

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

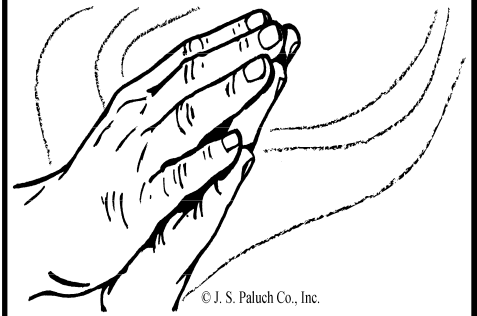
The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.— *Sirach 35:17-18a*

Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

26 de octubre de 2025

La oración del humilde atraviesa las nubes, y mientras él no obtiene lo que pide permanece sin descanso y no desiste, hasta que el Altísimo lo atiende.

— *Eclesiástico 35:17-18a*



Question of the Week

Theme: God knows and sees our hearts.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear the word proclaimed today, what word or phrase strikes you? In this parable, what image comes to mind for you?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to be humble – but what does that mean? How do you show you are humble?

Question for Youth: God knows when we are doing things just for show, and when they come from the goodness of our heart. When have you caught yourself doing something just to be more popular or liked? How does it feel to do something that you know is good and just?

Question for Adults: This Gospel reading suggests that we approach God and each other with humility. What does this mean, in practical terms? How do we "humble" ourselves? What does that mean?

Preguntas de la Semana

Tema: Dios conoce y ve nuestros corazones.

Apuntes de la Palabra

Texto sugerido para compartir la fe: El Evangelio de hoy

Paso uno: Escuchar la Palabra

Al escuchar la palabra de hoy, ¿qué palabra o frase les llama la atención? En esta parábola, ¿qué imagen les viene a la mente?

Paso dos: Examinar su vida

Pregunta para los niños: Jesús nos enseña a ser humildes, pero ¿qué significa eso? ¿Cómo muestran que son humildes?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Dios sabe cuando hacemos cosas sólo para presumir y cuando son por la bondad de nuestro corazón. ¿Cuándo te has encontrado haciendo algo sólo para ser más popular o apreciado? ¿Cómo se siente hacer algo que sabes que es bueno y justo?

Pregunta para los adultos: La lectura de este Evangelio sugiere que nos acerquemos a Dios y a los demás con humildad. ¿Qué significa esto en términos prácticos? ¿Cómo nos "humillamos" a nosotros mismos? ¿Qué significa eso?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14,16-18/Ps 34:2-3,17-19,23/
..... 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2,4,6-7,20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-6/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31-39/Ps 109:21-22,26-27,30-31/
..... Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rv 7:2-4,9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12
Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/
..... Jn 6:37-40



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: ... Sir 35:12-14,16-18/Sal 34:2-3,17-19,23/
..... 2 Tim 4:6-8,16-18/Lc 18:9-14
Lunes: Rom 8:12-17/Sal 68:2,4,6-7,20-21/Lc 13:10-17
Martes: Ef 2:19-22/Sal 19:2-5/Lc 6:12-16
Miércoles: Rom 8:26-30/Sal 13:4-6/Lc 13:22-30
Jueves: Rom 8:31-39/Sal 109:21-22,26-27,30-31/
..... Lc 13:31-35
Viernes: Rom 9:1-5/Sal 147:12-15,19-20/Lc 14:1-6
Sábado: Ap 7:2-4,9-14/Sal 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12
Próximo Domingo: Sab 3:1-9/Sal 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 o
..... 6:3-9/ Jn 6:37-40

Jesus en ti confío



Johnny Alvarado
Rose Cruz,
Gloria & John Dunham,
Adrianne Foreman
Thomas Goddard
Margaret Hyek
Ruth Munoz,
Bernadine Reid
Joel Rivera
Amanda & Dakota Thompson,

Mitzie Carroll,
Lisa M. Davis,
Steve & Mary Dorshak,
Rose Fortin
Matthew Goddard
Norma Jimenez
Nancy Lawson
Pedro Rodriguez,
Eli Rubinstrum,
Donna Vincent

Jesus I Trust in You

Luisa Constantino
Pamela Davis,
Lourdes Elliot
Maggie Giron,
Ellen Holden,
Allan Lucas
Deacon Glenn Miller
Elenore Rose,
Christopher Scott,
Rikki Zeller,

John Cava,
Melissa Delaney,
Dwayne Foreman
Sally G.
Irene Hyek,
Remedios V.de Leon
Tom Murren
Nick Rnich,
Mike & Mary-Cho Sabol,
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, 10/25/25**

4:00pm

James Huntington, RIP

Requested by Jane Huntington

Sunday, 10/26/25

8:00 a.m.

