



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit ~Matt 5:1-12a

Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

1 de febrero 2026

Dichosos los pobres de espíritu (Mateo 5:1-12a).

Question of the Week

Theme: The Beatitudes -- a way of life -- a map to happiness.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

When you heard the Beatitudes proclaimed today, which one struck you? What one word from this reading lingers now in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Choose one of the Beatitudes and share how you will make it part of your life.

Question for Youth: Jesus gives us a plan for our happiness in the beatitudes. Do the things that make you happiest also lead you towards God? Do they follow God's plan?

Question for Adults: How do you describe what it means to be "blest" in your own life?

Preguntas de la Semana

Tema: Las Bienaventuranzas, una forma de vida, un mapa a la felicidad.

Apuntes de la Palabra

Texto sugerido para compartir la fe: El Evangelio de hoy

Paso uno: Escuchar la Palabra

Cuando escucharon las Bienaventuranzas proclamadas hoy, ¿cuál les impactó? ¿Cuál palabra de esta lectura permanece en su memoria?

Paso dos: Ver tu vida

Pregunta para los niños: Elija una de las Bienaventuranzas y comparta cómo la hará parte de su vida.

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Para crecer y volverse joven, Jesús ofrece un mapa del camino en las Bienaventuranzas. ¿Cómo harías esto parte de tu propia vida, entre todas las distracciones del mundo ruidoso moderno?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Cómo describe lo que significa ser "bendecido" en su propia vida?



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:..... Zep 2:3;3:12-13/Ps 146:6-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/
..... Mt 5:1-12
Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/
..... Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10,14,24-25,30—19:3/Ps 86:1-6/
..... Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17/Ps 32:1-2,5-7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:..... 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12/(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31,47,50-51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo:..... Sof 2:3;3:12-13/Sal 146:6-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/
..... Mt 5:1-12
Lunes:..... Mal 3:1-4/Sal 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lc 2:22-40
..... o 2:22-32
Martes:..... 2 Sm 18:9-10,14,24-25,30—19:3/Sal 86:1-6/
..... Mc 5:21-43
Miércoles:..... 2 Sm 24:2,9-17/Sal 32:1-2,5-7/Mc 6:1-6
Jueves:..... 1 Re 2:1-4,10-12/(Sal) 1 Cr 29:10-12/Mc 6:7-13
Viernes: Sir 47:2-Sal 18:31,47,50-51/Mc 6:14-29
Sábado: 1 Re 3:4-13/Sal 119:9-14/Mc 6:30-34
Próximo Domingo: Is 58:7-10/Sal 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/
..... Mt 5:13-16



Pray for ...
Johnny Alvarado
Rose Cruz,
Gloria & John Dunham,
Adrianne Foreman
Thomas Goddard
Ellen Holden,
Ruth Munoz,
Bernadine Reid
Joel Rivera
Rikki Zeller,

Mitzie Carroll,
Lisa M. Davis,
Steve & Mary Dorshak,
Rose Fortin
Richard Jandt
Irene Hyek,
Nancy Lawson
Pedro & Elena Rodriguez,
Eli Rubinstrum,
Sandy Widman,

Luisa Constantino
Pamela Davis,
Lourdes Elliot
Maggie Giron,
Matthew Goddard
Norma Jimenez
Deacon Glenn Miller
Elenore Rose,
Mary-Cho Sabol,

John Cava,
Melissa Delaney,
Dwayne Foreman
Sally G.
Michele Hardcastle
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, 1/31/26
4:00pm

Nina B. St. Pierre, RIP
Requested by Ted Carter

Sunday, 2/1/26
8:00 a.m.

Confirmation II students
Requested by friends & family

9:30 a.m.

People of the Parish

11:00 a.m.

Fabian Silva, RIP
Requested by Silva Family

Monday, 2/2/26
9:00 a.m.

Anna Hurtado RIP
Requested by Debi Bygland

Tuesday, 2/3/26
9:00 a.m.

Jimmy Zepeda, Special Intention
Requested by James McCarthy

Wednesday, 2/4/26
9:00 a.m.

NO MASS

Thursday, 2/5/26
9:00 a.m.

Ned Carter, RIP
Requested by Ted Carter

Friday, 2/6/26
9:00 a.m.

Don Colburn, Special Intention
Requested by Mary Agre

Saturday, 2/7/26
4:00 p.m.

People of the Parish

Sunday, 2/8/26
8:00 a.m.

Jimmy Zepeda, Special Int
Requested by James McCarthy

9:30 a.m.

Daryl Jane Watson, RIP
Requested by Falossi family

11:00 a.m.

Fabian Silva, RIP
Requested by Silva Family

Adoration and Benediction **FIRST FRIDAY**

Please join us on **Friday, February 6th, which is First Friday.** For Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **7am to 5pm** in the daily chapel concluding with Benediction at 5pm

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway by the chapel.

Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros el viernes 6 de febrero, Primer Viernes Santo. Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento de 7:00 a. m. a 5:00 pm. en la capilla. Encontrarán una hoja de inscripción en el pasillo junto a la capilla.

