

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### September 20, 2026

Turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.  
— Isaiah 55:7b

## Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### 20 de septiembre de 2026

Regrese al Señor, y él tendrá piedad; a nuestro Dios, que es rico en perdón.  
— Isaías 55:7b



### Question of the Week

**Theme:** It is never too late to enter the reign of God.

#### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen once again to this familiar parable, what caught your ear in it today? What image of this vineyard do you still have lingering in your mind?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** How do you experience God being generous to you: through your family, friends, school, or parish?

**Question for Youth:** This Gospel reminds us that God is always seeking us out and welcoming us into his generous love. Through whom has God reached out to you? Who is always encouraging you to say "yes" to God?

**Question for Adults:** Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how God will treat those who come to be part of the church, even those who come late.

### Preguntas de la Semana

**Tema:** Nunca es tarde para entrar al reino de Dios.

#### Apuntes de la Palabra

Texto sugerido para compartir la fe: El Evangelio de hoy

#### Paso uno: Escuchar la Palabra

Al escuchar una vez más esta parábola conocida, ¿qué llamó su atención? ¿Qué imagen de esta viña persiste todavía en su mente?

#### Paso dos: Ver tu vida

**Pregunta para los niños:** ¿Cómo experimentas a Dios siendo generoso contigo: mediante tu familia, tus amigos, la escuela o la parroquia?

**Pregunta para los jóvenes:** ¿Qué lecciones de tu propia vida sacarías de la lectura del Evangelio de hoy? ¿Qué imagen de Dios te deja esta parábola?

**Pregunta para los adultos:** Usando la parábola de Jesús como punto de partida, describa en sus propias palabras cómo tratará Dios a aquellos que vengan a ser parte de la iglesia, aunque vengan tarde.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: ..... Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18/  
..... Phil 1:20-24,27/Mt 20:1-16  
Monday: ..... Eph 4:1-7,11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13  
Tuesday: ..... Prv 21:1-6,10-13/Ps 119:1,27,30,34-35,44/  
..... Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: ..... Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29,72,89,101,104,163/  
..... Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday: ..... Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: ..... Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: ..... Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17/  
..... Lk 9:43-45  
Next Sunday: ..... Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/  
..... Mt 21:28-32

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: ..... Is 55:6-9/Sal 145:2-3,8-9,17-18/  
..... Flp 1:20-24,27/Mt 20:1-16  
Lunes: ..... Ef 4:1-7,11-13/Sal 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13  
Martes: ..... Prv 21:1-6,10-13/Sal 119:1,27,30,34-35,44/  
..... Lc 8:19-21  
Miércoles: ..... Prv 30:5-9/Sal 119:29,72,89,101,104,163/  
..... Lc 9:1-6  
Jueves: ..... Eccl 1:2-11/Sal 90:3-6,12-14,17/Lc 9:7-9  
Viernes: ..... Eccl 3:1-11/Sal 144:1-4/Lc 9:18-22  
Sábado: ..... Eccl 11:9—12:8/Sal 90:3-6,12-14,17/Lc 9:43-45  
Próximo Domingo: Ez 18:25-28/Sal 25:4-9/Flp 2:1-11  
..... o 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32

### Jesus I Trust in You

### Jesús en ti confío



Pray for ...

John Cava,  
Scott Colburn  
Angelique Foreman  
Thomas Goddard  
Ellen Holden,  
Nancy Lawson  
Mike Phelps  
Becky Rumble

Melba Carlton  
Gloria & John Dunham,  
Adrienne & Dwayne Foreman  
Jacob & Matthew Goddard  
Norma Jimenez  
Deacon Glenn Miller  
Pedro & Elena Rodriguez,  
Donna Vincent,

Ted Carter  
Mary Dorchak,  
Sally G.  
Richard Jandt  
Peg McEachen  
Bernadine Reid  
Elenore Rose,  
Sandy Widman,

Charlene Claybaugh  
Lourdes Elliot  
Maggie Giron,  
Michele Hardcastle  
Ruth Munoz,  
MaryJo Pessa  
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, 9/19/26**  
4:00pm

**Steve Dorchak, RIP**  
Requested by family & friends

**Maria Schul, RIP**  
Requested by Garcia family

**Sunday, 9/20/26**  
8:00 am

**Erik William Nelson, Special Int**  
Requested by Dorothy Nelson

9:30 a.m.

