



ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

# ZARAGOZA

FRIDAY, AUG. 15, 2025

PARENT AND GUEST GUIDE

# ZARAGOZA

## YOUR RATTLER'S FIRST TRADITION

Zaragoza, Spain, was the town where Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary, took time to reflect on his life. It was a place of new beginnings for him. During his time in Zaragoza, Blessed Chaminade was inspired to form the Society of Mary (Marianists), an order of priests and brothers who eventually founded St. Mary's Institute, the forerunner to St. Mary's University, in 1852. Blessed Chaminade's experience in Zaragoza parallels the reflection and new direction you will experience as you begin your collegiate career. As you make the transition to life at St. Mary's, you will be introduced to the campus, academic programs, faculty members, administrators, and other students and their families. We welcome you as a member of the University community and are happy to discuss questions, concerns or curiosities you might have about the experiences St. Mary's has to offer. This program will acquaint you with the University and our academics, social life and spiritual resources before classes start.

***The Characteristics of Marianist Universities* articulates the common elements of the Marianist educational philosophy and spirit. These characteristics are:**

- Educate for formation in faith
- Provide an integral quality education
- Educate in the family spirit
- Educate for service, justice and peace, and integrity of creation
- Educate for adaptation and change

These approaches to education permeate the St. Mary's experience, from course work to extracurricular events. Zaragoza is designed with these characteristics in mind.

## FRIDAY, AUG. 15, 2025

8 to  
9:15 a.m.

### **Zaragoza Check-In**

*Registro Para Zaragoza*

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center (AA&CC),  
Bill Greehey Arena, Lobby

The Zaragoza program begins here.

9:30 a.m.

### **New Beginnings and Strong Foundations**

*Nuevos Comienzos*

AA&CC, Greehey Arena

The Rev. John Thompson, S.M., Ed.D., *Vice President for Mission*

Tim Bessler, Ed.D., *Vice President for Student Development  
and Dean of Students*

Jove Bagley, Mark Chesson and Nnamdi “Jesse” Onwuzurike,  
*Zaragoza Student Directors*

Allow our staff to welcome you and learn about our community!

10 a.m.

### **Academic Convocation**

*Convocación Académica*

AA&CC, Greehey Arena

Academic Convocation introduces new students to the traditions and expectations of our academic community. This program instills a sense of belonging to the institution and advances the centrality of academic life in the St. Mary's experience.

11 a.m.

### **Gold Group — Lunch**

*Grupo Dorado — Almuerzo*

University Center (UC), Diamond Back Cafe

### **Blue Group — Art of College Parenting**

*Grupo Azul — El Arte de ser Padres de estudiantes universitarios*

AA&CC, Movement Studio

Noon

### **Gold Group — Health and Safety Panel**

*Grupo Dorado — Panel de salud y seguridad*

UC, Mengler Conference Room

### **Blue Group — Lunch**

*Grupo Azul — Almuerzo*

UC, Diamondback Café

- 12:15 p.m.     **Mass: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Optional)**  
*Misa: Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María (Opcional)*  
Reinbolt Hall, Assumption Chapel
- 1:15 p.m.     **Gold Group — Art of College Parenting**  
*Grupo Dorado — El Arte de ser Padres de estudiantes universitarios*  
UC, Mengler Conference Room
- Blue Group — Health and Safety Panel**  
*Grupo Dorado — Panel de salud y seguridad*  
AA&C, Auxiliary Gym
- 2:30 p.m.     **Parent Panel**  
*Panel para Padres*  
AA&CC, Greehey Arena
- 3:45 p.m.     **Rattler Blessing**  
*Bendición*  
AA&CC, Greehey Arena
- The Rev. John Thompson, S.M., Ed.D., *Vice President for Mission*
- Join us for an informational session followed by a blessing for students, parents and guests.

# ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MAP



## MAP KEY

- 39 Adele Hall •▲
- 31 Albert B. Alkek Business Building
- 43 Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center  
*Bill Greehey Arena*
- 10 Alumni Pavilion
- 45 AT&T Center for Information Technology
- 20 Blank Sheppard Innovation Center
- 23 Blume Library  
*Cotrell Learning Commons*  
*Starbucks*  
*The Pub at St. Mary's*
- 37 Bordeaux Hall •▲
- 30 Casa Maria Marianist Residence
- 6 Center for Life Directions
- 9 Chaminade Hall •
- 3 Chaminade Tower  
*Admission Office*
- 7 Charles Francis Hall
- 41 Cremer Hall •▲

- 35 Donohoo Hall •▲
- 27 Dougherty Hall •▲
- 46 Founders Hall •▲
- 34 Frederick Hall •▲
- 8 Garmi Science Hall
- 24 Law Administration Building
- 25 Law Classrooms Building
- 33 Law Library
- 44 Leies Hall •▲
- 32 Lourdes Hall •▲
- 12 Marian Hall •
- 11 Marianist Residence
- 21 Moody Life Sciences Center
- 56 Périgueux Hall •▲
- 26 Raba Law Building
- 2 Reinbolt Hall  
*Assumption Chapel*
- 22 Richter Math-Engineering Center

- 1 St. Louis Hall  
**(Administration)**  
*Business Office*  
*Financial Assistance*  
*Registrar's Office*
- 36 St. Mary's Research Center  
*National Archives,*  
*Marianist Province of the*  
*United States*
- 18 Treadaway Hall •  
*Guadalupe Chapel*  
*Recital Hall*  
*University Police*
- 38 University Center  
*Barnes & Noble at*  
*St. Mary's*  
*Campus Life*  
*Diamondback Café*
- Residence hall •*  
*The Village at St. Mary's •*

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# SAVE THE DATE

FALL 2025 EVENTS

**MONDAY, AUG. 18**

Rattler Round-Up

**TUESDAY, AUG. 19, TO FRIDAY, AUG. 29**

Welcome Weeks

**SATURDAY, AUG. 23**

Continuing the Heritage Day of Service

**THURSDAY, AUG. 28**

Mass of the Holy Spirit — Opening School Liturgy

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 9**

Burgers with the Brothers

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 23**

The Escobedo *Saint John's Bible* Lecture Series: Reading the Bible Today

**THURSDAY, OCT. 2**

Marianist Foundation Day Celebration

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15**

The Lin Great Speakers Series: Praying in the World Today

**FRIDAY, OCT. 3, TO SUNDAY, OCT. 5**

Family Weekend

**SATURDAY, OCT. 4**

StMU 5k for the Neighborhood

Rattlerpalooza

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3**

Christmas Tree Lighting and Alumni Social

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## GET CONNECTED!

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Follow these St. Mary's Instagram accounts to get useful information and discover cool things happening on campus!

### **Student Life**

@stmarysstulife

### **Residence Life**

@stmureslife

### **University Programming Council (UPC)**

@upc\_stmu

### **Student Government Association (SGA)**

@sga\_stmu

### **Career and Professional Development Center**

@stmucareer

### **St. Mary's University**

@stmarysu

### **Student Health and Wellness Programs**

@stmu\_well

### **Commuting Rattlers**

@stmu\_commuters

### **College Panhellenic Council (CPC)**

@stmupanhel

### **Rattler Success Center**

@stmary\_rsc

### **Community Engagement**

@stmu\_engagement

### **Emerging Leaders**

@stmuemerging\_leaders

### **Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC)**

@stmu\_ifc

### **Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL)**

@stmu\_fsl

### **TRiO**

@stmu.trio.sss

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## ALMA MATER

The Bells of St. Mary's  
Ah! Hear they are ringing  
They sing out the bright hope  
Of hearts firm and true.

And while they are ringing  
Our young hearts are singing  
The praises of, the glory of  
The Gold and Blue!

## MISSION

St. Mary's University,  
as a Catholic Marianist University,  
fosters the formation of people in faith  
and educates leaders for the common good  
through community, integrated liberal arts  
and professional education,  
and academic excellence.



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