Sunday, February 1

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, February 2

9:00 a.m. Mass
4:45 p.m. St. Dominic Savio Your choir practice
6:00 p.m. OCIA
6:00 p.m. Religious Education ~ Little Angels, Conf. I
6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Choir practice

Tuesday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Mass
9:45 a.m. Bible Study / Faith sharing

Wednesday, February 4

9:00 a.m. NO MASS
5:30 P.M. Evening Star Prayer group

Thursday, February 5

9:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. *Comunidad Misioneros del Amor de Jesus*

Friday, February 6

7:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am Mass
10:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle
7:00 p.m. Spanish Faith sharing

Saturday, February 7

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

Sunday, February 8

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



OCI / **ADULT Sacraments**

Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates who are in the process of becoming fully Initiated in the Catholic Faith

Our Catechumens are: **Steven Bennett, Rafael Felix III, Brittney Fernandez, Katurah Jandt, Angel Miramontes, Taylor Narcisse, Daniel Ortega and Erik Sundstrom**

who will receive the Sacraments of Initiations (Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist) on April 4th at the Easter Vigil.

Our Candidates are: **Cinthia Barajas, Giovanni Esparza, Luke Jasem, Michelle Lopez, Sabrina Madrigal, and Lizbeth Martinez**

Please keep these our Catechumens and Candidates in your prayers as they journey toward receiving their Sacraments.

Jesus en ti confio

Jesus I Trust in You

From the Pastor's Desk**THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM**

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

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EL PUEBLO DEL REINO DE DIOS

En nuestra lectura del Evangelio de Mateo, escuchamos las Bienaventuranzas, la conmovedora apertura del Sermón de la Montaña. Jesús proclama la llegada del reino de Dios, y comienza considerando qué tipo de personas entrarán y participarán en este reino. Son los pobres de espíritu, los mansos, los limpios de corazón, los pacificadores. Tanto Sofonías como Pablo se hacen eco de esto, ya que Dios elige específicamente a los débiles y a los humildes para que sean los agentes de Dios en la instauración del reino de Dios. Al vivir con humildad e integridad, sus corazones están abiertos a ser transformados por la gracia de Dios. También nosotros estamos llamados a vivir así. Jesús nos invita a ser personas con el corazón abierto, para recibir la bendición de Dios. Y trabajando a través de nosotros, Dios puede bendecir a toda la creación.

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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 February

2/8: Steve & Charlene Claybaugh ~ 62nd

2/10: Simon & Connie Bentley ~ 8th

2/16: Mike & Sharon Alberg ~ 41st

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.

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.



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 at 6:00pm on Tuesday February 17th.

For more information Contact Jerry at 760-774-2265

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE SCRIP....



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

Offertory week of January 25th



Weekly ordinary income

On Line giving:	\$1,431.12
Plate:	\$1,678.00
Env.:	\$2,776.00
Total:	\$5,885.12

Month to date: \$18,226.00 **goal \$25,000**

Year to date ordinary: \$208,974.84 goal: \$300,000

FYTD total income: \$290,041.90 goal: \$468,299

Weekly Accounts payable: \$19,609.23

FYTD accounts payable: \$259,502.82

Attendance: 4:00 pm 99 8:00 am 114
9:30am 222 11:00am 159 **Total: 594**

2026 DDF Annual Appeal

Our goal for 2026 is \$29,400 and 100%.... participation no matter what amount you can give.

If you are a registered family, you will be receiving a pledge card from the diocese in the next few weeks. If, you are not registered, envelopes will be available in the gathering space. Please pray about what you as a family can do to support the needs of the diocese and our parish in 2026.

We RECEIVED \$48,325 in 2025 from 71 of our 700 families which is 57% over our goal! \$17,525 was returned to the parish and will be used toward painting the old church, hall and rectory!

Remember, all monies over our goal are returned directly to the parish for our needs. Please pray about what your family can give to this annual appeal, even if it's just a small amount. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Contribution Tax Letter ~ 2025

If you need a tax letter for your tax returns, please contact the parish office at 760-365-2287 for a copy. To save paper, we only mail tax letters to families who file long form, thus needing a copy.
(If you file short form, you do NOT need a letter)

Thank you for your generous support of our parish!

Religious Education / Sacramental Prep including Youth 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.

First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation II Will meet on Monday, Feb. 9th at 6pm
Confirmation I will meet on Feb. 23rd at 6pm.



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, March 2nd. At 6pm**
ALL youth ages 6 to 13 are welcome.

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.

Youth Confirmation Retreat

Please keep our Confirmation II students in your prayers as the journey toward the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring.



**Alejandro Alvarez, Estrella Castaneda,
Giancarlo Cervantes, Alexander Cordova,
Angelique Escuereno, Ricardo Juarez, Leticia Lara,
Joseph Martinez, Eva Musch, Damien Padilla,
Ramses Pena, Michelle Rialmo, Michelle Tomas**

Also, please prayer for their families and catechists as they journey with these young adults.



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'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 you help. Send you ideas and suggestions to: stmarysyv@telis.org or alanbz-zio@gmail.com

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

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



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.