

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA

Self-Guided Tour

Thank you for your interest in Saint Mary's College of California! We hope that your visit to our campus helps you visualize what being a Gael is all about.

We want you to remember your visit! Please feel free to take pictures during your time on campus. Tag your pictures with #OMGSMC and give us a follow @stmarysca.

Parking for your tour – Stop by and say hello to our Public Safety Officers at the front of campus and pick up a guest parking pass. We want you to get the full V.I.P. treatment, so please feel free to park in one of the reserved spaces located in front of Brother Jerome West Hall. The Admissions Office is located on the first floor of Brother Jerome West Hall.



A. Brother Jerome West Hall

Admissions and Financial Aid are both located here, open Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, so please stop by and say hello. We would love to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. You can come into the Visitor Center and grab a complimentary cup of Fair Trade Peet's coffee upstairs to get you started. Your tour will start and end at Brother Jerome West, so write down any questions you might have and ask our Student Ambassadors in the Admissions Office upon your return.



B. Filippi Hall

Walk right out of Brother Jerome West Hall, past the Office of International Programs and January Term.

Filippi Hall is home to a variety of student services and resources, as well as the Office of the President. The Business Office and Registrar's Office are open daily to help students at every step of their time here at Saint Mary's. In addition it is also home to the Student Success Office (SSO) that provides undergraduates, graduates, and transfer students with the guidance, connections, opportunities, and services necessary to help them succeed academically, personally, and psychosocially. SSO is comprised of the High Potential Program for first generation students (HP), Student Disability Services (SDS), Student Engagement and Academic Success (SEAS), and Tutorial and Academic Skills Center (TASC) where students can receive FREE tutoring services, a note taker, or whatever else you might need. Every student has a SEAS coach throughout their time at Saint Mary's and all resources are FREE to students, many extending after graduation.



C. Statue of Saint John Baptist de La Salle

(Head toward the Chapel) –The Christian Brothers were founded 320 years ago by Saint John Baptiste De La Salle, named the Patron Saint of Teachers by the Catholic Church. De La Salle was a young French priest of the 17th century, born in 1651 to an aristocratic family. His

Mother's family, Nicolle de Moet de Brouillet, is well known for the famous Moet Champagne which is still produced today. De La Salle graduated from the University of Paris with a doctorate in theology. He was ordained in 1678 with prospects for a bright future within the Church -many assumed he would one day become a Bishop. Abandoning his fortune and his future, De La Salle gathered together a small group of men to educate the sons of the poor and working-class in the city of Reims, France. The Christian Brothers continue his work today with over 4,000 Brothers in over eighty countries worldwide, joined by 850,000 students, and 84,000 men and women in their life-changing educational mission. There are twenty-two Brothers living on campus and working as administrators, faculty, and staff, so stay alert as you walk around, because you never know when one of them might change your life. Saint Mary's College was founded in 1863, originally in San Francisco. We moved to Oakland in 1889, and then to Moraga in 1928 and have been here ever since!

If you turn around, you'll see our school's only entrance and exit. Make sure to wave to our Public Safety officers at the Kiosk when you leave. Public Safety, while responsible for the security of our campus, is also in charge of parking. Any student may have a car and park for free on campus. If you don't have a car, then don't worry! The bus stop at the front of campus can take you where you need to go, including the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) stations in Orinda and Lafayette, and runs until 1:00AM. Berkeley, Walnut Creek, San Francisco, Oakland and two major airports are only a few stops away. Saint Mary's students ride the bus for free with their student ID.



D. Dante Hall

(walk straight ahead from the statue, and walk all the way through) – This building holds two cornerstone programs of Saint Mary's– Collegiate Seminar and January Term.

January Term

(stop just inside the door of Dante to see the Jan-Term displays) – Every student takes four Jan-Term courses during their time here at Saint Mary's. During Jan-Term you take one class,

that is roughly two-and-a-half hours per day, four days per week, for the entire month. Whether on or off campus you're bound to see – and do – some amazing things. The purpose of Jan-Term is to encourage students to go outside of their major and push their own limits. Jan-Term classes are intended to be a lively, challenging, exciting and horizon-broadening academic experience. Want to serve, learn, and explore far from home? Hope to pick up a new language? How about exploring some Bay Area museums? Or giving poetry a serious (or playful) try? Jan-Term is your launching pad into these new experiences and more! You could spend your days learning Mandarin, hiking the woods with a pack of llamas, deconstructing Harry Potter, or singing your way through Jazz Choir (just to name a few). If you're really ready to explore uncharted territory, consider one of the travel courses. Recently, Saint Mary's students have traveled to India to study entrepreneurship among the less affluent; gone deep-sea diving in Micronesia to investigate the coral reefs; and followed in the footsteps of Saint Paul, from Israel and Palestine to Rome.



