

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

14 de diciembre de 2025

Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca
(Santiago 5:7-10).



Question of the Week

Theme: God's kingdom is close - it is Jesus.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing:

Today's 1st Reading from Isaiah

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this familiar story, what words or phrases in it strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Why is Christmas such a time of happiness for people?

Question for Youth: God speaks to you every day: Isaiah tells us our ears and eyes will be opened in Christ to hear God's voice. What do you hear God saying to you?

Question for Adults: What is there in this promise from the Prophet Isaiah that gives you hope?
How have you seen this promise fulfilled in Christ?

Preguntas de la Semana

Tema: El reino de Dios está cerca, es Jesús.

Apuntes de la Palabra

Texto sugerido para compartir la fe: Primera lectura de hoy de Isaías

Paso uno: Escuchar la Palabra

¿Qué imagen en Isaías persiste en su memoria?
¿En esta lectura qué tocó su corazón?

Paso dos: Ver tu vida

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Por qué la Navidad es un tiempo de felicidad para las personas?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Dios te habla todos los días: Isaías nos dice que nuestros oídos y ojos serán abiertos en Cristo para oír la voz de Dios. ¿Qué escuchas que te está diciendo Dios?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Qué hay en esta promesa del profeta Isaías que le da esperanza?
¿Ha visto esta promesa satisfecha en Cristo?



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 35:1-6,10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/
..... Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Nm 24:2-7,15-17/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2,9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2,8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 35:1-6,10/Sal 146:6-10/Sant 5:7-10/
..... Mt 11:2-11
Lunes: Nm 24:2-7,15-17/Mt 21:23-27
Martes: So 3:1-2,9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Miércoles: Gn 49:2,8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Jueves: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Viernes: Jc 13:2-7,24-25/Lc 1:5-25
Sábado: Is 7:10-14/Lc 1:26-38
Próximo Domingo: Is 7:10-14/Sal 24:1-6/Rom 1:1-7/
..... Mt 1:18-24

Jesus I Trust in You

Jesús en ti confío



Johnny Alvarado
Rose Cruz,
Gloria & John Dunham,
Adrianne Foreman
Thomas Goddard
Irene Hyek,
Ruth Munoz,
Bernadine Reid
Joel Rivera
Rikki Zeller,

Mitzie Carroll,
Lisa M. Davis,
Steve & Mary Dorshak,
Rose Fortin
Matthew Goddard
Norma Jimenez
Nancy Lawson
Pedro & Elena Rodriguez,
Eli Rubinstrum,
Sandy Widman,

Luisa Constantino
Pamela Davis,
Lourdes Elliot
Maggie Giron,
Michele Hardcastle
Allan Lucas
Deacon Glenn Miller
Elenore Rose,
Mary-Cho Sabol,

John Cava,
Melissa Delaney,
Dwayne Foreman
Sally G.
Ellen Holden,
Remedios V.de Leon
Tom Murren
Nick Rnich,
Donna Vincent

All the men and women deployed overseas. Names will remain on list for 30 days unless we are notified otherwise. To include, a name please contact the parish office at 760- 365-2287. If a person is ill long term, know that they are in our daily prayers.

**Saturday, 12/13/25**

4:00pm **Jesus Escalera & Jovita Lopez Escalera, RIP**
Requested by Family & Friends

Sunday, 12/14/25

8:00 a.m. **Rev. Robert Tompkin, RIP**
Requested by James McCarthy

9:30 a.m. **Jesus Escalera, RIP**
Requested by family friends

11:00 a.m. **Eva y Jose Pantoja, RIP**
Requested by Silva Family

Monday, 12/15/25

9:00 a.m. **Conception Cruz, Special Int**
Requested by Family & friends

Tuesday, 12/16/25

9:00 a.m. **Gordan Bygland, RIP**
Requested by Debi Bygland

Wednesday, 12/17/25

9:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

Thursday, 12/18/25

9:00 a.m. **Donna Vincent, Special Int**
Requested by Family & Friends

Friday, 12/19/25

9:00 a.m. **Betty Montoya, Special Int**
Requested by Family & Friends
Jesus Escalera, RIP
Requested by his family

Saturday, 12/20/25

4:00 p.m. **Rev. Robert Tompkin, RIP**
Requested by James McCarthy

Sunday, 12/21/25

8:00 a.m. **Frank & Shirley Grden, RIP**
Requested by Mark

9:30 a.m. **People of the Parish**

11:00 a.m. **Jesus Escalera, RIP**
Requested by his family

Christmas office schedule

The Parish office will be closed, Wed., **December 24th thru Friday, January 2nd** so our staff may enjoy the Christmas holiday. The phone will be check for emergencies

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

St. Mary of the Valley will celebrate a Family Christmas Mass at 6:00p.m. on December 24, 2025 . At this Mass we will be having our traditional *Children's Christmas Pageant*. We are inviting ALL children and youth are invited to be a part of this celebration.. If your son/daughter is interested in being part of the pageant, please attend the rehearsal on **Monday, December 22nd from 4:00pm ~ 6pm**. For more information please call the parish office at (760)365-2287.