**Jonathan Schmidt, RIP**  
Requested by Ballinger family

11:00 a.m.

**People of the Paris**

**Monday, 9/21/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**Raymond Loterreur, RIP**  
Requested by Ballinger family

**Tuesday, 9/22/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**Eric William Nelson, Special Int**  
Requested by Dorothy Nelson

**Wednesday, 9/23/26**  
9:00 a.m.

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, 9/24/26**  
9:00 am.

**Jonathan Schmidt, RIP**  
Requested by Ballinger family

**Friday, 9/25/26**  
9:00 am.

**Cruz Wilcox, Special Intention**  
Requested by family & friends

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

**Raymond Loterreur, RIP**  
Requested by Ballinger family

**Sunday, 9/27/26**  
8:00 a.m.

**Rachel Zasieta, RIP**  
Requested by Orie Thompson

9:30 a.m.

**Ernest Lee Shumway, RIP**  
Requested by Maria Roberts

11:00 a.m.

**Adrian Jose DaValos Nelson, RIP**  
Requested by Mom & Dad

## **Red Mass**

A special Mass to honor legal professionals will be held on  
**Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00pm at**  
**St. Francis de Sales, in Riverside.**

All members of the legal profession, their families, and the community are invited to join Bishop Rojas in worship, and gratitude to honor the Judges, Attorneys, Paralegals, Court staff and all legal professions who faithfully serve our communities.

## **Funeral Mass**

The Funeral Mass for James Ventura will be held on  
**Thursday, September 24th** at 11:00am. Please keep the Ventura family in your prayers.

## **Sunday, September 20**

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, September 21**

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
6:00 p.m. Sacramental Prep/ Religious Ed (hall)  
6:00 p.m. OCIA (music room)

## **Tuesday, September 22**

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
9:45 am Bible study/Faith Sharing (hall)

## **Wednesday, September 23**

9:00 a.m. NO Mass  
4:30 p.m. Evening Star Prayer Group  
7:00 p.m. *Comunidad Misioneros del Amor de Jesus*

## **Thursday, September 24**

9:00 am Daily Mass  
11:00 am Funeral ~ James Ventura  
6:00pm Men's Fellowship (hall)  
7:00 p.m. *Cristo Negro (chapel)*

## **Friday, September 25**

7:45 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
9:00 am Daily Mass

## **Saturday, September 26**

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

## **Sunday, September 27**

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

## **Fall Combined Collection**

The Fall Combined Collection "Living in Hope!", will take place the weekends of **September 27th and October 4th**. The goal of this collection is to share our Catholic Faith with individuals across our diocese, the nation, and the world. Bishop Rojas invites us to extend the mission of Our Lord and Savior to every corner of the earth by giving generously to this annual collection. Envelopes are available in the gathering space and can be placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!



- 1. Interested in becoming Catholic?**
- 2. Know someone who is interested?**
- 3. Need Confirmation and or First Communion?**

OCI sessions have begun and are held on  
**Monday's at 6:00pm.**  
Please contact the parish office at 760-365-2287 for more information.

**From the Pastor's Desk**

**DIRECTION**

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

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**DIRECCIÓN**

*Isaías nos dice algo que ya sabemos, pero que parecemos olvidar de tanto en tanto. Nos dice, en esencia, que Dios es Dios y nosotros no lo somos. Cuando estamos confundidos, llenos de problemas y no podemos solucionarlo todo, tal vez sea sabio recordar a Isaías (alguien que está más en la sintonía divina que nosotros) hablando en nombre del Señor y explicando que Dios se mueve de maneras que ni siquiera podemos imaginar.*

*En comparación, san Pablo lo ha resuelto todo. Casi todo. Cuando menos entiende su llamado en esta vida: dar gloria a Cristo en todo lo que hace. Esto debería marcar el rumbo para nosotros. Jesús también nos marca el camino, explicándonos una vez más en la parábola de los viñadores que los últimos serán los primeros, y que los primeros serán los últimos.*

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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**

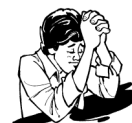
**NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS!!**

*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.*

**Tuesday Morning**

**Bible Study / Faith Sharing**

Gatherings will resume on Tuesday, September 22th at 9:45am. (following the 9am Mass). Everyone is welcome



**Fellowship for Men ~ Group**



ALL Men are invited and welcome.

