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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**. You may also directly contact either one of our deacons or the OCIA Director: Tiffany Sterling at **tiffanysmith@gmail.com**.

OCIA classes will begin on Wednesday, September 3, 2025

GOOD NEWS

Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one's own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God's presence, to life with God. You've heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn't a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It's pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others.

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Altar Flowers

Anyone wishing to request flowers in Honor, Memory or for a special occasions for those you love is a beautiful gesture. Please contact Debra at the Parish Office. Blessed Sacrament is a total of \$90.00 for both arrangements. (You may share also with someone for the Blessed Sacrament Altar)

Blessed Mother Altar is \$70.00.

DEAR PADRE

Who wrote the Lord's Prayer? I know the Lord's Prayer comes from Scripture, but who composed it as we say it today?

When the disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer we know as the Our Father. Two versions of that prayer appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The version used in the Church's liturgies is derived from Matthew 6:9-13. In fact, citing St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the Lord's Prayer the "most perfect of prayers" (2774), teaching us not only what things to pray for in our prayer but also in what order, or priority, we should desire them. It is at the heart of every individual and communal prayer.

We pray the Our Father, bearing in mind and heart the intimate relationship we have with our God as sons and daughters by adoption through our baptism. The specific wording of our prayers is a work in progress. What we think of as the final wording is that which the Church has approved and makes the most sense for prayer as a community. What is most important is that the substance of the prayer reflects the same matter the Lord used in the prayer.



Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

Tuesday, August 26, 5:00 p.m.
Devotional to Our Lady of Perpetual help after Service
+Florence & +Ben Thompson

Wednesday, August 27, 8:30 a.m.
+Ray Jungen

Thursday, August 28, 8:30 a.m.
+Elbert & Carol Tarver

Friday, August 29, 8:30 a.m.
(Holy Hour 7:30 —8:30 a.m.)

Anniversary of Pat & Rosalie Clark

Saturday, August 30, 4:30 p.m.
+Earl & June Verrett

Sunday, August 31, 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

August 16—17

ENVELOPES.....	..\$	6,343.00
LOOSE.....	..\$	555.00
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INFIRM PRIESTS.....	..\$	1,678.00
TOTAL.....	..\$	10,729.00

Thank you for your continued support

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 24, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Monica 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

August 23—24

Blessed Sacrament

For the sick in our Parish

Blessed Mother Altars Flowers

Anabel Anderson

August 17—23

Church Sanctuary Candle

Chapel Sanctuary



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 Savignano, Lisa Hamerly, Susan Morris, Jim Jones, Carolyn Smith, Brian McCall, Tammy Norwood, Aimee Tait, Lisa Pitre, Marie Theresa Adames, George Mason, "Tacky" Stringer, Evelyn Giaratano, 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 Bureson, 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).

**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
pdaleostmary@yahoo.com**

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