Christopher McCarthy, Special Int

Requested by James McCarthy

9:30 a.m.

Justin Ballinger, Special Int

Requested by his family

11:00 a.m.

Fabian Silva, RIP

Requested by Silva family

Monday, 10/27/25

9:00 a.m.

Joe & Christopher Ballinger, SI

Requested by Silvia Ballinger

Tuesday, 10/28/25

9:00 a.m.

Kitty Ryan, Happy Birthday

Requested by John Ryan

Wednesday, 10/29/25

9:00 a.m.

NO MASS**Thursday, 10/30/25**

9:00 a.m.

Baby Zechariah John Clark, RIP

Requested by Debbie Bygland

Friday, 10/31/25

9:00 a.m.

Manuel Esplino, RIP

Requested by his family

Saturday, 11/1/25

9:00am

People of the Parish

4:00 p.m.

All Souls Novena**Marie Billingsley, RIP**

Requested by her family

Sunday, 11/2/25

8:00 a.m.

All Souls Novena

9:30 a.m.

All Souls Novena

11:00 a.m.

All Souls Novena

Trunk or Treat

*Join us on Friday, October 31st from 4:30 ~ 6:30 pm**What is Trunk - or - Treat? A safe and fun environment for our children and families to celebrate Halloween. Decorate your car trunks and fill them with goodies. Children can then Trick-or-treat from trunk to trunk .All are welcome!!*

Altar of Remembrance

Beginning this week you are invited to bring to Mass a small picture of your deceased loved ones to be placed on our Altar of Remembrance for the month of November. **PLEASE** mark the back with your name and phone number so we may get them back to you.

Altar Conmemorativo

Están invitados a traer fotos de sus seres queridos fallecidos para ponerlos en este altar por el mes de noviembre.

POR FAVOR marquen al reverse de las fotos su nombre y # de teléfono para poder regresárselas.

Sunday, October 26

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, October 27

9:00 a.m. Mass

4:45 p.m. Youth Choir

6:00 p.m. Adult Choir

6:00 p.m. Religious Ed ~ Little Angels & Conf 1

6:00 p.m. OCIA

Tuesday, October 28

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:45 a.m. Bible study / Faith sharing

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group

Wednesday, October 29

9:00 a.m. NO Mass

5:30 p.m. Evening Star Prayer group

7:00 pm Comunidad Misioneros del Amor de Jesus

Thursday, October 30

9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, October 31

7:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9:00 am Mass

7:00pm Perseverando en la Fe

Saturday, November 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

9:00 a.m. Mass ~ All Saints Day ~ bi-lingual

9:30 am. NO Confessions

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass - All Souls Day

Sunday, November 2 ALL SOULS DAY

8:00 a.m. Mass - English

9:00 a.m. Rosary ~ Chapel

9:30 a.m. Mass - English

11:00 a.m. Mass - Spanish

Advent Penance Service

Please join us for St. Mary of the Valley's

Lenten 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.



All Souls Day

Envelopes for the All Souls Novena are available in the gathering space. Please complete and return the envelope to the parish office, or you may place them in the regular collection basket. Envelopes will be placed on the Altar of Remembrance for the month of November.



Día de Todas las Almas

Los sobres para la novena de todas las almas están disponibles en el vestíbulo. Por favor llenen el sobre y regérenlo a la oficina. (o pueden ponerlo en la colecta regular si lo desean). Los sobres se colocaran en el altar Conmemorativo por el mes de noviembre.

From the Pastor's Desk

MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD

Although the opening lines of today's first reading claim that the Lord "knows no favorites" (Sirach 35:15) and is "not unduly partial toward the weak" (35:16), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor" (see Psalm 34:18). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus' point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus' day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society's outcasts; didn't this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be "justified" (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness.

