

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

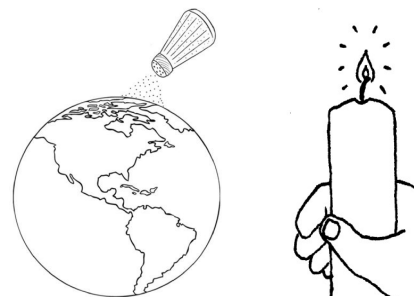
February 8, 2026

— You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16)

### Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

8 de febrero de 2026

— Que su luz brille ante los hombres, den gloria a su Padre,  
que está en los Cielos (Mateo 5:13-16).



### Question of the Week

**Theme:** We are all called to be children of the light.

#### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel Reading

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

What images do the words Light and Salt create in your mind's eye? When you hear and imagine those things, do you use your eyes and your taste buds when you hear them?

#### Step Two: Look into your Life

**Question for Children:** What can you do to bring the light of Jesus into the lives of your family, friends, and people you meet?

**Question for Youth:** How do you feel when Jesus says that YOU are the salt of the earth and that YOU are called to be the light for others?

**Question for Adults:** What specific efforts do you take to maintain your light? Do you let your light dim? Why?

### Preguntas de la Semana

**Tema:** Todos somos llamados a ser hijos de la luz.

#### Apuntes de la Palabra

Texto sugerido para compartir la fe: El Evangelio de hoy

#### Paso uno: Escuchar la Palabra

¿Qué imágenes crean en su mente las palabras Luz y Sal?  
Cuando escuchan y se imaginan esas cosas, ¿usan sus ojos y sus papilas gustativas cuando las oyen?

#### Paso dos: Examinar su vida

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Qué pueden hacer para llevar la luz de Jesús a la vida de sus familiares, amigos y personas que conocen?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** ¿Cómo se sienten cuando Jesús dice que USTEDES son la sal de la tierra y que USTEDES son llamados a ser la luz de los demás?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Qué esfuerzos específicos han tomado para mantener su luz? ¿Ustedes dejan que su luz se apague? ¿Por qué?

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:..... Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/  
..... Mt 5:13-16  
Monday: ..... 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: ..... 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30/Ps 84:3-5,10-11/  
..... Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: ..... 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40/  
..... Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday:..... 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday:..... 1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19/Ps 81:10-15/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: ..... 1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7,19-22/  
..... Mk 8:1-10  
Next Sunday: ... Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34/  
..... 1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34,37



### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: .....Is 58:7-10/Sal 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16  
Lunes: ..... 1 Re 8:1-7,9-13/Sal 132:6-10/Mc 6:53-56  
Martes: ..... 1 Re 8:22-23,27-30/Sal 84:3-5,10-11/Mc 7:1-13  
Miércoles:..... 1 Re 10:1-10/Sal 37:5-6,30-31,39-40/Mc 7:14-23  
Jueves: ..... 1 Re 11:4-13/Sal 106:3-4,35-37,40/Mc 7:24-30  
Viernes: ..... 1 Re 11:29-32;12:19/Sal 81:10-15/Mc 7:31-37  
Sábado:..... 1 Re 12:26-32;13:33-34/Sal 106:6-7,19-22/  
..... Mc 8:1-10  
Próximo Domingo: Sir 15:15-20/Sal 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34/  
..... 1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34,37

### Jesús en ti confío



Johnny Alvarado  
Lisa M. Davis,  
Steve & Mary Dorshak,  
Maggie Giron,  
Matthew Goddard  
Norma Jimenez  
Deacon Glenn Miller  
Elenore Rose,  
Mary-Cho Sabol,

Luisa Constantin  
Pamela Davis,  
Lourdes Elliot  
Sally G.  
Michele Hardcastle  
Remedios V.de Leon  
Tom Murren  
Nick Rnich,  
Donna Vincent

### Jesus I Trust in You

John Cava,  
Melissa Delaney,  
Dwayne Foreman  
Thomas Goddard  
Ellen Holden,  
Ruth Munoz,  
Bernadine Reid  
Joel Rivera  
Rikki Zeller,