Seminar

(continue down the hallway) – The Collegiate Seminar is the heart of Saint Mary's core curriculum. It's a simple idea: read and discuss the work of the world's greatest thinkers. The program comprises of four courses that examine major works of Western civilization: works of literature and philosophy, history and political theory, art and science. The invaluable learning outcomes of critical thinking, reading, and writing skills leave students with the newly found capacity to observe accurately and assess situations or concepts while defending their opinions and ideas with conviction. Throughout this program, students will learn to not merely be a recipient of ideas, but a participant in the discovery and inquiry of thoughtful perspectives within all areas of their educational experience. Along the way, you'll converse with the best minds to have ever written—from Aristotle to Mandela, from Darwin to the Second Vatican Council, and from King to Wollstonecraft. Our graduates often say ten years down the road that Collegiate Seminar prepared them in a way no lecture class ever could. The colorful murals on the walls depict *Dante's Divine Comedy: Paradiso, Purgatorio, and Inferno*. If you glance into room 119 you might see a Seminar Class in action!



E. Saint Albert Library

(outside of Dante to the right) – Saint Albert Hall is open until 1 AM during the regular school year, and 24/7 for finals. Saint Albert Library houses more than 200,000 volumes, 100,000 print and electronic periodicals and over 50,000 research bases. We also have Link+ (a consortium of major collections nationwide) which allows our students access to more than twelve million additional items and volumes from places like UC Berkeley and Stanford. With ample study spaces on the second floor, it is always buzzing with students getting ready for their next exam, and the computer lab downstairs (both Macs and PCs), Saint Mary's students have all of the space they need to succeed. Several printers can be found in the library and throughout campus and can be accessed via the Cloud Print service on any device allowing students to print while on the go for FREE! A Peet's coffee vending machine was recently installed on the first floor along with a beanbag room on the third floor. For every major, there is a reference librarian to help you with research.



F. Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center (ARC)

(As you exit the library, turn right, head down the road towards the Baseball field. Walk into the ARC on the left) The Rec Center has plenty to offer Saint Mary's students and it is a place to exercise and hang out. Its features and amenities include a pool, rock climbing wall, three indoor courts for basketball, soccer and volleyball, a Hydrotherapy spa, a fitness center, and rooms for yoga, dance, lifting, and spin classes. On the weekends, Outdoor Adventures runs excursions to places like Yosemite, Lake Tahoe, and the American River. In addition the ARC provides more

than 150 on-campus student jobs and is the central location of all club and intramural sports. Students can be found relaxing poolside, meeting up with friends and of course breaking a sweat! Membership to the ARC is included in tuition, so all students need to do is bring their ID card to swipe at the front desk.



G. Filippi Academic Hall (FAH)

(Upon leaving the ARC, cross the road and make an immediate right) – As you walk through FAH, feel free to peek through the huge windows on the classroom doors and get a sense of what really goes on in a class at Saint Mary’s. These are “lecture” style rooms, but with an average class size of 21 and all classes capped at 30 students, most classes are more discussion based. Biology, English, Business, and Sociology are just a few of the departments that utilize this academic building on campus. FAH is home to the Kalmanovitz School of Education as well as our Graduate Schools that offer a variety of MBA, Doctorate, and Ed.D programs. In the south wing you can find the Career and Professional Development Services (CPDS) office where students have access to Career Strategies, Graduate and Professional School Advising, and Connections - For Profit and Nonprofit Employer Possibilities.



H. Ground floor of Augustine Hall

(Walk down Filippi’s hallway and exit any door on the left. You will come out looking across the courtyard at Augustine Hall) Welcome to the residential side of campus. Augustine Hall is a unique building in addition to being a first year residence hall, it is home to several student resources: New Student and Family programs aid first year students in the college transition, the Counseling Center offers physical, spiritual, and emotional support for students, the Health and Wellness Center offers friendly medical services for all students including yearly flu shots,

pre-travel appointments, blood drives, and mental and physical resources on anything from sleeping to eating well in college. Transitioning into life at college might not be easy or painless, but with the accomplished and supportive staff at Saint Mary's, you can rest assured you won't have to do it all alone.



