

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

"We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house" - Psalm 122

Primer Domingo de Adviento

30 de noviembre de 2025

"Nos regocijaremos al subir a la casa del Señor (Salmo 122 [121])."



Question of the Week

Theme: Waiting, hoping, and preparing.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing:

Today's 1st Reading from Isaiah

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you?

What in this reading touches your heart?

What image from Isaiah lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: What can you do to be ready for God to come into your heart and your life?

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us we don't know when the Son of Man will return. If he were to arrive today, would you be ready for him? What is one thing you can do during Advent to prepare for his coming?

Question for Adults: As you prepare to re-welcome Christ into your heart while you prepare for Christmas, what does Isaiah call you to do? What does Isaiah call us as a people to do?

Preguntas de la Semana

Tema: Espera, esperanza y preparación.

Apuntes de la Palabra

Texto sugerido para compartir la fe:

Primera lectura de hoy de Isaías

Paso uno: Escuchar la Palabra

Al escuchar esta lectura, ¿qué palabras o frases los impactaron? ¿En esta lectura qué tocó sus corazones? ¿Qué imagen de Isaías persiste en su memoria?

Paso dos: Ver tu vida

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Qué puedes hacer para estar listo para que Dios llegue a tu corazón y a tu vida?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: El Evangelio nos dice que no sabremos cuando el Hijo del Hombre va a regresar. Si el fuera a llegar hoy, estaríamos listos para el? Cual seria la única cosa que harías durante el Advénimiento para prepararte para su llegada?

Pregunta para los adultos: Al prepararse para volver a dar la bienvenida a Cristo en su corazón al prepararse para la Navidad, ¿qué le pide Isaías que haga? ¿Qué nos pide Isaías a las personas que hagamos?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/
..... Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21,23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1,5-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/Rom 15:4-9/
..... Mt 3:1-12



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 2:1-5/Sal 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/
..... Mt 24:37-44
Lunes: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
Martes: Is 11:1-10/Lc 10:21-24
Miércoles: Is 25:6-10/Mt 15:29-37
Jueves: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21,24-27
Viernes: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Sábado: Is 30:19-21,23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1,5-8
Próximo Domingo: Is 11:1-10/Sal 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17/
..... Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Jesus I Trust in You

Jesus en ti confío



Johnny Alvarado
Rose Cruz,
Gloria & John Dunham,
Adrianne Foreman
Thomas Goddard
Norma Jimenez
Nancy Lawson
Pedro Rodriguez,
Eli Rubinstrum,
Amanda & Dakota Thompson,

Mitzie Carroll,
Lisa M. Davis,
Steve & Mary Dorshak,
Rose Fortin
Matthew Goddard
Allan Lucas
Deacon Glenn Miller
Elenore Rose,
Christopher Scott,
Donna Vincent

Luisa Constantino
Pamela Davis,
Lourdes Elliot
Maggie Giron,
Ellen Holden,
Remedios V.de Leon
Tom Murren
Nick Rnich,
Mike & Mary-Cho Sabol,
Rikki Zeller,

John Cava,
Melissa Delaney,
Dwayne Foreman
Sally G.
Irene Hyek,
Ruth Munoz,
Bernadine Reid
Joel Rivera
Joseph Spoonhower
Sandy Widman,

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, 11/29/25
4:00pm

Margaret Hyek, RIP
Requested by family and friends

Sunday, 11/30/25
8:00 a.m.

Raymond Tous, RIP
Requested by Mary Tous

9:30 a.m.

Marge Colburn, RIP
Requested by Mary Agre

11:00 a.m.

People of the Parish

Monday, 12/1/25
9:00 a.m.

William McCarthy, RIP
Requested by James McCarthy

Tuesday, 12/2/25
9:00 a.m.

Fr. Frederic Nelson, RIP
Requested by James McCarthy

Wednesday, 12/3/25
9:00 a.m.

NO MASS

Thursday, 12/4/25
9:00 a.m.

George Colburn, RIP
Requested by Mary Agre

Friday, 12/5/25
9:00 a.m.

Rozlin, Special Intention
Requested by Family & Friends

Saturday, 12/6/25
4:00 p.m.

Carter & St. Pierre Family members, RIP
Requested by Ted Carter

Sunday, 12/7/25
8:00 a.m.

People of the Parish

9:30 a.m.

Ned & Carol Carter, RIP
Requested by Ted Carter

11:00 a.m.

Vanansio Gaxiola, RIP
Requested by family



Advent Penance Service

Please join us for St. Mary of the Valley's
Advent Penance Service scheduled for
Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30pm.
We will have several priests from the area
here to hear confessions in both English and Spanish.

FIRST FRIDAY

Please join us on **Friday, December 5th, which is
First Friday. For Adoration of the Blessed Sacra-
ment from 7am to 7pm** in the daily chapel. There is a
sign-up sheet in the hallway by the chapel.

