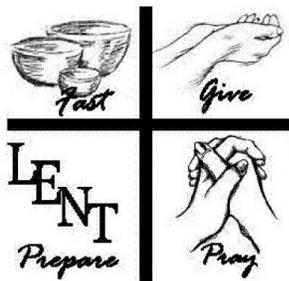


WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

— My shepherd is the Lord; I shall not want (Psalm 23).

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

15 de marzo de 2026

— *Levántense de entre los muertos, hijos de la luz (Efesios 5:8-14).*

Question of the Week

Theme: We are children of the Light.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's 2nd Reading, from Paul

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to this reading proclaimed again just now, how did it touch your heart? What did you hear? What word caught your ear?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?

Question for Youth: Jesus helped a blind man see—and he helps each of us see the world differently. How do you see differently because you believe?

Question for Adults: Share how you, as a child of the light, in the power of Christ, produce goodness, justice, and truth for the world. What specific actions do you take to do this?

Preguntas de la Semana

Tema: Somos hijos de luz.

Apuntes de la Palabra

Texto sugerido para compartir la fe: Segunda lectura de hoy, de Pablo

Paso uno: Escuchar la Palabra

Al escuchar la palabra en esta lectura proclamada otra vez justo ahora, ¿cómo tocó su corazón? ¿Qué escucharon? ¿Qué palabra llamó su atención?

Paso dos: Ver tu vida

Pregunta para los niños: *¿Qué cosas quiere Jesús que hagas como su amigo?*

Pregunta para los jóvenes: *Comparte lo que significa producir bondad, justicia y verdad, con tus acciones, palabras y pensamientos.*

Pregunta para los adultos: *Comparta como, siendo hijo de luz, en el poder de Cristo, produce bondad, justicia y verdad para el mundo. ¿Qué acciones específicas toma para hacer esto?*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:..... 1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/
..... Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12/Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9,13-14,17-18/
..... Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16/Ps 89:2-5,27,29/
..... Rom 4:13, 16-18,22/Mt 1:16,18-21,24 or Lk 2:41-51
Friday:..... Wis 2:1,12-22/Ps 34:17-21,23/Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3,9-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: ... Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/
..... Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo:.. 1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13/Sal 23:1-6/Ef 5:8-14/
..... Jn 9:1-41 o 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38
Lunes: Is 65:17-21/Sal 30:2,4-6,11-13/Jn 4:43-54
Martes: Ez 47:1-9,12/Sal 46:2-3,5-6,8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Miércoles: ...Is 49:8-15/Sal 145:8-9,13-14,17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Jueves: 2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16/Sal 89:2-5,27,29/
..... Rom 4:13,16-18,22/Mt 1:16,18-21,24
..... o Lc 2:41-51
Viernes: Sab 2:1,12-22/Sal 34:17-21,23/
..... Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
Sábado:..... Jer 11:18-20/Sal 7:2-3,9-12/Jn 7:40-53
Próximo Domingo: Ez 37:12-14/Sal 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/
..... Jn 11:1-45 o 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Jesus en ti confio

Divine Mercy quote:

Help me O Lord that my eyes may be merciful, and look for what is beautiful in my neighbors soul. (D163)

Jesus I Trust in You



Pray for ...

Johnny Alvarado
Melissa Delaney,
Dwayne Foreman
Thomas Goddard
Ellen Holden,
Ruth Munoz,
Pedro & Elena Rodriguez,
Donna Vincen,

John Cava,
Gloria & John Dunham,
Adrienne Foreman
Richard Jandt
Irene Hyek,
Nancy Lawson
Elenore Rose,
Sandy Widman,

Lisa M. Davis,
Steve & Mary Dorshak,
Maggie Giron,
Matthew Goddard
Norma Jimenez
Deacon Glenn Miller
Nick Rnich,

Pamela Davis,
Lourdes Elliot
Sally G.
Michele Hardcastle
Remedios V.de Leon
Bernadine Reid
Joel Rivera

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, 3/14/26
4:00pm

Ned & Carol Carter, RIP
Requested by Ted Carter



Sunday, 3/15/26
8:00 a.m.

Jimmy Zepeda, Special Intention
Requested by James McCarthy

9:30 a.m.

People of the Parish & our Elect

11:00 a.m.

Ana Mari Magdaleno, RIP
Requested by Garibay Family

Adrian Jose Davalos Nelson, RIP
Requested by his family

Monday, 3/16/26
9:00 a.m.

Donna Vincent, Special Intention
Requested by Evening Star Prayer Gr

Tuesday, 3/17/26
9:00 a.m.

Bridgette Nardiello, Special Int
Requested by James McCarthy

Wednesday, 3/18/26
9:00 a.m.

NO MASS

Thursday, 3/19/26
9:00 a.m.

Adele Nafziger, Special Intention
Requested by Evening Star Prayer Grp

Friday, 3/20/26
9:00 a.m.

Jim Zepeda, Special Intention
Requested by James McCarthy

Saturday, 3/21/26
4:00 p.m.

Katherine Payne, Special Intention
Requested by Thomas Duda

Sunday, 3/22/26
8:00 a.m.

Bridgette Nardiello, Special Int
Requested by James McCarthy

9:30 a.m.

People of the Parish & our Elect

11:00 a.m.