I. First Year Residence halls

(walk up the courtyard and turn right toward central campus) – De La Salle Hall in the middle, Augustine on the right, Aquinas on the left, Mitty beside Aquinas, and Justin behind Mitty; these are five of our first year residence halls, and we can pretty much guarantee you'll love yours. Every room comes with the basics: furniture, Xfinity, and wifi. Each floor is staffed by a trained upperclassmen student Resident Advisor (RA) as well as a staff or faculty Resident Director (RD). The RAs coordinate community activities, like movie screenings, smoothie nights, or indoor skydiving, and act as informal mentors. They know the ropes and they're great listeners! Brothers, faculty members, coaches, administrators are available as RDs to lend an ear or offer advice. Take a minute to go into the ground floor of De La Salle Hall and check out the student lounge and The Center for Writing Across the Curriculum (CWAC). CWAC is a FREE resource that serves students and faculty of all disciplines at any stage of the writing process. Their aim is to not only produce better papers, but to also nurture better writers. In addition, Campus Activities Board (CAB) and the Residence Hall Association (RHA) offices are located on the ground floor of De La Salle, and usually have posters advertising their upcoming events like taking students to the West Coast Conference basketball tournament in Las Vegas, hosting a comedian in Dryden Hall on a Friday night, spring concerts, and tickets to see the Giants and Warriors.



J. Ferroggiaro Quad

(exit the front door, walk diagonally to your right toward Ferroggiaro)- Ferroggiaro quad is the student hang out center throughout the year. Ferroggiaro offers students a variety of things to do, such as catch an award winning play at LeFevre Theater or show your Gael pride by picking up a SMC sweatshirt from our Barnes & Noble bookstore. Next to our bookstore is Delphine Intercultural Center (The IC), which commits itself to educating the campus about cultural competence, identity development, and social justice. IC programs and services are designed to explore the broad definition of culture and affirm the human worth of all individuals. You can participate by planning, producing, singing, dancing or acting in one our 6 Cultural Nights. You can serve in a leadership role or join one (or more!) of our many clubs.

CILSA *(continue down Ferroggiaro walkway until you're in front of the CILSA window.)* – Service isn't required at Saint Mary's, but for most of our students it's just second nature. The Catholic Institute for Lasallian Social Action (CILSA) dedicates itself solely to providing service opportunities for students. Tutoring at the Lasallian Educational Opportunities Center, JumpStart programs at Saint Martin De Porres School in Oakland, or gardening right on campus in the Legacy Garden are just some of the kinds of service work students engage in at Saint Mary's College. CILSA also brings in the country's leading figures in social justice movements such as Dr. Cornel West and Vien Truong to share their insights and connections with students. If you're interested, stop in and ask about service opportunities happening now.



K. Chapel Walkway

(Turn right past CILSA and head towards the chapel) – As you walk down Chapel Walkway look at the buildings as you walk by. Cassin Student Union houses the office for Alumni Engagement, in addition to a comfortable study area equipped with couches, chairs, and tables to get tomorrow’s seminar reading done. Dryden Hall, right next to Cassin, is the overflow eating area for our dining hall but it is not limited to just that. CAB organizes many FREE events ranging from GaelCinema where we see movies before they go on DVD, to poetry nights with hot chocolate and snacks, and tie-dye nights creating colorful masterpieces.



L. Oliver Hall

Oliver Hall, our dining hall on campus, is where the whole community comes together during any of our four mealtimes. It may look a little Harry Potter-ish, only our tapestries don’t move. People come up to us all the time and ask, “How’s the food?” Well, quite frankly, it’s great. From Chef Clarence’s made to order omelets at breakfast, Buffalo Chicken salads at lunch, General Tsao’s stir fry at dinner, and the Sunday Sundae bar at Late Night, everything here is prepared fresh and to students preference. Stop in for a meal and check out the wide range of options, including the vegetarian and vegan stations which features food grown in Legacy Garden--located on campus. Just be careful on the way in, because the bakery is right at the entrance!



M. The Chapel

(Enter and exit the front door; it is okay to take pictures) – Welcome to the oldest building on campus. Originally built in 1928 the Chapel and its newest edition, our Interfaith room, is the spiritual heart of campus. Open to the entire campus (literally 24/7) students, staff, and faculty make use of this beautiful space to meditate, pray, attend daily mass with the Brothers, or the student led mass at 8pm on Sunday. In addition, multicultural celebrations such as Our Lady of Guadalupe Week, Praise Explosion, and Taizé are held here. The most popular mass among students happens just before finals where the blessing of the brains occurs helping to prepare us for the coming week (because sometimes you need a little divine intervention!). Brother Martin can often be heard playing our beautiful organ. Our Internationally Award winnings Choirs and the Integral program make use of his skills and the great acoustics of the Chapel in their performances throughout the year.

