



St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Times

Weekdays: Mon, Wed-Fri 9 am
 Saturday Vigil 5 pm
 Sunday 8 am
 10 am
 12 pm
 Holy Days/First Fridays 6:30 pm



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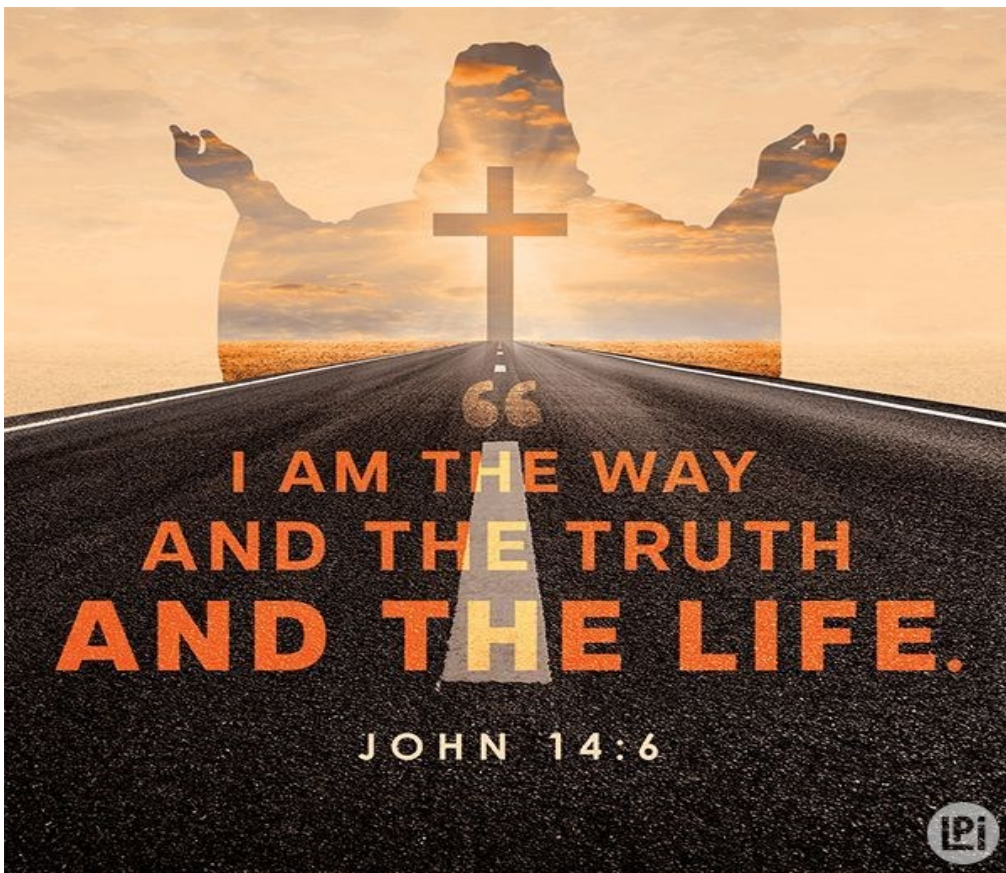
OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri
 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

OFFICE Closed
 Tues, Sat & Sun

Confession Hours

Saturdays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm & by Appt.



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BULLETIN & WEBSITE POSTS—ADS

Submission deadline:

Mondays 12:00 pm

Contact Parish Office

(916) 647-4538 OR

email: bulletin@smgcc.net Outside requests?

Please come to the Parish Office



ADORATION CHAPEL

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

NOW OPEN
M, W, Th, F

OTHER EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK

Mon 5/8

Festival
 Meeting 5pm

Men's Prayer
 Group 7pm

Tues 5/9

Wed 5/10

Thurs 5/11

RCIA Class 7pm

Fri 5/12

Youth Group Middle
 School 6pm

Sat 5/13

May Crowning 4:30pm
 Rose Sale for SLC

Fatima Procession with
 Rosary 6pm

Sun 5/14

Happy Mother's
 Day!

Rose Sale for SLC

Parish Announcements

Our Lady of Fatima Processions

Beginning next week, **May 13th** and continuing through **October 13th**, St. Maria Goretti will have special Masses with a procession of Our Lady of Fatima. This tradition honors the six apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children of Fatima, Portugal between May and October 1917.

