Bauman, Felix Anderson, Mary Carolyn James, Letitia Calderon, Jeanette Burleson, Faye Richard, Cheryl Boyd Simar, Doris Toups, DeAnn Lumpkin, Glenn McGuire, Kayden James, Rocky Breaux, Lydia Wolford, Kim Berlinger, Brenda Lanclose, Troy Dore, Jack Spears, Kathleen Ramirez, Claire Howard, J.C. Russo, Paul Vandermaas, Jr., Joyce Broussard, Patty Stout, Sharon Fontenot, Donna Richard, Lillie Bourge **May they be touched by the healing hand of the Divine Physician, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and restored to the full and active life of our Church community and their families. (If you or someone you know should be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office).**



## Please Pray for Service Men & Women

Garrett Jackson, Chris Rose, Kaden Baugh, John Lucky LeGault, Sheldon Becker, Bo McDaniel, Samantha McNamara, Taylor Doucet, Michael A. Peveto, Michael & Brooke Chalambaga, Troy Thomasse, John Ardoin III, Charles Moody, William Travis Johnson, Charlee Thousand, Greg Lewis, James Dupre, Richard Powell, Brian Stancoven, Austin Chesson, Colis Dunham, Joseph Brown, & Nicholas Perez, Alec Doolittle, Nathan Hughes, Devin Waller, Colby Hughes, Brenden Senter, Braelyn Senter, Blaycie Senter

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