

Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 22, 2026

Mission Statement: We are a united faith filled community, dedicated to Christ, obedient to the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Word of God through sacramental life. We are committed to the enrichment of our children with faith, hope and love.

Faith Formation News Noticias de Formacion de Fe

St. James & St. Mary

No Faith Formation Classes

No classes (4-1-26) during Holy Week. We hope to see everyone at one of the masses being held during the week. We will see everyone back on 4-8-2026

No habra clases de formaci3n en la fe

No hay clases (1ro de abril) durante Semana Santa. Esperamos verlos a todos en alguna de las misas que se celebrarn durante la semana. Nos vemos de nuevo el 8 de abril de 2026.

St. James

Wednesdays Grades 1st - 5th
1:30pm - 3:00pm

Grades 6th -12th
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Mi3rcoles Grados 1ro - 5to
1:30pm - 3:00 pm

Grados 6to -12
7:00pm - 8:00pm

St. Mary

Wednesdays Grades 1st - 5th
4:30pm - 5:30pm

Mi3rcoles Grados 1ro - 5to
4:30pm - 5:30pm

For questions and inquiries, please call the Faith Formation Office.

Para preguntas y consultas, por favor llame a la Oficina de Formaci3n en la Fe.

Parishioner's Help

St James is in need of Lectors. Please call the parish office 507-375-3542 if you are interested in helping.

Please remember in the prayers

the soul of:



Donavan Anderson who passed away on
Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Mass Intentions

We invite all of our brothers and sisters to submit Mass intention requests. A minimum donation of \$10 is requested for each Intention. Donations may be placed in the office drop box, in the collection basket during Mass, or given in person at the parish office. Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Intenciones de Misa

Invitamos a todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas a solicitar intenciones para la Misa. Se solicita una donaci3n m3nima de \$10 por cada intenci3n. Las donaciones pueden depositarse en el buz3n de la oficina parroquial, en la cesta de colecta durante la Misa o entregarse en persona en la oficina parroquial. Agradecemos enormemente su generosidad y sus oraciones.

St. Mary's School ~ Winter Raffle Winners



March 22, 2026 ~ \$200 ~ Rachel Fenske

Please note that Mass times and locations may change during this transitional period. We ask for your flexibility and understanding as we receive support from the Diocese and neighboring parishes.

Tengan en cuenta que los horarios y lugares de las misas pueden cambiar durante este periodo de transici3n. Les agradecemos su comprensi3n y flexibilidad mientras recibimos el apoyo de la di3cesis y las parroquias vecinas.

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Mass Schedule & Intentions: March 23 - 29, 2026

Mon 23	No Mass		
Tues 24	No Mass		
Wed 25	8:30 am	St. Mary Parish	✠ Gordon & Laretta Seibert
Thur 26	No Mass		
Fri 27	No Mass		
Sat 28	5:30 pm	St. Mary Parish	✠ Clem & Edna Kunz
Sun 29	8:00 am	St. Mary Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	<i>pro populo</i>
Sun 29	10:00 am	St. James Parish	✠ Darrell Bowers
Sun 29	12:00 pm	St. James Parish - <i>Spanish Mass</i>	<i>pro las almas del purgatorio</i>

Liturgical Roles: March 28 & 29, 2026

Sat. 28 - St. Mary 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Annika Hagen, David Hagen

Reader: Karen Lester

Ushers: Mark Klinkner, Christopher Hagen

Sun. 29 - St. James 10:00 a.m.

Servers:

Reader: Paul Schmitz

Communion Ministers:

Ushers:

2026 ~ Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Donors</u>
St. James	\$18,967		
St. Mary	\$12,193		

Remember: If parish goals are not met by December 31, 2026, the parishes **must** pay the amount remaining from operating funds.