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HECHO JUSTO ANTE DIOS

Aunque las primeras líneas de la primera lectura de hoy afirman que el Señor "no conoce favoritos" (Eclesiástico 35:15) y no "es indebidamente imparcial con los débiles" (35:16), el resto del pasaje deja claro que el Señor sí pone una atención particular a los débiles, a los oprimidos, a los huérfanos y a las viudas. El salmista reafirma: "El Señor escucha el clamor de los pobres" (ver el salmo 34:18). En el Evangelio, Jesús afirma que el recolector de impuestos está más justificado en su oración por misericordia que el fariseo, cuya oración era un relato de sus propias acciones justas. La finalidad de Jesús no podía ser más clara: a los recolectores de impuestos en la sociedad judía durante la época de Jesús no solamente se les consideraba miserables, sino también tramposos y eran marginados. Recaudaban impuestos para los odiados romanos y, casi con toda seguridad, recolectaban lo suficiente para asegurarse unos generosos ingresos para ellos mismos. Los recolectores de impuestos estaban entre los marginados de la sociedad, ¿no acababa este de admitir su propia pecaminosidad? ¿Cómo podría un recolector de impuestos ser "justificado" (es decir, hacer a una persona justa) ante Dios, mientras que el fariseo no lo era? ¿Por qué iba Dios a escuchar la oración de un recaudador de impuestos? Esto seguramente fue una sorpresa, perturbando las suposiciones típicas acerca de la justicia.

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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 October

10/5: Jim & Judy Ventura ~ 57th
10/20: Dan & Cora Hall ~ 10th
10/30: Bret & Cathy Nelson ~ 49th

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: _____

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.

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE SCRIP....



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



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 on Tues. Nov. 18th** for more information contact Jerry at 760-774-2265

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!!

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): **\$325. 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 October 18/19, 2025

Weekly ordinary income	
On Line giving:	\$1,090.00
Plate:	\$1,804.00
Env.:	\$2,166.00
Total:	\$5,060.00

Month to date: \$19,585.00 **goal \$25,000**

Year to date ordinary: \$68,420.23 goal: \$300,000

FYTD total income: \$86,714.42 goal: \$468,299

Weekly Accounts payable: \$2,092.06

Month to date accounts payable: \$10,939.94

FYTD accounts payable: \$126,690.42

Attendance: 4:00 pm 137 8:00 am 155
9:30am 252 11:00am 149 **Total: 693**



See's Candy

If you wish to purchase your See's Candy on-line we have a "YumRaising" shop which is now open through Dec. 1st. St. Mary's receives a percentage of every order place! [St Mary of the Valley Catholic Church | See's Candles Yum-Raising](#) Our Youth will also be taking orders to be delivered here to the parish beginning soon!

Upcoming Events

More detailed information on these events coming soon

October 31	Trunk or Treat
November 1 ~ November 25	See's Candy Sales
November 1	All Saints Day ~ One Mass at 9:00am
November 2	All Souls Day ~ Regular Sunday Mass schedule
November 27	Thanksgiving day Mass
December 2	Advent Penance Service
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
December 13 & 14	Annual Bake Sale
December 16 ~ 23rd	Posadas
December 24 ~ 25th	Christmas Celebrations

Other activities that we don't have exact dates for yet:
Thanksgiving baskets, Our Lady of Guadalupe novena
Decorate the Church for Advent & then Christmas

As you can see the parish is going to be very busy with these and other activities through the holidays. Let be sure to keep Jesus and our faith as the focus!!

Religious Education / Sacramental Prep including Confirmation



Sacramental Preparation at
St. Mary of the Valley has begun!!

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)

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

SPECIAL NOTE: We are in the process of looking for a DRE. Please contact the parish office for information

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.



Youth Ministry Little Angels / Foundations

Little Angels and Foundations will meet once a month on Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00pm. ALL youth ages 6 to 13 are welcome.

Our next gathering will be on October 27th 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

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.

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.

Parish Projects

1. Repair parking lot
Work has begun!!
- 2 Paint old church, rectory and hall
This will cost us approximately \$25,000
3. New carpet (flooring) in the church
This will cost us approximately \$100,000

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.

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