Rose Cruz,  
Gloria & John Dunham,  
Adrianne Foreman  
Richard Jandt  
Irene Hyek,  
Nancy Lawson  
Pedro & Elena Rodriguez,  
Eli Rubinstrum,  
Sandy Widman,

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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Saturday, 2/7/26**  
4:00pm

**Carmen Croci, RIP**

Requested by Foreman family

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

**Jimmy Zepeda, Special Intention**

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

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

**Mike & Rachael Pritchard, RIP**

Requested by Pritchard family

**Tuesday, 2/10/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**Ted Carter, Special Intention**

Requested by Family

**Wednesday, 2/11/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, 2/12/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**Janet Carter, RIP**

Requested by Ted Carter

**Friday, 2/13/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**Robert Carter - Holt, RIP**

Requested by Ted Carter

**Saturday, 2/14/26**  
4:00 p.m.

**Jimmy Zepeda, Special Intention**

Requested by James McCarthy

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

**People of the Parish**

9:30 a.m.

**Rachael & Mike Pritchard, RIP**

Requested by Pritchard family

11:00 a.m.

**Rufugio & Adriana Escalera, SI**

Requested by Family & friends



### **Youth Confirmation**

Please keep our Confirmation II students in your prayers as they continue their journey toward the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00pm

***Alejandro Alvarez, Estrella Castaneda, Giancarlo Cervantes, Alexander Cordova, Angelique Escuereno, Ricardo Juarez, Leticia Lara, 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.

**February 8, 2026**



### **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

### **Monday, February 9**

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 ~ Sac Prep, Conf II  
6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Choir practice

### **Tuesday, February 10**

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

### **Wednesday, February 11**

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

### **Thursday, February 12**

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

### **Friday, February 13**

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 14**

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

### **Sunday, February 15**

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: ***Cynthia 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.

**From the Pastor's Desk****THE LIGHT OF SERVICE**

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

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**LA LUZ DEL SERVICIO**

El profeta Isaías nos inspira estas palabras: "En las tinieblas nacerá la luz para ustedes, y la oscuridad será para ustedes como el mediodía". Todos los que celebramos hoy la liturgia alabamos a Dios por estas palabras de aliento. Seguramente cada uno de nosotros conoce el lado sombrío de la vida, pero las lecturas de hoy proponen un brillante antidoto contra la miseria: la luz del servicio. Isaías se centra en el sufrimiento físico, diciéndonos que proporcionemos comida, ropa, vivienda e igualdad de oportunidades a los que tienen recursos limitados. Más allá de las necesidades materiales, san Pablo nos muestra cómo proceder con humildad al atender las necesidades espirituales de las personas. El Evangelio de san Mateo nos impulsa a actuar con valentía: sean cuales sean nuestros dones, debemos ponerlos al servicio de nuestras comunidades. Como cristianos, debemos comprometernos con los demás sin reprimarnos, dejando que nuestra luz brille ante todos.

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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](http://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 February 1st

#### **Weekly ordinary income**

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| On Line giving: | \$1,436.00        |
| Plate:          | \$1,803.50        |
| Env.:           | \$3,516.00        |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>\$6,755.50</b> |

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 92 8:00 am 143

9:30am 215 11:00am 141 **Total: 591**

### **2026 DDF Annual Appeal**

**Our goal for 2026 is \$29,400 and 100%.... participation no matter what the amount**



Please pray about what you as a family can do this year to support the needs of the diocese and our parish!

If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, they are available in the gathering space

In 2025 we RECEIVED \$48,325 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.

We pray that each family will 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.

## **Saint of the Week Scholastica, Religious, 480-543**



Scholastica was the twin sister of St. Benedict and founded the Benedictine monasteries for men. Like her brother, Scholastica was drawn to religious life and joined a convent in a town located a few miles away from her brother's monastery. Scholastica became abbess of the convent and is considered to be the first Benedictine nun. She lived a holy life and is honored today for her faith.

Faith can move mountains, but only if it is strong. Do you pray with faith that God will answer your prayer? Do you really believe it? Like Scholastica, we are all called to such faith!



## **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 your help. Send your ideas and suggestions to: [stmarysyv@telis.org](mailto:stmarysyv@telis.org) or [alanbz-zio@gmail.com](mailto: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.*