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



Sunday, November 30

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, December 1

9:00 a.m. Mass
4:45 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Adult Choir
6:00 p.m. Religious Education
6:00 p.m. OCIA

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Mass
9:45 a.m. Bible study / Faith sharing
6:30 p.m. Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 3

9:00 a.m. NO Mass
5:30 p.m. Evening Star Prayer group
7:00 pm Comunidad Misioneros del Amor de Jesus

Thursday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 5

7:00 am ~ 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 am Mass
7:00pm Perseverando en la Fe

Saturday, December 6

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

Sunday, December 7

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

Advent ~ Christmas 2025

Nov. 29/30 **First Sunday of Advent**
Blessing of Advent Wreath

Dec. 2 **Advent Penance Service** 6:30pm

Dec. 4/5 **Second Sunday of Advent**
Religious Retirement Fund collection

Dec. 8 **Immaculate Conception** Mass at 9am & 6pm

December 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Dec. 13/14 **Third Sunday of Advent**
Christmas Bake Sale

Dec. 20/21 **4th Sunday of Advent**

December 24 **Christmas Eve**
6:00 pm Family Mass ~ children's pageant
9:00 pm Mass during the Night (bilingual)

December 25 **Christmas Day** 9:30 am Mass

Dec. 27/28 **Holy Family**
8:00am & 9:30am English, 11:00am Spanish

January 1 **Mary, Mother of God** Mass at 9am

January 3/4 **Epiphany of the Lord**
Vigil Mass 4pm



From the Pastor's Desk**PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT**

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

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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 December

12/14: Rafael & Rosalinda Castro ~ 34th

12/27: Elazar & Alda Correa ~ 49th

Alan & Julia Jones

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.

PERSONAS DE LUZ

Estamos llamados a reflejar la luz del amor de Dios a través de la forma en que vivimos nuestras vidas. Imagina el impacto que tendría si cada uno de nosotros se tomara a pecho esta llamada, cada día, en casa, en el trabajo o en la escuela, en nuestra parroquia, en el mundo. "Todas las naciones irán hacia ella", hacia el amor que sólo viene de Dios. Sin embargo, debemos admitir que muchas veces no somos faros de la luz de Dios. Nos dormimos, complacientes, prefiriendo ir por el camino fácil, que a menudo conduce a la oscuridad en lugar de al resplandor de la luz de Cristo. Al comenzar el tiempo de Adviento, San Pablo nos exhorta a despojarnos de las obras de las tinieblas, a despertar a la llamada de la luz y del amor. En el Evangelio de hoy, también Jesús nos dice que permanezcamos despiertos, que estemos preparados para recibir al Señor de la luz como personas de la luz.

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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!!

Retirement Fund for Religious

A collection will be taken on the weekend of **December 4th & 5th** to help our elderly religious need our help.

Your gift provides vital support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Envelopes are available in the gathering space. Thank you for your generous support.

Su donativo representa apoyo vital para hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes mayores de ordines religiosas católicas. Gracias!

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 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.

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

LOW DESERT JUBILEE PILGRIM SITES

St Joan of Arc, Blythe
Sacred Heart, Palm Desert
Our Lady of Solitude , Palm Springs
Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mecca
St. Mary of the Valley, Yucca Valley

The Holy door here at St. Mary of the Valley is open Mon. ~ Fri from 7am ~ 4:30pm or by appointment



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 November 22/23, 2025

Weekly ordinary income

On Line giving:	\$ not available
Plate:	\$ at press time
Env.:	\$
Total:	\$

Month to date: \$19,197.00 **goal \$25,000**

Year to date ordinary: \$85,546.23 goal: \$300,000

FYTD total income: \$182,888.32 goal: \$468,299

Weekly Accounts payable: \$7,639.74

Month to date accounts payable: \$32,134.18

FYTD accounts payable: \$171,262.69

Attendance: 4:00 pm 8:00 am
9:30am 11:00am **Total:**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Nativity Play

St. Mary of the Valley will celebrate a Family Christmas Mass at 6:00p.m. on December 24, 2025 . At this Mass we will be having our traditional *Children's Christmas Pageant*. We are inviting ALL children and youth to be a part of this celebration. . If your son/daughter is interested in being part of the pageant, please attend the rehearsal on **Monday, December 19th at 4:00pm**. For more information please call the parish office at (760)365-2287.

SAFE THE DATE



The Annual Diocesan Golf tournament to support our Catholic Schools will take place on **Monday, December 18th**. Contact the parish office for more information!!

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.

Religious Education / Sacramental Prep including 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.

The fee is \$150 per family per year. (Please note, no one will be turned away due to an ability to pay) Registration for the 25 ~ 26 year has closed for Sacramental Prep classes, but ALL are welcome
for Little Angels / Foundations

Any questions, contact the parish office at 760-365-2287.

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, December 8th and our youth will be attending the Mass for the feast of the Immaculate Conception!

ALL youth ages 6 to 13 are welcome.

Our next gathering will be on December 8 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 your help. Send your ideas and suggestions to:
stmarysyv@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 esta 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 contacten 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

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE SCRIP

OCI / ADULT Sacraments



Interested in becoming Catholic? Need Confirmation or 1st Communion?

OCI / Adult Sacrament sessions have begun!

We gather on Monday's from 6 pm ~ 8 pm

Please contact the parish office at 760-365-2287 for more information