**Sunday, December 14 BAKE SALE**

8:00 a.m. Mass - English
9:00 a.m. Rosary ~ Chapel
9:30 a.m. Mass - English
11:00 a.m. Mass - Spanish

Monday, December 15

9:00 a.m. Mass
4:45 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Adult Choir
6:00 p.m. OCIA

Tuesday, December 16

9:00 a.m. Mass
9:45 a.m. Bible study / Faith sharing
6:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship

Wednesday, December 17

9:00 a.m. NO Mass
5:30 p.m. Evening Star Prayer group
7:00 pm Comunidad Misioneros del Amor de Jesus

Thursday, December 18

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 19

7:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Mass ~ Spanish

Saturday, December 20

9:30 am. Confessions
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Mass - English
9:00 a.m. Rosary ~ Chapel
9:30 a.m. Mass - English:
11:00 a.m. Mass - Spanish

FUNERAL MASS

for Mike Sabol will be on Monday, December 22nd.
Rosary at 10:30 a.m. and Funeral at 1100 a.m.

**Advent ~ Christmas 2025**

Dec. 13/14 **Third Sunday of Advent**
Christmas Bake Sale

Dec. 20/21 **4th Sunday of Advent**

December 24 **Christmas Eve**
6:00 pm Family Mass ~ children's pageant
9:00 pm Mass during the Night (bilingual)

December 25 **Christmas Day** 9:30 am Mass

Dec. 27/28 **Holy Family**
4:00 pm Saturday Vigil
8:00am & 9:30am English, 11:00am Spanish

January 1 **Mary, Mother of God** Mass at 9am

January 3/4 **Epiphany of the Lord**
Vigil Mass 4pm
8:00am & 9:30am English 11:00am Spanish

From the Pastor's Desk

THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

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AQUEL QUE NUESTRO CORAZÓN ANHELA

Ponte en la escena del pasaje del Evangelio de hoy. Juan el Bautista está en la cárcel. Ha oído hablar de lo que hace Jesús y quiere asegurarse de que Jesús es el Mesías tan esperado. Los discípulos de Juan y los que rodeaban a Jesús eran judíos fieles que conocían de memoria las profecías de Isaías. Dios enviaría a uno que daría la vista a los ciegos, la curación a los enfermos y la salvación a todos los que anhelaban conocer la misericordia y la paz de Dios. La respuesta de Jesús a la pregunta de los discípulos resuena hoy tan poderosamente en nuestros oídos como seguramente lo hizo para la gente que estaba con él aquel día. Sus acciones son precisamente las que la gente esperaba. Jesús es Aquel a quien la gente ha estado esperando pacientemente y con ansiedad, como el agricultor que espera los frutos de su trabajo. Jesús es aquel a quien nuestros corazones anhelan.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Parishioners celebrating a Wedding Anniversary are encouraged to let us know! We'd like to applaud this special event with you. We will list anniversaries in the bulletin. Please complete this form and return to the parish office.

*Congratulations to the following couples celebrating
Anniversaries
In December*

12/14: Rafael & Rosalinda Castro ~ 34th

12/27: Elazar & Alda Correa ~ 49th

12/31: Alan & Julia Jones ~ 19th

Do you have an upcoming Wedding Anniversary?
Let us know so that we may celebrate
with you in our prayers!

Couple's names: _____ Phone: _____

Anniv. Date: _____ # of Years: _____

Daily Chapel Access

The Daily Chapel is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for registered parishioners. If you are interested in access to the chapel during off-hours, please contact the office at 760-365-2287 for details.



Acceso diario a la Capilla

La Capilla esta disponible ahora las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana para miembros registrados en la parroquia. Si están interesados en tener acceso en horas NO de oficina, por favor contacten la oficina al 760-365-2287 para detalles.



Friday Adoration/Exposition

Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel each Friday from 7:45 am to just before the 9:00am Mass.

la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento

Únase a nosotros para la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento en la capilla todos los viernes a partir de las 7:45am hasta justo antes de las 9am Misa

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE SCRIP....

Homebound ~ Ministry to the Sick

Do you know someone who is homebound or in the hospital and would like to receive Communion? Please contact the parish office at 760-365-2287 so that one of our Eucharistic Ministers may bring them Communion.