***“And of all that you give me
I will surely give one tenth to you.”*** *Genesis 28:22*

<i>As of March 15, 2026</i>	St. James	St. Mary
Church Support needed per week:	6,379	2,388
Church Support giving last week:	721	989
Church Support needed fiscal year-to-date:	236,023	88,356
Church Support giving fiscal year-to-date:	145,425	61,319



READINGS ***For the Week***

MONDAY March 23

*St. Turibius of Mogrovejo,
Bishop*

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62
John 8:1-11

TUESDAY March 24

*St. Oscar Romero,
Bishop & Martyr*
Numbers 21:4-9
John 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8 -10
Hebrew 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

THURSDAY March 26

Lenten Weekday
Genesis 17:3-9
John 8:51-59

FRIDAY March 27

Lenten Weekday
Jeremiah 20:10-13
John 10:31-42

SATURDAY March 28

Lenten Weekday
Ezekiel 37:21-28
John 11:45-56

SUNDAY March 29

*Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord*
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



I would like to share with you for your reflection this week a reading from the Liturgy of the Hours that delves into the mystery of living a life of prayer and contemplation, true worship of God. It is the second reading from the Office of Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

From an Easter letter by Saint Athanasius, bishop
We keep the coming feast of the Lord through deeds, not words

“The Word who became all things for us is close to us, our Lord Jesus Christ who promises to remain with us always. He cries out, saying: *See, I am with you all the days of this age*. He is himself the shepherd, the high priest, the way and the door, and has become all things at once for us. In the same way, he has come among us as our feast and holy day as well. The blessed Apostle says of him who was awaited: *Christ has been sacrificed as our Passover*. It was Christ who shed his light on the psalmist as he prayed: *You are my joy, deliver me from those surrounding me*. True joy, genuine festival, means the casting out of wickedness. To achieve this one must live a life of perfect goodness and, in the serenity of the fear of God, practice contemplation in one’s heart.

This was the way of the saints, who in their lifetime and at every stage of life rejoiced as at a feast. Blessed David, for example, not once but seven times rose at night to win God’s favor through prayer. The great Moses was full of joy as he sang God’s praises in hymns of victory for the defeat of Pharaoh and the oppressors of the Hebrew people. Others had hearts filled always with gladness as they performed their sacred duty of worship, like the great Samuel and the blessed Elijah. Because of their holy lives they gained freedom, and now keep festival in heaven. They rejoice after their pilgrimage in shadows, and now distinguish the reality from the promise.

When we celebrate the feast in our own day, what path are we to take? As we draw near to this feast, who is to be our guide? Beloved, it must be none other than the one whom you will address with me as our Lord Jesus Christ. He says: *I am the way*. As blessed John tells us: it is Christ *who takes away the sin of the world*. It is he who purifies our souls, as the prophet Jeremiah says: *Stand upon the ways; look and see which is the good path, and you will find in it the way of amendment for your souls*.

In former times the blood of goats and the ashes of a calf were sprinkled on those who were unclean, but they were able to purify only the body. Now through the grace of God’s Word everyone is made abundantly clean. If we follow Christ closely we shall be allowed, even on this earth, to stand as it were on the threshold of the heavenly Jerusalem, and enjoy the contemplation of that everlasting feast, like the blessed apostles, who in following the Savior as their leader, showed, and still show, the way to obtain the same gift from God. They said: *“See, we have left all things and followed you. We too follow the Lord, and we keep his feast by deeds rather than by words.”*

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Dobbs

Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,



Quisiera compartir con ustedes, para su reflexión esta semana, una lectura de la Liturgia de las Horas que profundiza en el misterio de vivir una vida de oración y contemplación, la verdadera adoración a Dios. Es la segunda lectura del Oficio de Lecturas del Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma.

De una carta de Pascua de San Atanasio, obispo:
Celebramos la próxima fiesta del Señor con obras, no con palabras.

“El Verbo que se hizo todo por nosotros está cerca de nosotros, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que promete permanecer siempre con nosotros. Él clama: *“Mirad, yo estoy con vosotros todos los días de este mundo”*. Él mismo es el pastor, el sumo sacerdote, el camino y la puerta, y se ha hecho todo por nosotros. De la misma manera, ha venido entre nosotros como nuestra fiesta y día santo. El bienaventurado apóstol dice de aquel a quien esperábamos: *“Cristo ha sido sacrificado como nuestra Pascua”*. Fue Cristo quien iluminó al salmista mientras oraba: *“Tú eres mi alegría, librame de los que me rodean”*. La verdadera alegría, la auténtica fiesta, significa la expulsión de la maldad. Para lograrla, uno debe vivir una vida de perfecta bondad y, en la serenidad del temor de Dios, practicar la contemplación en el corazón.

