



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026

I am here to do as you ask, O Lord ~ Psalm 40:39

Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

18 de enero de 2026

Estoy aquí para hacer lo que me pidas, oh Señor ~ Salmo 40:39

Question of the Week

Theme: God's plan in Christ begins to unfold in human history.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

What one word or thought in this reading really strikes you?

What image from this reading lingers for you now in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: If someone were to ask you, "who is Jesus?" how would you answer?

Question for Youth: How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today's world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today?

Where do you see him or experience his presence?

Question for Adults: In the gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:.....Is 49:3,5-6/Ps 40:2,4,7-10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
 Monday:....1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday:.....1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22,27-28/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday:....1 Sm 17:32-33, 37,40-51/Ps 144:1-2,9-10/
Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday:.....1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3,9-13/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday:.....1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4,6,11/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday:.....2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27/Ps 80:2-3,5-7/
Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday:... Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/
1 Cor 1:10-13,17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Preguntas de la Semana

Tema: El plan de Dios en Cristo comienza a desdoblarse en la historia humana.

Apuntes de la Palabra

Texto sugerido para compartir la fe: El Evangelio de hoy

Paso uno: Escuchar la Palabra

¿Cuál palabra o pensamiento en esta lectura realmente los impactó? ¿Qué imagen de esta lectura persiste en su memoria?

Paso dos: Ver tu vida

Pregunta para los niños: Si alguien te preguntara "¿quién es Jesús?" ¿Qué le contestarías?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: ¿Cómo puedes ver a través de lo ocupado, las distracciones y el estruendo del mundo de hoy para realmente ver a Cristo cuando se haga presente?
 ¿Dónde lo ves o experimentas su presencia?

Pregunta para los adultos: En el Evangelio de hoy, Juan nos dice quién es Jesús para él. Si alguien le hiciera esta pregunta, ¿cómo la contestaría?: ¿Quién es Jesús para ustedes?

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo:.....Is 49:3,5-6/Sal 40:2,4,7-10/1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34
 Lunes:.....1 Sm 15:16-23/Sal 50:8-9,16-17,21,23/Mc 2:18-22
 Martes:.....1 Sm 16:1-13/Sal 89:20-22,27-28/Mc 2:23-28
 Miércoles:.....1 Sm 17:32-33, 37,40-51/Sal 144:1-2,9-10/
Mc 3:1-6
 Jueves:.....1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7/Sal 56:2-3,9-13/Mc 3:7-12
 Viernes:.....1 Sm 24:3-21/Sal 57:2-4,6,11/Mc 3:13-19
 Sábado:.....2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27/Sal 80:2-3,5-7/
Mc 3:20-21
 Próximo Domingo: Is 8:23—9:3/Sal 27:1,4,13-14/
1 Cor 1:10-13,17/Mt 4:12-23 o 4:12-17

Jesus I Trust in You

Jesús en ti confío



Johnny Alvarado
 Rose Cruz,
 Gloria & John Dunham,
 ... Adrienne 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, 1/17/26
4:00pm

Joseph Marrufo, RIP
Requested by James McCarthy

Sunday, 1/18/26
8:00 a.m.

People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. **Hay Family**

Requested by family & friends

11:00 a.m. **Enrique Garcia, RIP**

Requested by his family & friends

Monday, 1/19/26
9:00 a.m.

James Huntington, RIP

Requested by MaryAnn Anuchiczwski

Tuesday, 1/20/26
9:00 a.m.

Grace McCarthy, RIP

Requested by James McCarthy

Wednesday, 1/21/26
9:00 a.m.

NO MASS

Thursday, 1/22/26
9:00 a.m.

Donna Vincent, Special Int

Requested by Friends and family

Friday, 1/23/26
9:00 a.m.

Rose Fortan, RIP

Requested by family & friends

Saturday, 1/24/26
4:00 p.m.

Grace McCarthy, Special Intention

Requested by James McCarthy

Sunday, 1/25/26
8:00 a.m.

Deceased Carter & St. Pierre family

Requested by Ted Carter

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

11:00 a.m. **Jesus Trujillo & Ermengioa Equihna, RIP**
Requested by Luz

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.