The words spoken by Our Lady to the three children include:^[13]

May 13, 1917

Do not be afraid. I will do you no harm. I am from Heaven. I came to ask you to come here on the thirteenth day for six months at this same time, and then I will tell you who I am and what I want. And afterwards, I will return here a seventh time. Yes, you [Lucia] will [go to heaven]. She [Jacinta] also [will go to heaven]. Yes [Francisco will go to heaven], but first he must say many rosaries. Would you like to offer yourselves to God to accept all the sufferings which He may send to you in reparation for the countless sins by which He is offended and in supplication for the conversion of sinners? Then you will have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.

Join us on Saturday, May 13th for May Crowning 4:30pm followed by Holy Mass at 5pm and procession of Our Lady beginning at 6pm.



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In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and GRACIOUS PRESS



2nd MONDAY Every Month @ 7PM

Next Session: **May 8th**

More info:
Contact Ed Reyes
edwardreyes1@comcast.net

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Welcome New Families to St. Maria Goretti!

We will be hosting our next New Family Welcome Reception on **Monday, May 15th at 6pm.**

Invitations have been sent, so please watch for it in the mail. We request an RSVP so we can be prepared for you with refreshments and time, so please let us know if you are coming.

We hope to see you there!

Stewardship



"You are the salt of the earth. . . . You are the light of the world. . . . In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Jesus calls each of us to be a living presence of the love, mercy and goodness of God in our families, communities and the world.

You are invited to be an active participant in the life of our parish community by sharing your time and talents in whatever way is right for you.

Ways to open yourself to being a 'light for the world, and salt for the earth' include **prayer**, that is gratitude for all the gifts we have been given; **generosity**, realizing everything we have is from God and he calls us to share all our gifts; and **participation**, discerning which gifts we have, how they match the needs of our parish, and using them to strengthen our community by getting involved.

Parish Opportunities

SPRINKLES of LOVE

Sponsors are needed for our monthly **Donut Sunday** socials. Proceeds from Donut Sundays are dedicated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Elk Grove, helping those in need with food, clothing, and some limited financial assistance. As a thank you for a business owner willing to sponsor, we can offer ad space in our Sunday bulletin. Please contact Beth in the office (916) 647-4538

WEBMASTER

St. Maria Goretti is looking for a talented person to be our webmaster. This person will be tasked with reviewing our current website, initiating updates, and suggesting content. Please contact Beth in the office (916) 647-4538

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Adult volunteers are needed to lead the Games Station and Music Station. Rising eighth graders and high school students looking for community service hours are invited to assist. Registration table will be in the Narthex the weekend of May 20-21. If you are interested please contact Diane Goodman at #916-688-9050 or email 6916dig@gmail.com.

MyParish App can be found by texting **App** to **55321** or visiting myparishapp.com to download. Select our parish after downloading.



Features include:

- Mass Times
- Weekly Bulletin
- Daily Mass Readings
- Latest Catholic news from around the world
- An easy-to-reference list of Catholic prayers with prayer requests
- A helpful examination of conscience and next confession reminder

This app offers many capabilities for improving parish communication and serving as a faith building resource. Please pass along to anyone that may be interested. The more people that use and participate, the stronger our Catholic Community will become!

Please contact the church office at 916-647-4538 for any questions or assistance with downloading.

Faith Formation

Catholic Faith Formation (CFF) CFF Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri.
10:00 AM — 4:00 PM &
Sundays: 9:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Questions? Contact:

Sr. Maria Rosabel Sare, RVM
Email: cff@smgcc.net



Vacation Bible School

Tracking with Mary - Her Mysteries and Messages

Vacation Bible School meets July 10th - July 14th from 9am to 12noon here at St. Maria Goretti Church. Children who will be entering kindergarten through grade 6 are invited to attend.

This year's theme is our Blessed Mother. The kids will be learning about Our Lady Of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Knock, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Religious concepts and scripture passages are taught through various activities including Bible discovery, games, and music. As part of the closing ceremony on July 14, there will be a special novena that parents are invited to attend as well as any parishioners, and children will be given a brown scapular blessed by Father Sylvester. Registration begins May 20 - 21 after Mass in the narthex. Space is limited so please plan now to register early and attend. Cost is \$30 per child.



RCIA
Rite of Christian
Initiation for Adults
For more info please email:
rcia@smgcc.net

Next events

Middle School
May 12 6:30-8:00PM
@ St. Maria Goretti

High School
May 21 6:30-8:30PM
@ St. Joseph



Adoration Chapel

As a reminder, **the Adoration chapel is open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9am to 3 pm.**

Please be considerate of all parishioners and staff by visiting only during this schedule. There are no evening or weekend hours at this time, but we hope to have our Adoration Ministry organized very soon and will then expand the hours.

