

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

“I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.”— *John 14:6*

### Quinto Domingo de Pascua

3 de mayo de 2026

“Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Padre si no es por mí”. — *Juan 14:6*

#### Question of the Week

**Theme:** Jesus, our cornerstone.

##### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today’s Gospel

##### Step One: Listen to the Word

In this lovely reading from John’s Gospel, what phrases or words or images catch your ear? What promise of Christ do you hear most clearly?

##### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** What are some ways that you can act like Jesus would if he were in your situation?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus is “the way, the truth, the life” and he asks us to do as he does.  
How do you try to follow Jesus’ way?

**Question for Adults:** How are the promises of this Gospel passage made real in your own life? How do you experience yourself doing greater works than even Jesus did?

#### Preguntas de la Semana

**Tema:** Jesús, nuestra piedra angular.

##### Apuntes de la Palabra

Texto sugerido para compartir la fe: El Evangelio de hoy

##### Paso uno: Escuchar la Palabra

En esta linda lectura del Evangelio de Juan, ¿qué frases, palabras o imágenes llamaron su atención? ¿Qué promesa de Cristo escuchó con más claridad?

##### Paso dos: Ver tu vida

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Cuáles son algunas formas en las que puedes actuar como Jesús lo haría si estuviera en tu situación?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** En el mundo de hoy, donde la publicidad y otras fuerzas de muchos tipos tratan de atraerte, ¿qué estrategias seguirías para asegurarte de que estás siguiendo a Cristo, el único que puede guiarte hacia la felicidad y la plenitud?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** ¿Cómo se hicieron reales en su propia vida las promesas de este pasaje del Evangelio? ¿Cómo se ve usted haciendo trabajos aún mayores que los que hizo Jesús?



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:..... Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/  
..... Jn 14:1-12  
Monday: ..... Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4,15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: ..... Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13,21/Jn 14:27-31  
Wednesday: ..... Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: ..... Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3,10/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: ..... Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-12/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: ..... Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3,5/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: ... Acts 8:5-8,14-17/Ps 66:1-7,16,20/  
..... 1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo:..... He 6:1-7/Sal 33:1-2,4-5,18-19/1 Pe 2:4-9/  
..... Jn 14:1-12  
Lunes: ..... He 14:5-18/Sal 115:1-4,15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
Martes: ..... He 14:19-28/Sal 145:10-13,21/Jn 14:27-31  
Miércoles:..... He 15:1-6/Sal 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8  
Jueves: ..... He 15:7-21/Sal 96:1-3,10/Jn 15:9-11  
Viernes: ..... He 15:22-31/Sal 57:8-12/Jn 15:12-17  
Sábado:..... He 16:1-10/Sal 100:1-3,5/Jn 15:18-21  
Próximo Domingo: He 8:5-8,14-17/Sal 66:1-7,16,20/  
..... 1 Pe 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

*Jesus en ti confio*

*Jesus I Trust in You*



Pray for ...  
Johnny Alvarado  
Melissa Delaney,  
Dwayne Foreman  
Thomas Goddard  
Ellen Holden,  
Ruth Munoz,  
Mike Phelps  
Joel Rivera

John Cava,  
Gloria & John Dunham,  
Adrienne Foreman  
Richard Jandt  
Irene Hyek,  
Nancy Lawson  
Pedro & Elena Rodriguez,  
Donna Vincent,

Ted Carter  
Steve & Mary Dorshak,  
Maggie Giron,  
Matthew Goddard  
Norma Jimenez  
Deacon Glenn Miller  
Elenore Rose,  
Sandy Widman,

Scott Colburn  
Lourdes Elliot  
Sally G.  
Michele Hardcastle  
Remedios V.de Leon  
Bernadine Reid  
Nick Rnich,

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, 5/2/26**  
4:00pm

**Nick & Denise Renish, Special Int**  
Requested by Richard & Mary Flores

**Sunday, 5/3/26**  
8:00 a.m.

**People of the Parish**

9:30 a.m.

**Carmen Croci, RIP**  
Requested by Foreman family

11:00 a.m.

**Ana Maria Magdalena, RIP**  
Requested by Garibay Family

**Fabian Silva, RIP**  
Requested by Silva family

**Monday, 5/4/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**Mark & Anne Morrison, Spec Int**  
Requested by Mary Agre

**Tuesday, 5/5/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**June Pineda, RIP**  
Requested by James McCarthy

**Wednesday, 5/6/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, 5/7/26**  
9:00 am.

**Sara Carter, RIP**  
Requested by Ted Carter

**Friday, 5/8/26**

**Christopher McCarthy, Spe Int**  
Requested by James McCarthy

**Saturday, 5/9/26**  
4:00 p.m.

**Marsiglio Croci, RIP**  
Requested by Foreman Family  
**Roy & Lorraine Schaefer, RIP**  
Requested by Flores Family

**Sunday, 5/10/26**  
8:000 a.m.

**MOTHERS DAY NOVENA**

9:30 a.m.

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11:30 a.m.

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**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.

**Sunday, May 3**

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

**Monday, May 4**

9:00 a.m. Mass  
4:45 p.m. St. Dominic Choir practice  
6:00 pm St. Mary's Parish Choir practice  
6:00 p.m. OCIA  
6:00 p.m. Religious Education: Confirmation II

**Tuesday, May 5**

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

**Wednesday, May 6**

9:00 a.m. NO Mass

**Thursday, May 7**

9:00 am Mass  
7:00 p.m. *Comunidad Misioneros del Amor de Jesus*  
7:00 p.m. *Cristo Negro*

**Friday, May 8**

9:00 am Mass

**Saturday, May 9**

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

**Sunday, May 10**

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

**Mother's Day Novena**



Intention cards for the Mother's day novena are available in the gathering space. These intentions will be placed on the Altar for our Mother's Day novena beginning on **Sunday, May 10th**. Please complete the information and place the envelope in the regular collection or return to the parish office.