Being a Catholic School, Saint Mary's has two theology course requirements: a lower division class on the Bible and its interpretations, and an upper division class in a religious topic, religion, or faith of your choosing. Many students use these classes as an opportunity to explore a new faith tradition or deepen their own. Popular classes include Judaism, Belief & Unbelief, Apocalypse and Eschatology, Christian Ethics, Buddhism, and the Virgin Mary.

You are more than welcome to stop into the Office of Mission and Ministry (MMC) just next door. The Catholic Church is at the forefront of social justice movements around the world, and that definitely comes out here. The MMC is committed to providing spaces and places where all can explore their faith and questions of human existence, as well as forming students as leaders in a complex world in great need of visible and radical witnesses of love and solidarity. Through MMC, students have opportunities to immerse themselves in social justice, a key component of the culture here at Saint Mary's. From a weekend New Student Retreat to Immersion trips in Salinas CA, Browning, MT, Oakland, and L.A. to Interfaith Celebrations, the MMC helps shape the

attitude in our students that the world is a place they have the power to change for the better, and we give them the tools to do it!



N. Brother Alfred Brousseau Hall

(Turn right from chapel, head down the stairs, and along the pathway) – Welcome to the School of Science. As one of the newest buildings, students who study science at Saint Mary’s have access to state-of-the-art laboratories and equipment, interdisciplinary classes, close faculty-student interaction and a global network of researchers and scholars. Students develop a keen eye, a quick mind, a bold imagination, and a willingness to try, fail and try again no matter the course. We believe that science is a human practice, shaped by human values and human history and conducted in service to humanity. The School of Science offers the degree of Bachelor of Science in seven major fields. With labs capped at 15 students you are guaranteed an incredible, hands-on experience. Every year, at least a third of our students conduct research with a professor, and many have ended up winning awards for their research or go on to an internship in the Bay Area for science and technology companies. Wherever you see yourself after college, Saint Mary’s can take you there. You’ll have the chance to live and breathe your subject matter, and you’ll gain valuable real-world experience in your future field.



O. McKeon Pavilion

(Go through Brousseau and look to the right) – What is a Gael, anyway? When one’s charging down the field at you, you’ll know, but in the simplest terms, it is a Gaelic speaking knight. We currently have 17 NCAA Division I teams and we are a founding member of the West Coast Conference. The most followed sport in the WCC is Men’s Basketball and Rugby, and our Gaels

know how to win! NBA champions Patty Mills and Matthew Dellavedova are proud Gaels. Since 2013, our Men's Rugby team has competed in the USA Rugby D1 Championship game, and won in 2014, 2015 and 2017. Our Baseball team in their 2015 season became WCC champions for the first time in the school's history along with our Men's Golf Team and Men's Basketball Team. But these are just a few of our noteworthy athletic accomplishments! As a student, you are eligible to join our GaelForce club on campus to sit in the student section at games, priority tickets for the annual Gonzaga rival game, and a new Under Armour t-shirt every year! School spirit at SMC is unparalleled, so grab your GaelForce shirt and some red and blue face paint, and head on over to the McKeon Pavilion!



P. Galileo Hall

(Walk all the way through and continue straight out other end) – A continuation of the School of Science, Galileo Hall is home to our Physics, Astronomy, 3+2 Engineering Program, Mathematics and Computer Science. A great education challenges everything you *think* you know. With Newton and Einstein, Pascal and Euler, here students study to the edge of human knowledge. Check out classrooms, the seismograph, the math fractals digital display, and posters put up by the Psychology Club and the Liberal and Civic Studies department. Directly outside is our myridian plinth which is used by the Integral program, physics, engineering, and of course any student looking for a little sun.

Q. Assumption Hall

(Only viewable from outside, exterior doors are locked) – Over the years Assumption has housed many different members of our community. At one point Assumption was home to the Christian Brothers and in the 1940's it contained a naval flight school (President Gerald Ford was actually stationed at Saint Mary's!). Today, Assumption is a first year residence hall reserved for students admitted with Honors and/or students interested in math or science. There are three student mentors living in the building, one from the sciences, one from the liberal arts, and one from mathematics. The Resident Director, Prof. Chris Jones (known to his students as "Jonesy") is a Mathematics professor from England. His wife, Mary Volmer, is a Saint Mary's graduate who founded the Honors Program and they live in Assumption with their son Owen, the youngest Saint Mary's Gael. It is also the home of the Honors Program along with the STEM Center. The STEM center offers FREE tutoring for all students, special speaker events, and even whiteboard tables!

Brother Jerome West (*continue walking down the sidewalk until you reach BJW*) – We are back to where we started! If you have any questions, please feel free to come inside and talk to our Student Ambassadors. We hope you have enjoyed your campus visit.

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