

# Saint Mary's College of California

## Self-Guided Tour

- A. **Parking for your tour** – Turn left at the front of campus and then left again into the first driveway. You may park anywhere in this lot (known as the Commuter lot) without a permit, but four spaces are specifically reserved for prospective students.
- B. **Brother Urban Gregory (BUG) Hall** – (At one end of the parking lot, a small single story building) BUG Hall is the home of Saint Mary's Career Center. Students in all Saint Mary's graduate school programs are invited to utilize their services.
- C. **Assumption Hall** (Walking up the driveway from the parking lot on your left - only viewable from outside, exterior doors are locked) – Assumption is a freshman residence hall, reserved for students admitted with Honors and/or students interested in math or science. However, it was built by the Navy during WWII when the campus was used for pilot training.
- D. **Galileo Hall** (Walk all the way through and continue straight out other end) – A great education challenges everything you think you know. With Newton and Einstein, Pascal and Euler, here students of physics, math, and astronomy study to the edge of human knowledge. Check out classrooms, the seismograph, and the math fractals digital display. Galileo Hall is one of the eleven original campus buildings, constructed between 1928 and 1929.
- E. **Statue of Saint John Baptist de La Salle** (walk straight out of Galileo hall) – Saint John Baptist de la Salle, the patron saint of teachers, founded the Christian Brothers in 1680, giving up everything he had as a nobleman in order to dedicate his life to providing education for the poor and working class of France. The Christian Brothers today continue his work in over eighty countries worldwide, from the jungles of Papua New Guinea to the politically unsettled deserts of Palestine, all the way to Saint Mary's College of California. There are twenty-six 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.

Now turn around and check out our school's only entrance and exit and wave to our Public Safety officers inside the kiosk that you passed on the way in. There is an officer posted inside 24/7. 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, 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. San Francisco is only 30 minutes away.

F. **Dante Hall** (Walk straight ahead from the statue, and walk all the way through) – Dante Hall is one of the eleven original campus buildings, constructed between 1928 and 1929. It is home to one of our distinguished graduate programs, the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing. Notice the colorful murals on the walls depicting Dante's *Divine Comedy: Paradiso, Purgatorio, and the Inferno*.

- G. **Saint Albert Library** (outside of Dante to the right) – Saint Albert Hall is open until 1 AM during the regular school year, and 3 AM for finals week. 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. One of the great things about our library is the level of assistance our librarians provide. You can call them; email, chat or text them; or meet with them in person when you need help with a search strategy, a topic for a research assignment or with the selection of appropriate electronic resources and reference materials.
- H. **Joseph L. Alioto Recreation Center** (As you exit the library, go right, turn right at the corner, and head down the road, passing Filippi Academic Hall on your left and crossing De La Salle Drive.) - Nearly three years after its proposal, a new recreation center that gives Saint Mary's College students a place to exercise and hang out opened its doors in spring of 2015. There's a beautiful pool, climbing wall, three indoor courts for basketball, soccer and volleyball, a fitness center, and rooms for yoga, dance and spinning classes. The new recreation center has plenty to offer for all of our college community. There's even a Jamba Juice located inside offering fresh fruit smoothies as well as an assortment of to go salads or sandwiches.

Both Club and Intramural sports are run out of Rec Center. While for most grad students intercollegiate sports may be spectator-only, anyone can jump on an intramural team and just have some fun. There are dodgeball leagues, basketball, softball, football, soccer, and other sports.

- I. **Filippi Academic Hall (FAH)** (As you exit the Rec Center, cross back over De La Salle Drive and turn right.) As you wander through one of our newest buildings on campus (completed in January '08), 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 20, most classes are more like conversations anyway.

FAH houses the Kalmanovitz School of Education (Graduate Education), but look at the schedule next to the door to see everything that happens in a room during the week. English, Business, Leadership and Sociology are just a few of the other departments utilizing the newest academic building on campus. In FAH's south wing you can find the Tutorial and Academic Skills Center (TASC) where students can receive tutoring services. Student Disabilities Services also operates out of TASC, helping students with extra needs.

- J. **Ground floor of Augustine Hall** (Walk down FAH's hallway and exit any door on the left. You will come out looking across the courtyard at Augustine Hall) – There is a lovely patio area here on the backside of FAH with chairs and tables where you can study, meet, or bask in the sunshine before a late afternoon class on a warm spring day. If you need support, you never have to go far. The trained professionals at the Counseling Center in Augustine Hall are always available to provide caring, culturally sensitive counseling services.

