



## Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again  
(John 4:5-42)

## Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma

12 de marzo de 2023

El agua que yo les daré se convierte en el manantial de vida eterna  
(Juan 4:5-42)

### Question of the Week

**Theme:** Jesus is the Living Water

#### Breaking Open the Word

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

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

In this long story, what image or scene did you see in your mind's eye? What phrase or word caught your ear?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** How do you experience Jesus helping and loving you?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus revealed himself to an outcast of society. How can you be "living water" to the outcasts of your school? Society? The world?

**Question for Adults:** When you are tempted to try to satisfy your "thirst for meaning" through some other means, what keeps you coming back to the living water of intimacy with Christ? Through what means do you experience Christ's power in your life: Sacraments? Scripture? Prayer? Others?

### Preguntas de la Semana

**Tema:** Jesús es el Agua de Vida

#### Apuntes de la Palabra

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

#### Paso uno: Escuchar la Palabra

En esta larga historia, ¿qué imagen o escena vieron en los ojos de su mente? ¿Qué frase o palabra llamó su atención?

#### Paso dos: Ver tu vida

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Cómo experimentas a Jesús ayudándote y amándote?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** Comparte un tiempo en tu propia vida cuando experimentaste el poder de Cristo guiándote y fortaleciéndote, especialmente al crecer en tu juventud, enfrentando el rango de opciones frente a ti en tu vida.

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Cuándo siente la tentación de tratar de satisfacer su "sed por significados" mediante otros medios que evitan que regrese al agua de la vida de la intimidad con Cristo? ¿A través de qué medios experimenta el poder de Cristo en su vida: Sacramentos? ¿Escrituras? ¿Oración? ¿Otros?

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:..... Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/Rom 5:1-2,5-8/  
..... Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,19-26,39-42  
Monday: ..... 2 Kgs 5:1-15/Pss 42:2-3;43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: ..... Dn 3:25,34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: ..... Dt 4:1,5-9/Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20/  
..... Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: ..... Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: ..... Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11,14,17/Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: ..... Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4,18-21/Lk 18:9-14  
Next 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



### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo:.. Éx 17:3-7/Sal 95:1-2,6-9/Rom 5:1-2,5-8/  
..... Jn 4:5-42 o 4:5-15,19-26,39-42  
Lunes: ..... 2 Re 5:1-15/Sal 42:2-3;43:3-4/Lc 4:24-30  
Martes: ..... Dn 3:25,34-43/Sal 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Miércoles:..... Dt 4:1,5-9/Sal 147:12-13,15-16,19-20/  
..... Mt 5:17-19  
Jueves: ..... Jer 7:23-28/Sal 95:1-2,6-9/Lc 11:14-23  
Viernes: ..... Os 14:2-10/Sal 81:6-11,14,17/Mc 12:28-34  
Sábado:..... Os 6:1-6/Sal 51:3-4,18-21/Lc 18:9-14  
Próximo 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

*Jesus en ti confio*

#### Divine Mercy quote:

The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vassal only, and that is TRUST. (D1578)

*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, 3/7/26**  
4:00pm

**Michael & Rachael Pritchard, RIP**  
Requested by Family & friends

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

**People of the Parish**

9:30 a.m.

**Elect and Candidates, Special Int**

11:00 a.m

**Ana Maria Magdaleno, RIP**  
Requested by Garibay Family  
**Fabian Silva, RIP**  
Requested by Silva Family

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

**Fred Anderton, Special Intention**  
Requested by Evening Star Prayer Gr

**Tuesday, 3/10/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**Chad Nafziger, Special Intention**  
Requested by Evening Star Prayer Gr

**Wednesday, 3/11/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, 3/12/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**Michael & Rachel Pritchard, RIP**  
Requested by Maria Pritchard

**Friday, 3/13/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**Martha Snider, Special Intention**  
Requested by Tue Night Prayer Group

**Saturday, 3/14/26**  
4:00 p.m.

**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**

11:00 a.m

**Ana Mari Magdaleno, RIP**  
Requested by Garibay Family  
**Adrian Jose Davalos Nelson, RIP**  
Requested by his family



**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**

**Sun., Mar 15th** we will celebrate this traditional Italian custom of a bake sale in honor of St. Joseph's Day. If you like to bake we would love for you to share your talents and bring items to sell. Monies raised will go toward painting the old church.