Ana Mari Magdaleno, RIP
Requested by Garibay Family

Braulio y Jess Pamtpka, RIP
Requested by Silva Family

HOLY WEEK 2026

March

29th **Palm Sunday:** Blessing of Palms 4pm Vigil
7:30am & 9:30am English 11:30am Spanish

31st **Chrim Mass** 3:00 pm ~ Rancho Cucamonga
April

2nd **Holy Thursday** 6:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
(bi-lingual) Yucca Valley

3rd **Good Friday** 12:00 noon 7 Last Words
3:00 pm. Passion of our Lord

4th **Holy Saturday**
7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass (bilingual)

5th **Easter Sunday**
7:30 am Easter Mass ~ Yucca Valley
9:30 am Easter Mass ~ Yucca Valley
11:30 a.m. Spanish Mass ~ Yucca Valley



Sunday, March 15 ST JOSEPH TABLE

8:00 a.m. Mass - English
9:00 a.m. Rosary ~ Chapel
9:30 a.m. Mass - English 2nd Scrutiny
11:00 a.m. Mass - Spanish

Monday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Mass
4:45 p.m. St. Dominic Savio Youth choir practice
6:00 p.m. OCIA
6:00 p.m. Rel Ed: Sacramental Prep and Confirmation I
6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Choir practice

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 a.m. NO Mass

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

7:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am Mass
10:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Simple Soup Supper

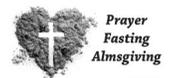
Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

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

Lent 2026



March

15th 4th Sunday of Lent 2nd scrutiny
20th Stations of the Cross/ Soup Supper 5:30pm
22nd 5th Sunday Lent 3rd scrutiny
27th Stations of the Cross / Soup Supper 5:30pm
29th **PALM SUNDAY:**
7:30am & 9:30am English 11:00 Spanish



**Stations of the Cross/
Simple Soup Supper**

Please join us each **Friday, during Lent** at **5:30pm** for Stations of the Cross. Following Stations, we will share a simple soup supper in the Parish Hall. We encourage you to volunteer to bring soup to one of the Friday Soup Suppers.

St. Joseph table



Thank you to all our bakers, cooks, etc. and all those who purchased items! Your generosity is greatly appreci-

From the Pastor's Desk

SEEING THE LIGHT

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

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VER LA LUZ

Nuestro viaje cuaresmal continúa este domingo cuando escuchamos a Jesús curar a un ciego en el Evangelio de Juan. Jesús se proclama luz del mundo, una luz que vence las tinieblas y permite una nueva capacidad de ver. El hombre, ciego de nacimiento, pudo iniciar su camino hacia la vista reconociendo primero su ceguera. Se nos recuerda que Dios nos invita continuamente a pasar de la ceguera a la vista. Empezamos por reconocer nuestra propia capacidad de "puntos ciegos", y así nos abrimos a verdades incómodas y a la curación de Dios. Se nos invita a ver más allá de las apariencias, como indica la lectura de Samuel, y a mirar en el corazón de las cosas. Se nos invita a "vivir como hijos de la luz", como enseña la carta a los Efesios. Como el hombre curado de la ceguera, podemos aprender gradualmente a ver plenamente y a seguir a Jesús.

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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 all couples celebrating Anniversaries in March

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

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!!

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.



UPCOMING LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES, LOW DESERT VICARIATE:

- March 18**, St. Theresa, Palm Springs, 3:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. (Combined with *Our Lady of Solitude, and Our Lady of Guadalupe*. Palm Springs)
- March 25**, St. Elizabeth, Desert Hot Springs, 6:30pm
- March 26** Blessed Sacrament, 29 Palms, 6:00pm

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

Reach Out Morongo Basin

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

Knights of Columbus

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

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.



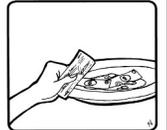
Help support St. Mary of the Valley

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 March 7 / 8

Weekly ordinary income

On Line giving:	\$1,241.00
Plate:	\$1,934.00
Env.:	\$2,781.00
Total:	\$5,956.00

Month to date: \$13,718 **goal \$25,000**

FYTD total income: \$313,937.53 goal: \$468,299

Monthly Accounts payable: \$5,732.70

FYTD accounts payable: \$326,523.62

Attendance: 4:00 pm 96 8:00 am 121

9:30am 231 11:00am 171 **Total: 619**

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.

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

Thank you to the 18 families who have already given \$5845.20!! This is 3% of our 700 families and 20% of our goal amount! ! Also we have families who have made pledges which brings our total to \$7537.00!

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.



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 March 17th.** For more information Contact Jerry at 760-774-2265

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: stmarysvv@telis.org or alanbzzio@gmail.com

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....

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 I will meet on Monday, March 16 at 6pm

Educación Religiosa/Preparación Sacramental incluyendo Confirmación

Preparación Sacramental en Santa Maria del Valle:
Primera Reconciliación / Primera Comunión y Confirmación Las clases I y II se reúnen dos veces al mes, los lunes a las 6:00 p. m.

Ustedes, como padres, son los principales maestros de sus hijos y les ayudaremos con algunas de estas responsabilidades, que incluyen, entre otras asistir a misa, ayudar a sus hijos a memorizar sus oraciones y rezarlas en familia, asistir a las actividades parroquiales, etc. Ser un ejemplo de vivir la fe católica.

Primera Reconciliación, Primera Comunión y Confirmación II: El lunes 9 y 23 de marzo a las 6:00 p.m. La clase de Confirmación I se reunirá el 16 marzo a las 6:00 p.m.



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, April 13. 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.

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 contacte 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.

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, Angeliq 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.

Parish Projects

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

OCI / ADULT Sacraments



Please pray for our Catechumens (who will become Elect on February 28th) and Candidates who are in the process of becoming fully Initiated in the Catholic Faith

Our Elect 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.

Candidates: 1st Eucharist, May 24th and Confirmation May 27th: Cinthia Barajas, Giovanni Esparza, Luke Jasem, Michelle Ortega

Confirmation May 27th:

Sabrina Madrigal, and Lizbeth Martinez

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

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.

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.