- K. **First Year Residence halls** (walk up the courtyard and turn right towards 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 the other five of our first year residence halls. Take a minute to go into the ground floor of De La Salle Hall and check out the Writing Center. It is a welcoming, friendly environment that is student-run and student-oriented. Their advising strategies have shown tangible results in terms of the quality of student writing. Their goal is to make writing accessible and manageable for all students.
- L. **Ferroggiaro Quad** (exit the front door walk diagonally to your right towards Ferroggiaro)— Ferroggiaro is *the* student hang out. Ferroggiaro offers students a variety of things to do. Catch an award winning play at LeFevre Theater or, if you're inspired by images, by soft brush strokes or bold, bright colors, check out the Saint Mary's College Museum of Art. Show your Gael pride with one of the sweatshirts 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 5 Cultural Nights.

Ferroggiaro also holds the caffeine center on campus, Café Louis, our daytime café where students can get a coffee on their way to class, meet with a professor about an assignment, or grab a quick bite to eat with a friend. On Wednesdays Ferroggiaro hosts 'Community Time,' from 12:30-2:15 which *s o m e t i m e s* includes a BBQ for everyone on campus, entertainment, with no classes scheduled. Saint Mary's encourages community interaction and Wednesday BBQs offer just that. Imagine a line of students, staff, and faculty, shoulder to shoulder, down Ferroggiaro walkway, tables and chairs filling the quad, *w i t h* picnic blankets lining our many lawns.

- M. **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 at Legacy Garden are just some of the kinds of service work students engage in at Saint Mary's College. If you're interested stop in and ask about service opportunities happening now.
- N. **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 new *Graduate and Professional Student Resource Center* and is conveniently located near our dining hall. Dryden Hall, right next to Cassin, is the overflow eating area for our dining hall but it is not limited to just that.
- O. **Graduate and Professional Student Resource Center** - We are very excited about a new space that we have opened on campus specifically serving our graduate and professional student population. Our new Graduate & Professional Student Resource Center located conveniently between Oliver Hall and Café Louis offers a comfortable lounge area, a study area and a private, technologically-equipped conference room that comfortably seats 16 students for group meetings, project collaboration and workshops. It is possible to reserve this space in advance.

- P. **Oliver Hall** – Oliver Hall, our only dining hall on campus, is where the whole community comes together at mealtime. 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 excellent. From Chef Clarence's omelets at breakfast and the made to order Buffalo Chicken salads at lunch to the General Tsao's stir fry at dinner, everything here is made fresh. Stop in for a meal and check out the wide range of options, including the vegetarian station which features food grown in the Legacy Garden right here on campus. Just be careful on the way in. The bakery is right at the entrance!
- Q. **The Chapel** (enter and exit the front door; it is okay to take pictures) – Whether you are Catholic or not, you are welcome to go to one of our daily masses offered here throughout the week. You are more than welcome to stop into the Office of Mission and Ministry (M&M) just next door. The Catholic Church is at the forefront of social justice movements around the world, and that definitely comes out here. Through M&M students have opportunities to immerse themselves in social justice, a key component of the culture here at Saint Mary's.
- R. **Br. Alfred Brousseau Hall** (turn right from chapel, head down the stairs, and along the pathway) – Welcome to our science building. As one of the newest buildings, students who study science at Saint Mary's have some of the newest lab technologies available to them with labs capped at 16 students for an incredible, hands-on experience.
- S. **McKeon Pavilion** (go through Brousseau and look 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 field 14 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 our Gaels know how to win!
- T. **Madigan Gym** (across the street from Brousseau) – The campus's original gymnasium, this facility is now used by our varsity sports teams.
- U. **Saint Joseph's Hall** (next to Madigan Gym) – The single story building next to Madigan Gym and directly across the street from Brousseau is St. Joseph's Hall, the home of the Kinesiology Department, including the MA in Kinesiology Program.
- V. **Power Plant** (The building with the smokestack, just down the road from Madigan) – When the College first moved to Moraga, Saint Mary's was the only thing around, so we dammed Las Trampas Creek to make Lake La Salle and ran a power plant here on campus. During World War II, the US Navy took over campus and made it the west coast flight training school. Uncomfortable with being dependent on a stream for power, the Navy had East Bay Municipal Utility District run power and water to campus, eliminating the need for the Power Plant. It stands as a constant reminder of the history present on our campus. Today, the Power Plant is being repurposed once again to provide additional offices for Saint Mary's faculty.
- W. **Brother Jerome West** (Continue walking down the sidewalk until you reach BJW on the left, the home of the Financial Aid Office. Note the building connected to BJW by a breeze-way on the back side. That is Filippi Hall (yes, another Filippi Hall!) where the Business Office and Registrar are located.)

We are back to where we started! We hope you enjoyed your campus visit. If you have more questions, please don't hesitate to call us (925.631.4088) or drop into the Graduate and Professional Studies Office in FAH 250. To get back to your car, simply continue down the road past BJW on the left and Assumption Hall on the right and you will see the parking lot straight ahead. Thanks for visiting! We look forward to seeing you back on campus soon!