**Sunday, March 8**

8:00 a.m. Mass - English  
9:00 a.m. Rosary ~ Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Mass - English 1st Scrutiny  
11:00 a.m. Mass - Spanish

**Monday, March 9**

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

**Tuesday, March 10**

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

**Wednesday, March 11**

9:00 a.m. NO Mass

**Thursday, March 12**

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

**Friday, March 13**

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

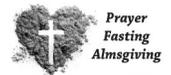
**Saturday, March 14 St Joseph Table**

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

**Sunday, March 15 St Joseph Table**

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**

8th 3rd Sunday of Lent 1st scrutiny  
13th Stations of the Cross / Soup Supper 5:30pm  
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 Eng. 11:00 Spa**

**April**

**HOLY WEEK**

2nd Holy Thursday: 6:00pm bi-lingual Mass  
3rd Good Friday: 12:00pm Seven Last Word 3pm Passion  
4th Holy Saturday: 7:30pm Easter Vigil  
5th Easter Sunday: 7:30am & 9:30am Eng. 11:00 Span

**Please note:** The Easter bunny is looking for donations to help with his visit to St. Mary's on Easter Sunday. Donations of plastic eggs, candy and cash donations would be greatly appreciated. There is a box in the gather space for your donations! Thank you for your generous support!!

**From the Pastor's Desk**

**GOD EVER PURSUES US**

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

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**DIOS NOS BUSCA SIEMPRE**

Hoy oímos hablar de la implacable búsqueda de Dios hacia nosotros. Nuestras lecturas cuentan historias del intenso deseo de Dios de compartir la vida divina con nosotros. En el Éxodo, vemos cómo Dios muestra una persistencia y una compasión infinitas, incluso con los que refunfuñan contra Dios o parecen haberse olvidado de él. En el Evangelio de Juan oímos cómo Jesús, en su prolongada conversación con la mujer samaritana, la dignifica, nombra verdades incómodas y la conduce gradualmente a un nuevo camino de fe. Podemos confiar en que, al llevar nuestras propias confusiones, miedos y fracasos a Dios, podemos recibir su misericordia y su perdón. Dios siempre persiste y encuentra continuamente nuevas formas de invitar a las personas a la unidad con Dios. Como describe Pablo en Romanos, en la cruz vemos cómo Dios se desvive por demostrar la profundidad y la amplitud del amor divino.

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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](http://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.

*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.

**UPCOMING LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES, LOW DESERT VICARIATE:**

- March 10**, Our Lady of Soledad, Coachella 6:00pm
- March 12**, St Francis of Assisi, La Quinta, 6:00pm
- 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

**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.*



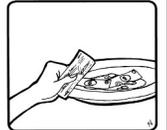
**Help support St. Mary of the Valley & St. Christopher of the Desert**

**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 22nd

**Weekly ordinary income**

On Line giving:	\$1,836.00
Plate:	\$1,681.00
Env.:	\$3,945.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,762.00</b>

Month to date: \$7,762.00 **goal \$25,000**

**FYTD total income: \$307,981.53 goal: \$468,299**

Monthly Accounts payable: \$30,140.24

FYTD accounts payable: \$320790.92

**Attendance:** 4:00 pm 83 8:00 am 170

9:30am 230 11:00am 134 **Total: 617**

**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 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: stmarysyv@telis.org or alanbzzio@gmail.com

**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 7 families who have already given \$2500.00!! This is 1% of our 700 families and 5% of our goal amount!! 13 families have made pledges which brings our total to \$4000!

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.

**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 !!

**Where is the Easter bunny???  
Is he coming to St. Mary's???**

**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, March 9 and 23 at 6pm Confirmation II 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**

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.

**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 Catechumens are: *Steven Bennett, Rafael Felix III, Brittny 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.

**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.

**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 .

**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

**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.