Tal era el camino de los santos, quienes, durante su vida y en cada una de sus etapas, se regocijaban como si estuvieran en un banquete. El bienaventurado David, por ejemplo, no una, sino siete veces se levantaba por la noche para granjearse el favor de Dios mediante la oración. El gran Moisés rebotaba de gozo al entonar las alabanzas de Dios en himnos de victoria por la derrota del Faraón y de los opresores del pueblo hebreo. Otros, por su parte, tenían el corazón siempre colmado de alegría mientras cumplían con su sagrado deber de adoración, como el gran Samuel y el bienaventurado Elías. Gracias a sus vidas santas, alcanzaron la libertad y ahora celebran un festín en el cielo. Se regocijan tras su peregrinaje entre sombras y ahora distinguen la realidad de la promesa.

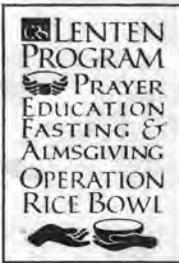
Cuando celebremos la fiesta en nuestros días, ¿qué camino debemos seguir? Al acercarnos a esta fiesta, ¿quién será nuestro guía? Amados, no será otro que aquel a quien me llamarán nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Él dice: *Yo soy el camino*. Como nos dice el bienaventurado Juan: es Cristo *quien quita el pecado del mundo*. Es él quien purifica nuestras almas, como dice el profeta Jeremías: *Deténganse en los caminos; miren y vean cuál es el buen camino, y encontrarán en él el camino de enmienda para sus almas*.

Antiguamente, se rociaba sobre los impuros la sangre de cabras y las cenizas de un becerro, pero esto solo purificaba el cuerpo. Ahora, por la gracia de la Palabra de Dios, todos somos purificados abundantemente. Si seguimos a Cristo fielmente, se nos permitirá, incluso en esta tierra, estar como en el umbral de la Jerusalén celestial y disfrutar de la contemplación de ese banquete eterno, como los bienaventurados apóstoles, quienes, siguiendo al Salvador como su guía, mostraron, y aún muestran, el camino para obtener el mismo don de Dios. Dijeron: *“Mira, lo hemos dejado todo y te hemos seguido”*. Nosotros también seguimos al Señor y celebramos su fiesta con obras, no con palabras.”

¡Que tengas una semana bendecida!

Padre Dobbs

Meetings & Events Calendar ~ March 22 - April 4, 2026

Sunday 22	Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28
<p style="text-align: center;">4th Sunday of Lent</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div> <p>St James Rosary - Spanish right after noon mass. ALL ARE WELCOME</p> <p>St James/St Mary Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America Pancake Breakfast</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Catholic Daughters of America</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mini-Meeting, following Pancake Breakfast <i>Please come and bring ideas</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St. James</p> <p>Rosary - 7:30 am in the church.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Mary</p> <p>Rosary - 8:00 am in the church.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Faith Formation Classes See Faith Formation News Colum on page 1 for details.</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Abstain from Meat</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">St Mary</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Stations of the Cross 2:30pm</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Vigil</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mankato</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chrism Mass 2:00 pm Ss Peter and Paul Church, Mankato</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St. James</p> <p>Rosary - 7:30 am in the church.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Mary</p> <p>Rosary - 8:00 am in the church.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>No Faith Formation Classes See Faith Formation News Colum on page 1 for details.</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Thursday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Collection of Rice Bowls</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>St Mary's School No School Easter Break</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Parish office Closed</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Mass <i>St James</i> 7pm (Bilingual)</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Friday</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Day of Fasting & Abstinence</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>St Mary's School No School Easter Break</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Parish office Closed</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Mass <i>St James</i> 3pm (English) 7pm (Spanish)</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Saturday Easter Vigil</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd Collection Holy Land</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Mass <i>St James</i> 830pm (Bilingual)</p> </div>