Ministrar a los enfermos

Conoces a alguien que ya no puede salir de casa o esta en el hospital y quisiera recibir Comunión? Por favor contacten la oficina de la parroquia al 760-365-2287 para que uno de nuestros Ministros de Eucaristía a los enfermos puedan llevarles la Comunión.

*Have you remembered St. Mary of the Valley
Joshua Tree & Yucca Valley in your will or trust?
Your bequest is our future!*

Knights of Columbus

Have you ever thought about becoming a Knight? Contact Ted Carter @ 760-418-5640 for information.

Online Giving

You are now able to donate to St Mary of the Valley ~ Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree Online or with your smart phone. It's easy and secure. Go to the parish website: stmaryofthevalley.com and check it out!!



Please be respectful

Let's all remember that we have a wonderful gathering space to greet our friends and neighbors before and after Mass. Please keep conversations in the Sanctuary to a minimum out of respect for those who have come early or stay behind for quiet time with the Lord. Thank you !!

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE SCRIP....

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



Welcome!

We extend our hands and hearts to all who worship with us today. All are welcome here! Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish, we thank God for you. Know that you and your family are in our prayers today and everyday. We ask ALL adults living in the parish to register with the parish office. If we have this information, we can better meet your needs. Registration forms are available during the week in the parish office or from the ushers.

Note: This information is confidential.

Bienvenidos!

Extendemos nuestras manos y corazones a todos aquellos que hoy vienen a adorar con nosotros. Todos son bienvenidos aquí! Si son residentes de mucho tiempo o nuevos en la parroquia, damos gracias a dios por todos ustedes. Sepan que ustedes y sus familias están en nuestras oraciones hoy y todos los días. Pedimos a todos los adultos en la parroquia registrarse en la oficina de la parroquia. Si nosotros tenemos esta información, podemos conocer mejor sus necesidades. Las formas para registrarse están disponibles durante la semana en la oficina de la parroquia o de las personas que reciben a la gente en las misas.

Nota: Esta información es confidencial.

Help support St. Mary of the Valley & St. Christopher of the Desert



Stater Bros: St. Mary's offers "gift cards" that may be purchased to pay for your weekly grocery needs! Stop by the table after Mass, to purchase your card or for more information. Fiscal year (7-1-25/6-30-26)...**\$1,342.00**

* *Don't forget....we are collecting **aluminum cans and plastic bottles with CRV (CA recycle symbol)** to help with our parish expenses. The container for cans is available before and after Mass. Fiscal year (25/26): **\$829.00***

"STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK"

Thank you for living your families Covenant with our Lord



Fiscal Year: July 1, 2025 ~ June 30, 2026

Total Offertory December 6/7, 2025

Weekly ordinary income	
On Line giving:	\$1,435.00
Plate:	\$1767.50
Env.:	\$3,190.00
Total:	\$6,392.50

Month to date: \$6,392.50 goal **\$25,000**

Year to date ordinary: \$61,938.73 goal: **\$300,000**

FYTD total income: \$214,486.54 goal: \$468,299

Weekly Accounts payable: \$8,950.92

FYTD accounts payable: \$201,374.51

Attendance: 4:00 pm 82 8:00 am 125
9:30am 180 11:00am 137 **Total: 524**

Parish Prayer and Faith Sharing Opportunities



Did you know that, St. Mary of the Valley has the following prayer/faith sharing opportunities? Everyone is welcome to join any or all of these groups. For more information please contact the parish office at 365-2287.

- Mon., Tues, Thur, Friday 9:00am Daily Mass
- Faith sharing/Bible Study group ~ Tues. 9:45am
- Relentless Love Prayer Community ~ Tues. 7:00 p.m.
- *Temporadas de fe todos están invitados de 7:00pm ~ 8:30pm Hay un tiempo para cada cosa y un momento para hacerla bajo el cielo.*
- Charismatic prayer group: Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the chapel
- *Sanados Por Sus Llagas* ~ Wednesday. 7:00 p.m.
- Spanish Faith Sharing at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evenings.
- ALL parishioners are invited to join the Altar Rosary Guild in praying the rosary every Sunday at 9:00 am. in the chapel.
- Fridays: Adoration from 7:30 am ~ 8:45 am
- Men's Fellowship ~ 3rd Thursday of the Monty
- Divine Mercy Cenacle: Friday at 10:00 am in Yucca Valley and daily at 8:00am, prior to the 9am Mass. Contact the parish office for more details.

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025



LOW DESERT JUBILEE PILGRIM SITES

St Joan of Arc, Blythe
Sacred Heart, Palm Desert
Our Lady of Solitude, Palm Springs
Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mecca
St. Mary of the Valley, Yucca Valley

The Holy door here at St. Mary of the Valley is open Mon. ~ Fri from 7am ~ 4:30pm or by appointment

Fellowship for Men ~ Group

ALL Men are invited and welcome. A place to share our experiences as Catholic men and pray together. **The group will be meeting on Tues.**

December 16th for more information
Contact Jerry at 760-774-2265



Reach Out Morongo Basin

Reach Out depends on the generosity of volunteers. Call Coleen at 760-369-8671 to see how you can help this community organization.