Sunday, January 18

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, January 19 Martin Luther King Day PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 a.m. Mass

4:45 p.m. St. Dominic Savio Your choir practice

6:00 p.m. OCIA

6:00 p.m. NO Religious Education

6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Choir practice

Tuesday, January 20

9:00 a.m. Mass

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

6:00p.m. Men's Fellowship

Wednesday, January 21 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

10:00 a.m. Vicariate Meeting ~ Blythe

5:30 P.M. Evening Star Prayer group

Thursday, January 22

9:00 a.m. Mass

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

Friday, January 23

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, January 24

9:30 am Confessions

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Mass - English

9:00 a.m. Rosary ~ Chapel

9:30 a.m. Mass - English:

11:00 a.m. Mass - Spanish

Please welcome

Welcome
Glad you're here!

Deacon Jose Rene Quiroz,
who has joined our team as
**Director of Faith
Formation** here at
St. Mary of the Valley.

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 January 20th** for more information

Contact Jerry at 760-774-2265



From the Pastor's Desk**OUR STRATEGIC GOAL**

As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time.

“Ordinary” comes from the Latin root for “order,” which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with “ordinal” numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today’s readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God’s love. Isaiah embraces his role as God’s servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ’s witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: “to be holy.” The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God’s loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

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NUESTRO OBJETIVO ESTRATÉGICO

Como Iglesia, ahora entramos en el Tiempo Ordinario. “Ordinario” viene de la raíz latina de “orden”, por eso alineamos los domingos en el calendario y los contamos con números “ordinales”- uno a uno. La forma ordenada de proceder a lo largo del año litúrgico nos recuerda que nuestra fe ofrece un objetivo estratégico para nuestras vidas: la felicidad eterna con Dios, que es amor. Las lecturas de hoy comparten historias de creyentes que ordenan sus actividades diarias hacia el objetivo de compartir el amor de Dios. Isaías asume su papel de siervo de Dios y trabaja para dar gloria no sólo a Israel, sino al mundo entero. De forma similar, san Pablo se identifica como testigo de Cristo en el mundo y recuerda a los corintios el objetivo de su vida: “ser santos”. El Evangelio nos muestra a Juan el Bautista, siervo y testigo, atento a las órdenes amorosas de Dios, al plan divino de salvación.

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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 January

1/4: Jessy & Terry Sanchez ~ 70th

1/22: Joe & Sylvia Ballinger ~ 43rd

1/30: Ken & Judy Carter ~ 60th

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: _____

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.

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 estan interesados en tener acceso en horas NO de oficina, por favor contacten la oficina al 760-365-2287 para detalles.



Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament

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

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 Month
- 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.

DDF Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2025 DDF Annual Appeal. Our parish goal was met, and over \$11,915 was received to go toward our parish projects!! Thank you to the 69 of our 930 registered families who gave so generously!!

In 2026 our goal is to have ALL 930 families give something. Our goal for 2026 will be announced soon, but we are expecting it to be around the same as this year. So please begin praying about what you are a family can contribute in 2026.

Remember, all monies over our goal are returned directly to the parish

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

Total Offertory for December, January

Weekly ordinary income & Christmas

	Jan mtd	Dec.	Christmas
On Line giving:	\$4,025.00	\$5,055.00	
Plate:	\$3,698.00	\$1,965.00	
Env.:	\$3,731.94	\$5,753.00	
Total:	\$11,454.94	\$12,773.00	\$10,242.00

Month to date: \$11,454.94 goal \$25,000

Year to date ordinary: \$188,022.23 **goal:** \$300,000.00

FYTD total income: \$195,343.17 **goal** \$468,299

Weekly Accounts payable: \$

Month to date accounts payable:

FYTD accounts payable: \$225,945.86

Jan. 10/11 **Attendance:** 4:00 pm 73 8:00 am 142
9:30am 165 11:00am 161 **Total:** 529



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.

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.

JANUARY 18, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Mon, January 26 at 6pm

Confirmation 1 will meet on Monday, February 3rd 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, February 3rd**.

ALL youth ages 6 to 13 are welcome.

Our next gathering will be on January 12th 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 you help. Send you ideas and suggestions to: stmarysyy@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 está 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 contacta 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

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!