



# St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church

May 14, 2023

Sixth 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

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Tues, Sat & Sun

## Confession Hours

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

*If you love Me, Keep My  
commandments* John 14:15



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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](mailto: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 5/15**

New Family  
Welcome 6pm

**Tues 5/16**

KofC General  
Meeting 6:15pm

**Wed 5/17**

**Thurs 5/18**

**Fri 5/19**

**Sat 5/20**

Reader of the Word Training  
9am

2nd Collection Catholic  
Communication Campaign

**Sun 5/21**

Donut Sunday after 8am &  
10am Masses

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**Saturday May 20th, 2023**

**8:00 AM** - Gather at East Lawn Cemetery, 4300 Folsom Blvd. Sacramento

**8:30 AM** - Procession Begins: Pray Mary's Rosary for our beloved priests and walk 3.5 miles with the crowds through the streets of Sacramento (closed-off by police)

**11:00 AM** - May Crowning and Holy Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

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### Station 13 | Via Lucis Commentary | The Ascension

Pray with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Tim Gray as they walk through the Stations of the Resurrection. In this meditation, you will reflect on the mystery of Christ's ascension into Heaven.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and graces press

*God Bless*  
**OUR MOTHERS**

A mother defends herself with a heart filled with love before doing so with words.

- Pope Francis

### Welcome New Families to St. Maria Goretti!

We will see you at the New Family Welcome Reception tomorrow, **Monday, May 15th at 6pm.**

## 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

### COUNTING TEAM

Are you organized with an attention to detail? We are in need of someone to be a part of the SMG counting team. The team meets Monday mornings at 8:30 for approximately 2 1/2 hours (except holidays), counting the monetary donations received during the week, keeping funds separated and accounted to appropriate parishioner's. If you like working with numbers and can work an adding machine, please consider this calling and contact Beth in the office at 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 [6916dlg@gmail.com](mailto:6916dlg@gmail.com).

### 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

MyParish App can be found by texting **App to 55321** or visiting [myparishapp.com](https://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.

## 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](mailto:cff@smgcc.net)

**Congratulations** to our dear Communicants who celebrated their 1st Reception of the Holy Eucharist on May 6th.  
Catechist: Shelley Walker



### Vacation Bible School Tracking with Mary - Her Mysteries and Messages

Information table will be May 20 - 21 after all Masses. **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 prayer that parents are invited to attend as well as any parishioners. VBS Children will be given a brown scapular blessed by the Priest. Space is limited so please plan now to register early for VBS. Cost is \$30 per child.



#### RCIA

Rite of Christian  
Initiation for Adults

For more info please email:  
[rcia@smgcc.net](mailto:rcia@smgcc.net)



#### Next events

Middle School  
May 19 6:30-8:00PM  
@ Good Shepherd

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

### 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 never before at formed.org) at [formed.org](https://www.prayingtherosarylike never before at formed.org). May we crown Mary, our Mother, with many roses (rosaries) this month.

## 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:

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 the Countries not assigned. 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!

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament



#### Women's ACTS Retreat

An ACTS weekend retreat will deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ, renew yourself spiritually, give new meaning to prayer life and Sunday liturgy, and build lasting friendships with members of your community.  
Women's Retreat: June 15-18, 2023.  
Socorro Watkins - Retreat Director  
916-533-2030 [sm.watkins@hotmail.com](mailto:sm.watkins@hotmail.com)  
[ActsCathedralSacto@gmail.com](mailto:ActsCathedralSacto@gmail.com)

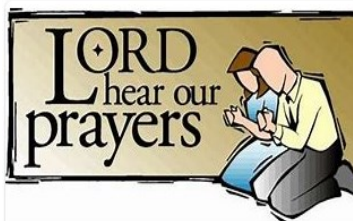


## Donut Sunday

May 21st

After the 8am & 10am Masses

**All Proceeds go to the  
Society of St. Vincent de  
Paul - Elk Grove**



## 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 May 14, 2023

**Socorro & Ernest Halcon, Helen P Joson, People of the Parish, Nestor Isaac, Maria Canuto, Maura Gamab, Eufracia Paglicaun, Eduardo V. Cruz,  
Daniel Martinez-Casas, David & Daniel Martinez**



## STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Week of May 6/7 : \$7,391

*May God Bless You Abundantly  
For Your Generosity!*



### Looking for a convenient way to give?

FaithDirect is St. Maria Goretti's e-giving solution. It allows you to give to SMG collections, including our Capital

Campaign, using electronic funds transfer from either a bank account or a credit/debit card. Links to our SMG page at FaithDirect are found on our website or you can enroll directly at [www.faith.direct/CA1117](http://www.faith.direct/CA1117). FaithDirect staff can help you with any questions by calling 1-866-507-8757



### WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!

You can find lots of photos and video posted from Triduum and Easter Sunday! Please like and follow the page by searching for

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.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## DIOCESAN NEWS

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](http://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](http://www.scd.org/basketball)

### Support the Catholic Communication Campaign!

Next week our 2nd collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Sacramento to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council #15589

Officers Meeting : 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
General Meeting : 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
Grand Knight : Sal Lira  
Email: [sal-lira@usa.net](mailto:sal-lira@usa.net)

For more info visit KofC website:

<https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=15589>

## Knights of Columbus

"In Service to One, In Service to All"

For over 125 years, the Knights of Columbus have served our communities, our Church and our fellow man, in an effort to better society as a whole.



### St. Maria Goretti Knights of Columbus 2023 Scholarship Opportunity

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.**

**No late applications will be accepted.**

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCE & ASSISTANCE

Elk Grove Food Bank  
(Food & Clothing)

Mon - Fri: 10 AM - 3 PM;  
Saturday: 9 AM - 12 PM  
(916) 685-8453

<http://www.elkgrovefoodbank.org/>

St. Vincent de Paul  
(various local services)

Call for assistance  
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Let's Get in Touch

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(916) 385-1052  
[integritycarestaffing.com](http://integritycarestaffing.com)

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