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE SCRIP....

Religious Education / Sacramental Prep including Confirmation



Sacramental Preparation at St. Mary of the Valley:
First Reconciliation / First Communion and Confirmation
I and II classes meet twice a month on Monday's at 6:00pm

You as parents are the primary teach of your children and we will help you with some of these responsibilities which include but not limited to Mass attendance, helping your students to memorize their prayers, and praying them together as a family, attending parish activities, etc. Being an example of living the Catholic faith.

The fee is \$150 per family per year. (Please note, no one will be turned away due to an ability to pay) Registration for the 25 ~ 26 year has closed for Sacramental Prep classes, but ALL are welcome

for Little Angels / Foundations

Any questions, contact the parish office at 760-365-2287.



Youth Ministry Little Angels / Foundations

Little Angels and Foundations will meet once a month on Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00pm

Our next gathering will be on Monday, December 8th and our youth will be attending the Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception!

ALL youth ages 6 to 13 are welcome.

Our next gathering will be on December 8 at 6:00pm

High School students are also welcome to come and be "helpers"

SPECIAL NOTE: We are currently looking for a Youth Minister.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish office at:
760-365-2287 for more info.

St. Mary's Website:

Do you have pictures of parish events or activities that you would like to share? We are working on updating our website and making it more informative and current! To do this, we need your help. Send your ideas and suggestions to:
stmarysyv@telis.org or alanbzzio@gmail.com



Hi Desert Pregnancy Clinic/ Diaper Depot

In support of the Hi Desert Pregnancy Clinic, we are collecting baby items to help young families prepare and care for that new arrival. Please bring items with you to Mass and place them in the "play pen" located in the gathering space.

Thank you for your generosity.

St Mary of the Valley Memorial Brick

Would you like to remember a loved one in a special way? You may purchase a memorial brick for just \$75.00 to be placed in the gazebo around the statue of the Holy Family. Stop by the table in the vestibule, or contact the parish office at 365-2287 for details.



Programa de Ladrillo Conmemorativo

Te gustaría recordar a un ser querido de una manera especial? Por solo \$75.00 puedes comprar un ladrillo conmemorativo para colocarlo en la pérgola alrededor de la estatua de la Santísima Familia santo. Pasa a la mesa que esta en el vestíbulo, o contacta la oficina de la parroquia al 365-2287 para mas detalles.

Educación Religiosa/Preparación Sacramental incluyendo Confirmación

La Preparación Sacramental en Santa María del Valle comenzará el lunes 8 de septiembre a las 6:00 p.m.

Primera Reconciliación / Primera Comunión y Confirmación I y II

Si este es su primer año, necesitamos una copia del Certificado de Bautismo de su estudiante. Pedimos que al menos uno de los padres asista a esta primera clase, ya que se distribuirán fechas importantes e información en ese momento. Los padres tienen ciertas responsabilidades que prometieron en el Bautismo de sus hijos. Usted, como padre, es el principal educador de sus hijos y nosotros le ayudaremos con algunas de estas responsabilidades, que incluyen, entre otras, la asistencia a Misa, ayudar a sus estudiantes a memorizar sus oraciones y orar juntos como familia, asistir a actividades parroquiales, etc. Ser un ejemplo para su estudiante La tarifa es de \$150 por familia por año. (Por favor, tenga en cuenta que nadie será rechazado debido a su capacidad de pago) Cualquier pregunta, contacte la oficina parroquial al 760-365-2287. Esperamos verlos el lunes 8 de septiembre a las 6:00 p.m.

Ministerios Litúrgicos NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS!!

Estamos en necesidad de ujieres, ministros de hospitalidad, servidores del Altar, lectores, Ministros de Eucaristía, para Yucca Valley. De todas las edades, hombres y mujeres. Se provee entrenamiento. Por favor contacten a la oficina al 760-365-2287 para mas información.

Liturgical Ministries

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

We are looking for Cantors, choir members, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Minister to the Homebound. All ages, male and female. Training provided. PLEASE Contact the office at 760-365-2287 .

Parish Projects

1. Paint old church, rectory and hall
This will cost us approximately \$25,000
2. New carpet (flooring) in the church
This will cost us approximately \$100,000

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE SCRIP

OCI / ADULT Sacraments



Interested in becoming Catholic? Need Confirmation or 1st Communion?

OCI / Adult Sacrament sessions have begun!
We gather on Monday's from 6 pm ~ 8 pm

Please contact the parish office at 760-365-2287 for more information