**First Eucharist**



Please pray for the following students who will be receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the First time the weekend of **June 6th and 7th**. Please also keep their parents in your prayers as they continue their faith journey

***Fadi Rami Alnaser, Raad Elias Alnaser, Mateo Escobar, Lucas Felix, Alica Rialmo, Nyah Thomas, Shayla Vaughn-Looney, Juan Pablo Vazquez, Brandley Vince, Celeste Zambrano, Emma Zambrano,***

Please pray for the following adults who will be receive First Eucharist, **May 24th** at the 9:30am Mass.

***Giovanni Esparza, Michelle Ortega***

**From the Pastor's Desk**

**VOCATION**

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of "vocation" and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today's apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the "cornerstone" of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God's] own, so that you may announce the praises" of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life's vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

**VOCACIÓN**

*Los católicos en los Estados Unidos pasan mucho tiempo hablando de "vocación" y la manera en que cada uno de nosotros discierne nuestra vocación en la vida. Sin embargo, en la carta apostólica de hoy, Pedro nos da la "piedra angular" de nuestra vocación, lo primero y principal en el llamado de cada uno de nosotros a raíz de nuestro Bautismo. Él describe nuestra vocación como "estirpe elegida, sacerdocio real, nación consagrada a Dios, pueblo de su propiedad para que proclamen las obras maravillosas de aquél [Cristo] quien nos llamó de las tinieblas a su luz admirable" (1 Pedro 2:9). Todos nosotros, sin importar la senda por la cual nuestra vocación de vida nos lleve, hemos sido elegidos por Dios, hechos santos, y ungidos como sacerdotes en el alto sacerdocio de Cristo por nuestro Bautismo. Todo esto, para que podamos anunciar las maravillas de Cristo. Se nos da una vocación para que proclamemos mediante el servicio, la palabra y el sacramento dentro del hogar, en el trabajo y dondequiera que nos lleve la vida.*

**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 May*

5/2: Steve & Linda Kessler ~ 46th  
5/19: William & Joan Wells ~ 64th

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.*

**FIRST FRIDAY Adoration**

Please join us in the chapel, from 7am ~ 5pm on Friday, June 5th, (which is First Friday) in the daily chapel for Adoration followed by Benediction at 5:00pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway by the chapel.



*Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros el viernes 6 de marzo Primer Viernes Santo. Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento de 7:00 a. m. a 5:00 pm. en la capilla. Encontrarán una hoja de inscripción en el pasillo junto a la capilla.*

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

**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.*



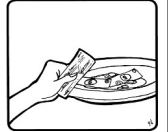
**Help support St. Mary of the Valley**

**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)...**\$1,601.75**

\* *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): \$901.00*

**"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 April 25/26

**Easter /Weekly ordinary income**

On Line giving:	\$1,881.00
Plate:	\$1,732.50
Env.:	\$2,633.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,246.50</b>

Month to date: \$32,903.95 **goal \$30,000**

**FYTD total income: \$403,016.58 goal: \$468,299**

Monthly Accounts payable: \$36,825.33

FYTD accounts payable: \$402,825.33

**Attendance: 4:00 pm 88 8:00 am 138**

9:30am 241 11:00am 140 **Total: 607**

**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.

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**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 39 families who have already given \$14,458.70! This is 5% of our 700 families and 50% of our goal amount! ! Also we have 5 families who have made pledges which brings our total to \$15,593.70!

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 May 19st.** 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

**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.

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**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 I will meet on Monday, May 4th at 6pm

**Educación Religiosa/Preparación Sacramental incluyendo Confirmación**

Preparación sacramental en St. Mary of the Valley:  
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 educadores de sus hijos; nosotros les ayudaremos con algunas de estas responsabilidades, las cuales incluyen —entre otras— la asistencia a Misa, ayudar a sus hijos a memorizar sus oraciones y rezarlas juntos en familia, asistir a las actividades parroquiales, etc. Se trata de ser un ejemplo de vida en la fe católica. Las clases de Primera Reconciliación, Primera Comunión y Confirmación II se reunirán el lunes 20 de abril 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, May 11, 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.

**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 vestibulo, o contacta la oficina de la parroquia al 365-2287 para mas detalles.

**OCI / ADULT Sacraments**



**Congratulations to our new Catholics!!**

Please continue to keep our neophytes in prayers as they continue their journey of faith!

Steven Bennett, Mike Elliot, Rafael Felix III, Brittney Fernandez, Katurah Jandt, Angel Miramontes, Taylor Narcisse, Daniel Ortega and Erik Sundstrom

The following will also be fully initiated in the near future

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 Candidates in your prayers as they journey toward receiving their Sacraments.

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**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 .

**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.



**First Reconciliation**

Please pray for the following students who celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday, May 18th . Please keep also keep their parents in your prayers as they continue their faith journey with their students.

Maria Aguilera, Dane Balaz, Clyde Behrens, Kaely A. Contreras, Azalea Nineth, Reagan McDonald, Sariah Elizabeth Reyes, Isaiah Becerra, Jonah Fernandez, Jaelle Ortiz, Eva Rosas-Rios, Lenoardo Padilla.

**Parish Projects**

- 1. Paint inside/ new carpets for the old church
  - 2. New carpet (flooring) in the church
- This will cost us approximately \$100,000

**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 !!