Our Catholic Faith is Universal

St. Maria Goretti is honored to dedicate each month to highlighting our diverse and universal parish community. Below is our proposed calendar for the next 12 months:

May - Mexico - assigned
June - Vietnam - assigned
July - Italy - assigned
August - Native American
September - India

October - Poland
November - Korea
January 2024 - Philippines - assigned
February 2024 - Nigeria



We need volunteers to help with July forward. This would be a wonderful family or group project! If you are interested in helping with decorating the narthex, supplying information on those saints and holy people who helped form the Catholic Church in a country that is special to you, or would like to learn about some new cultures and their special people and events, please call or text Vickie Masterson at 916-844-8700. Let the Holy Spirit guide you in reaching out to help!

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE!



Start now to make a list of all the special women in your life (mom, grandma, aunts, godmothers, sisters, an elderly neighbor) and honor them with a rose on **Mother's Day**. Roses will be sold for \$10 each **after all Masses** next weekend, **May 13 & 14**. Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Life Center, assisting them in their continued efforts to offer free medical care and material assistance to pregnant women and teens who have nowhere else to turn.

From the Respect Life Ministry

May is the month traditionally dedicated by the Church to honor Mary. How can we honor her? For starters, **pray the Memorare** with us each day for an end to abortion. This short but powerful prayer pleads with Our Lady to intercede for us. You can even register your prayers at <https://relevantradio.com/pray-the-memorare/>. **Pray the rosary daily** as Mary has constantly called us to in all her apparitions - *for salvation of souls and peace*. For inspiration, listen to [Praying the Rosary Like Never Before](https://www.prayingtherosarylike.com/) at formed.org. May we crown Mary, our Mother, with many roses (rosaries) this month.

Prayer Corner

~ Please pray for those listed in our Prayer Book of Intentions: those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing.

~ Pray for our Military Personnel, wherever duty calls them to serve.

~ Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

Aristotle Ramirez, Christopher Navarette, Alona Lee, Martin Flores, Victor Medina, Karen Spease, David Hanner

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 30, 2023

Elmer Alido, People of the Parish, Adelia Sambajon, Joan Leineke, Teresa W, Romy & Mila Ocampo, Joy Spooner, Kathleen Schulfer,

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Week of April 29/30 : \$7,493

*May God Bless You Abundantly
For Your Generosity!*



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St. Maria Goretti Parish - Elk Grove

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Maria-Goretti-Parish-Elk-Grove-111550747436647>

Donations of canned goods for the Elk Grove Food Bank are welcome. Barrels are located at St. Maria Goretti in the hallway for your convenience.

Please no perishable items. A list of most needed items is posted near the barrels.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Help us get Camp Pendola ready for Summer 2023

May 27 – 29, 2023 Join us over Memorial Day Weekend, at Camp Pendola to get camp ready for campers. Please Let us know you are coming by RSVPing on the volunteer form found at <https://www.pendola.org/donate.html> or by emailing Bobbi Miller at bmiller@scd.org. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Campbell at (916)733-0135 or jcampbell@scd.org.

Never too young for Camp Pendola!

"Weird Science Week" June 18 – 21
"Christmas in July" July 23 -26
"Girls Just Want to Have Fun" June 25 – 29

For Summer 2023 we are once again offering Mini- Week sessions aimed at those children who are entering grades 1-5 in the fall. The shorter length session is a great introduction to overnight camp for the first timer. Join us!! For more information and register your camper, check out our web site www.pendola.org or call Director Jennifer Campbell @ (916) 733-0135

Priests & Seminarians Annual Basketball Game

Where: Christian Brothers
When: Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Doors open 6:30pm * Tipoff 7pm
Buy Tickets: www.scd.org/basketball



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Officers Meeting : 1st Tuesday
General Meeting : 3rd Tuesday
Grand Knight : Sal Lira
Email: sal-lira@usa.net

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The Knights are offering two scholarships. Both a \$500 and a \$250 scholarship will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who are members of our St. Maria Goretti parish. The cash scholarships may be used to offset the costs of either a private or public 2-year or 4-year academic institution, or a certified vocational or trade school. The winners will be selected from among all the applicants.

Applications are located in the Narthex and must be postmarked by May 31, 2023.

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