

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

~ The Lord is kind and saves us (Psalm 130).

Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

22 de marzo de 2026

~ *El Señor es bondadoso y nos salva (Salmo 130 [129]).*



Question of the Week

Theme: New life in Christ Jesus

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel, the short form

Step One: Listen to the Word

Listening today to this familiar story, what scene in it most affected you? What word of Jesus did you notice?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: How do your actions show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?

Question for Youth: Lazarus received a second chance at life through Jesus. How have you experienced second chances in your own life?

Question for Adults: The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?

Preguntas de la Semana

Tema: Nueva vida en Cristo Jesús

Apuntes de la Palabra

Texto sugerido para compartir la fe: El Evangelio de hoy, la forma corta

Paso uno: Escuchar la Palabra

Escuchen hoy esta historia conocida, ¿qué escena los afectó más? ¿Qué palabra de Jesús notaron?

Paso dos: Ver tu vida

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cómo muestran tus acciones que pones tu fe y confianza en Jesús?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Conforme crecemos, encontramos que estamos sujetos a ciertas cosas, como la popularidad, la moda o la presión de los compañeros. ¿Qué tendría que desatar Jesús en tu vida para liberarte?

Pregunta para los adultos: La muerte desde la cual somos llamados es la cura de aquellas cosas que nos unen y nos retienen: memoria, temores, rechazo u otras cosas similares. ¿Qué lo une? ¿Qué evita que usted mismo esté verdaderamente en Cristo?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



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
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 13:41-62/
 Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3,16-21/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14;8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/
 Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/(Ps) Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: ... Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24/
 Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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
 Lunes: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 o 13:41-62/
Sal 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11
 Martes: Nm 21:4-9/Sal 102:2-3,16-21/Jn 8:21-30
 Miércoles:..... Is 7:10-14;8:10/Sal 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/
 Lc 1:26-38
 Jueves: Gn 17:3-9/Sal 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Viernes: Jer 20:10-13/Sal 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
 Sábado:..... Ez 37:21-28/(Sal) Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56
 Próximo Domingo: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Sal 22:8-9,17-20,
23-24/Flp 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 o 27:11-54

Jesus I Trust in You

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th

Divine Mercy Novena Pamphlets are available at the table in the gathering space. Please take a pamphlet; the novena starts on Good Friday, April 3rd.



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, 3/21/26
4:00pm

Katherine Payne, Special Intentions
Requested by Thomas Duda

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

Bridgette Nardiello, Spec Intention
Requested by James McCarthy

9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m

People of the Parish & Our Elect
Ana Mari Magdaleno, RIP
Requested by Garibay Family
Braulio y Jess Pamtpka, RIP
Requested by Silva Family

Monday, 3/23/26
9:00 a.m.

Brian Schoenborn, Spec Intentions
Requested by Pam Schoenborn

Tuesday, 3/24/26
9:00 a.m.

Allen & Margaret Lucas, RIP
Requested by Scott Hay

Wednesday, 3/25/26
9:00 a.m.

NO MASS

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

Henry Ray Carter, RIP
Requested by Ted Carter

Friday, 3/27/26
9:00 a.m.

Dr. Sharyn Dawd, RIP
Requested by Scott Hay

Saturday, 3/28/26
4:00 p.m.

Avelina Perez-Rivera, RIP
Requested by Kimberly Rivera

Sunday, 3/29/26
8:00 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY
Mircos Carrilo Lopez, RIP
Requested by James McCarthy

9:30 a.m.

Dominic Spogeto, RIP
Requested by Scott Hay

11:00 a.m

Ana Mari Magdaleno, RIP
Requested by Garibay Family
Adrian Jose Davalos Nelson, RIP
Requested by Silva Family

Sunday, March 22

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 23

9:00 a.m. Mass
4:00 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Choir practice
6:00 p.m. OCIA
6:00 p.m. NO Religious Education (Spring break)

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

9:00 a.m. NO Mass

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

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 28

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

Sunday, March 29 PALM SUNDAY

PLEASE NOTE: Mass time changes for this week and Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. Mass - English
9:00 a.m. Rosary ~ Chapel
9:30 a.m. Mass - English:
11:30 a.m. Mass - Spanish

LENT / HOLY WEEK 2026

March

27th Stations of the Cross / Soup Supper 5:30pm
29th **PALM SUNDAY:** (PLEASE NOTE MASS TIMES)
4pm Vigil 7:30am & 9:30am (Eng) 11:30am (Span)
31st **Chrism 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 (English)
3:00 pm. Passion of our Lord (Bilingual)
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Span)
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



OCI / ADULT Sacraments

Please pray for our Elect 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

From the Pastor's Desk

LIFE FROM GOD

As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death, but God offers us abundant life here and now. We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us.

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LA VIDA DE DIOS

Al acercarnos a la Semana Santa, nuestras lecturas hablan de un Dios que, en medio de la muerte, trae nueva vida al pueblo. En Ezequiel, escuchamos que Dios abrirá las tumbas del pueblo de Israel, que se enfrentaba a la casi extinción. En el Evangelio de Juan, Jesús da nueva vida a Lázaro de una manera que prefigura la resurrección de Jesús. Pablo dice a los romanos que, en Cristo, Dios no sólo dará vida a nuestros cuerpos después de la muerte, sino que nos ofrece vida abundante aquí y ahora. Observamos que las condiciones externas de las personas descritas en estas lecturas no cambiaron radicalmente. Israel seguía en el exilio. Lázaro acabaría enfrentándose de nuevo a la muerte. Pero ahora se revelan la presencia y el poder de Dios. Incluso cuando nuestra situación en la vida es difícil y tal vez no es probable que cambie pronto, recordamos que el Espíritu habita en nosotros.

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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.



FINAL 2026 LENTEN PENANCE

SERVICES ~ LOW DESERT VICARIATE

March 25, St. Elizabeth , Desert Hot Springs, 6:30pm

March 26 Blessed Sacrament, 29 Palms, 6:00pm

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 14/15

Weekly ordinary income

On Line giving:	\$1,221.00
Plate:	\$1,765.00
Env.:	\$3,798.00
Total:	\$6,784.00

Month to date: \$20,502.00 **goal \$25,000**

FYTD total income: \$360,004.68 goal: \$468,299

Monthly Accounts payable: \$11,941.25

FYTD accounts payable: \$339,260.27

Attendance: 4:00 pm 89 8:00 am 163
9:30am 246 11:00am 145 **Total: 643**

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 \$7,537.00!

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 April 21st.** 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: stmarysyv@telis.org or alanbzzio@gmail.com



Divine Mercy:

Quote for the week:

The miracle of Divine Mercy restores the soul in full (Sacrament of Reconciliation) (D1448)

Jesus en ti

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



Stations of the Cross/ Simple Soup Supper

Please join us this Friday, March 27th at 5:30pm for the last Stations of the Cross for this Lent.

Following Stations, we will share a simple soup supper in the Parish Hall. We encourage you to volunteer to bring a meatless soup to share.

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. Joseph table

A special thank you to Virginia Hadad for coordinating this event! Also thank you to all our bakers, cooks, etc. and all those who purchased items! \$1055 was raised which will be used toward the painting of the old church and parish hall! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



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.

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