A place to share our experiences as Catholic men and pray together. The next gathering will be on Thursday, September 24th at 6pm. For more information contact Jerry at 760-774-2265

**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 !!

**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.*

**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 September**

September 1: Adrian & Christine Garcia ~ 19th  
September 1: Jose & Laura Davolos ~ 54th  
September 27: Dea. Glenn & Charlotte Miller ~ 37th

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Projects**

1. Paint inside/ new carpets for the old church
2. New carpet (flooring) in the church
3. New Air conditioning for church and hall

**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 (7-1-26/6-30-27)...\$628.50

\* *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 (26/27): \$519.00*

### "STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK"

*Thank you for living your families  
Covenant with our Lord*

**Fiscal Year: July 1, 2026 ~ June 30, 2027**

Offertory week of September 12/13

#### Weekly ordinary income

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| On Line giving: | \$ 710.00         |
| Plate:          | \$1,690.00        |
| Env.:           | \$3,834.00        |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>\$6,234.00</b> |

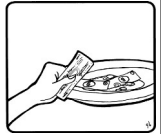
Month to date: \$23,207.67 **goal \$30,000**

**FYTD total income: \$74,707.11 goal: \$468,299**

Monthly Accounts payable: \$20,799.25

FYTD accounts payable: \$87,639.97

**Attendance:** 4:00 pm 70 8:00 am 138  
9:30am 199 11:00am 162 **Total: 569**



### 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.*

### Music Ministry News

Come one, come all... Everyone is invited to join us in making a joyful noise unto the Lord. **St. Mary's Parish Choir** (adults : both men and women) rehearsal is on Monday's from 6pm to 7pm Contact the parish office for more information **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**



### Youth Choir

**Newcomers welcome!!  
Returning voices welcome!!**

Come one, come all... Everyone is invited to join us in making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

**St. Dominic Savio Youth choir** returns from Summer Break on Monday September 14th from 4:45pm to 5:45pm.

### 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: stmary-syv@telis.org or alanbzzio@gmail.com

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### Online Giving

You are now able to donate to St Mary of the Valley ~ Yucca Valley Online or with your smart phone. It's easy and secure. Go to the parish website: **stmaryofthevalley.com** and check it out!!

### 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 contribute to this annual appeal.

Pledge cards are available in the gathering space

Thank you to the 71 families who have already given \$30,963.51 This is 10% of our 700 families and with what is in process we have exceeded our goal by \$1563.51. This will go toward our parish projects.

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.

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



## Religious Education / Sacramental Prep including Youth Confirmation



Sacramental Preparation at St. Mary of the Valley:  
First Reconciliation / First Communion and Confirmation  
**Gather 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.



## Youth Ministry Little Angels / Foundations

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with these ministries. Training will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish office at: 760-365-2287 for more info.

## 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



## 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.

## FIRST FRIDAY~ Exposition / Adoration

Please join us in the chapel, from 7am ~ 12 noon on **Friday, October 2nd** in the daily chapel for Adoration followed by Benediction at 12 noon  
There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway by the chapel.

Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros el viernes 4 de septiembre Primer Viernes Santo. Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento de 7:00 a. m. a 12:00 pm. en la capilla. Encontrarán una hoja de inscripción en el pasillo junto a la capilla.

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## 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.

## Parish Prayer and Faith Sharing Opportunities



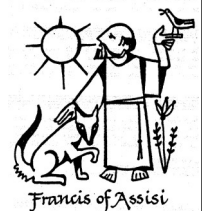
Did you know that, St. Mary of the Valley has the following prayer/faith sharing opportunities? Everyone is welcome to join any or all of these groups. For more information please contact the parish office at 365-2287.

- Mon., Tues, Thur, Friday 9:00am Daily Mass
- Faith sharing/Bible Study group ~ Tues. 9:45am
- **Will return in September mid September**
- Relentless Love Prayer Community ~ Tues. 7:00p.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 4:30 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 Month
- 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.

## Blessing of the Animals

Mark your calendars.....

St Mary of the Valley will celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a



**Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:30am.**

More details in coming weeks.