



Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

7 de diciembre de 2025

— La paz y la justicia vendrán en el día del Señor (Salmo 72 [71]).

Question of the Week

Theme: God's kingdom is at hand - it is here.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing:

Today's 1st Reading from Isaiah

Step One: Listen to the Word

What image in Isaiah lingers in your memory?

What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Beyond toys and other things, what do you hope will happen in your family this Christmas?

Question for Youth: What are the greatest challenges you face as a young person today in terms of allowing Christ to be your teacher and following him?

Question for Adults: Name the one thing in your life which you must "move out of the way" in order to make more room for Christ – a grudge, a possession, a memory, hurt, or feeling

Preguntas de la Semana

Tema: El reino de Dios está al alcance, está aquí.

Apuntes de la Palabra

Texto sugerido para compartir la f

e: Primera lectura de hoy de Isaías.

Paso uno: Escuchar la Palabra

Que imagen de Isaías permanece en tu memoria?

Que parte de la lectura toca tu corazón?

Paso dos: Ver tu vida

Pregunta para los niños: Mas allá de los juguetes y otras cosas, ¿qué esperas que suceda en tu familia esta Navidad?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Cuáles son los cambios más importantes que enfrentas como persona joven hoy en día en términos de permitir a Cristo que sea tu maestro y seguirlo?

Pregunta para los adultos: Mencione una cosa en su vida que deba "quitar del camino" para poder tener espacio para Cristo, como un rencor, una posesión, una memoria, un dolor, o un sentimiento.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/
..... Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15,20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6,11-12/
..... Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19;12:1-6,10/
..... Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Mt 17:9-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6,10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 11:1-10/Sal 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/
..... Rom 15:4-9/t 3:1-12
Lunes: Gn 3:9-15,20/Sal 98:1-4/Ef 1:3-6,11-12/
..... Lc 1:26-38
Martes: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Miércoles: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Jueves: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Viernes: Zac 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19;12:1-6,10/
..... Lc 1:26-38 o 1:39-47
Sábado: Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Mt 17:9-13
Próximo Domingo: Is 35:1-6,10/Sal 146:6-10/Sant 5:7-10/
..... Mt 11:2-11

Jesus I Trust in You

Jesús en ti confío



Johnny Alvarado
Rose Cruz,
Gloria & John Dunham,
Adrianne Foreman
Thomas Goddard
Norma Jimenez
Nancy Lawson
Pedro Rodriguez,
Eli Rubinstrum,
Rikki Zeller,

Mitzie Carroll,
Lisa M. Davis,
Steve & Mary Dorshak,
Rose Fortin
Matthew Goddard
Allan Lucas
Deacon Glenn Miller
Elenore Rose,
Christopher Scott,
Sandy Widman,

Luisa Constantino
Pamela Davis,
Lourdes Elliot
Maggie Giron,
Ellen Holden,
Remedios V.de Leon
Tom Murren
Nick Rnich,
Mary-Cho Sabol,

John Cava,
Melissa Delaney,
Dwayne Foreman
Sally G.
Irene Hyek,
Ruth Munoz,
Bernadine Reid
Joel Rivera
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, 12/6/25
4:00pm **Carter & St. Pierre Family members, RIP**
Requested by Ted Carter

Sunday, 12/7/25
8:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

9:30 a.m. **Ned & Carol Carter, RIP**
Requested by Ted Carter

11:00 a.m. **Vanansio Gaxiola, RIP**
Requested by family

Monday, 12/8/25 **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
9:00 a.m. **Mike Sabol, RIP**
Requested by Family & friends

6:00 p.m. **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, 12/9/25
9:00 a.m. **Mike Sabol, RIP**
Requested by Family & friends

Wednesday, 12/10/25
9:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

Thursday, 12/11/25
9:00 a.m. **Donna Vincent, Special Int**
Requested by Family & Friends

Friday, 12/12/25 **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
9:00 a.m. **Margaret Hvek, RIP**
Requested by Family & Friends

Saturday, 12/13/25
4:00 p.m. **People of the Parish**

Sunday, 12/14/25
8:00 a.m. **Fr. Bob Tonkin, RIP**
Requested by James McCarthy

9:30 a.m. **Christine Farwell, Special Int**
Requested by Mary Agre

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



Sunday, December 7
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 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
9:00 a.m. Mass
4:45 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Adult Choir
6:00 p.m. Mass ~ bilingual
6:00 p.m. OCIA

Tuesday, December 9
9:00 a.m. Mass
9:45 a.m. Bible study / Faith sharing

Wednesday, December 10
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 11
9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 12 OUR LADY OF GADALUPE
7:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Mass ~ Spanish

Saturday, December 13
9:30 am. Confessions
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 14
8:00 a.m. Mass - English
9:00 a.m. Rosary ~ Chapel
9:30 a.m. Mass - English:
11:00 a.m. Mass - Spanish



November 30 ~ December 11
Novena ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 15 ~ 23
Posadas

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at 9am and 6:00pm (bilingual).



*Horario de las Misas para el
Inmaculada Concepción de la Bienaventurada
Virgen María Sero. diciembre.: 9:00 am y 6:00 pm
(bilingüe)*



Advent ~ Christmas 2025

Dec. 6/7 **Second Sunday of Advent**
Religious Retirement Fund collection

Dec. 8 **Immaculate Conception** Mass at 9am & 6pm

December 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe** ~ Mass 6:00 Spanish

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**
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**HARMONY**

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.

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ARMONÍA

¿Has conocido alguna vez un momento en el que, sólo por un breve instante, has sentido que todo estaba bien en el mundo? Es precisamente un momento así, que se extiende hasta la eternidad, el que describe el escritor de Isaías en la primera lectura de hoy: la perfección de todo, centrada en el espíritu de Dios, donde reinan el conocimiento, la justicia y el asombro ante la presencia de Dios. En ese paraíso, todos ven y piensan en armonía, como describe san Pablo en su carta a los Romanos. Incluso los animales con una animosidad natural entre ellos coexisten pacíficamente. Juan el Bautista comprendió que esas relaciones armoniosas no se producen sin más. Son el fruto de vivir en una relación correcta con Dios y con los demás.

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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!!

Retirement Fund for Religious

A collection will be taken THIS weekend of **December 6th & 7th** to help our elderly religious need our help. Your gift provides vital support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Envelopes are available in the gathering space. Thank you for your generous support.

Su donativo representa apoyo vital para hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes mayores de ordines religiosas católicas. Gracias!

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 November 29/30, 2025

Weekly ordinary income	
On Line giving:	\$1,190.00
Plate:	\$2,179.00
Env.:	\$3,209.00
Total:	\$6,578.00

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

Year to date ordinary: \$85,546.23 **goal: \$300,000**

FYTD total income: \$182,888.32 **goal: \$468,299**

Weekly Accounts payable: \$

Month to date accounts payable: \$32,134.18

FYTD accounts payable: \$171,262.69

Attendance: 4:00 pm 94 8:00 am 158
9:30am 244 11:00am 167 **Total: 663**

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Nativity Play

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 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 19th at 4:00pm.** For more information please call the parish office at (760)365-2287.

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

OCI / ADULT Sacraments



Congratulations to the following who have taken the next step to full initiation with the Rite of Acceptance last Sunday at the 9:30 Mass:
Steven Bennett, Rafael Felix III, Brittney Fernandez, Katurah Jandt, Taylor Narcisse, Daniel Ortega and Erik Sundstrom (who will go through the Rite upon his return from a family funeral)

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