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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday:  
4:00 pm Vigil

Sunday:  
9:00 am  
11:00 am en Español

Mon, Tues, Thurs:  
8:00 am

Wednesday 6:00 pm Español &  
Friday 6:00 pm

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday:  
8:30 am to 9:30 am

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm  
(closed 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm)

Friday:  
8:30 am - 12:00 noon

Parochial Administrator  
**Rev. Victor C. Yakubu**

Parochial Vicar  
**Rev. Julius Kayiwa**

Parish Deacon  
**Deacon Francis Staab**

Parish Secretary  
Amelia Kent

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Jerome Llagas

# **St. Mary Roman Catholic Church**

Iglesia Católica Romana de Santa María



**302 E. Spring Street, Kingman, AZ 86401**  
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**SUNDAY, March 24th, 2024**



## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

Llevaron el burro, le echaron encima los mantos y Jesús montó en él. Muchos extendían su manto en el camino, y otros lo tapizaban con ramas cortadas en el campo. - Mc 11, 7-8

## Parish Mission Statement:

We the people of St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, Called by God,  
Approach the Father in Word and Sacrament, Live relationship with Jesus in Catholic  
Community, Seek the Called in the Love of the Holy Spirit

## MASS INTENTIONS, DAILY GOSPEL



### Palm Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2024

Year B

<b>Sat. Mar. 23</b> St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop	Mk. 15:1-39	4:00 p.m.	†	<b>Donald Hall</b> (Linda & Lauren Weier)
<b>Sun. Mar. 24</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	Mk. 15:1-39	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.		<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Rhea Magrann</b> (Mr. & Mrs. Magrann)
<b>Mon. Mar. 25</b>	Jn. 12:1-11	8:00 a.m.		<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. O. Hindman</b> <b>and Family</b> (Anonymous)
<b>Tues. Mar. 26</b>	Jn. 13:21-33, 36-38	8:00 a.m.		<b>***NO Mass***</b>
<b>Wed. Mar. 27</b>	Mt. 26:14-25	6:00 p.m.		<b>Margaret Sanchez</b> (Toni Penfold)
<b>Thurs. Mar. 28</b>	Lk. 4:16-21	8:00 a.m.		<b>Holy Thursday</b>
<b>Fri. Mar. 29</b>	Jn. 18:1-19:42	6:00 p.m.		<b>Passion of the Lord</b> <b>(Good Friday)</b>
<b>Sat. Mar. 30</b>	Jn. 20:1-9	4:00 p.m.		<b>Holy Saturday</b>
<b>Sun. Mar. 31</b> <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	Jn. 20:1-9	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	†	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Luigi Villani</b> (Filomena Villani)

Reflection for the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: Year B  
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – March 24, 2024  
Rev. Mark Hellinger

Readings: *Mk 11:1–10* or *Jn 12:12–16* • *Is 50:4–7* • *Ps 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24* • *Phil 2:6–11* • *Mk 14:1–15:47*  
[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032424.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032424.cfm)

When I was leaving my very first priestly assignment as a young parochial vicar, I was, naturally enough, very sad. I was speaking to a brother priest who worked with me in the parish as the other parochial vicar, and, with the arrogance that can only come from inexperience said, “At least I know that, as I leave this parish, all the people really loved me.” My friend, older, with a few more years of priesthood under his belt, laughed hard and said, “No, no they didn’t! What, are you crazy? Not everyone loved you!” I was horrified! I was dismayed! In truth, I was angry! I demanded to know what he meant! My brother priest simply stated: “You’re human; you have flaws, and you’re not everyone’s cup of tea! Some people don’t like the super-catechetical homilies that you gave! Some felt you paid no attention to the senior citizens and were always at the school! Don’t worry about it! 10% of the parish loves you and will remember you fondly. 10% of the parish will be happy you’re in a new assignment. 80% will really have no opinion whatsoever! They just love the sacraments and support their priests.”

As I mentioned, I was sad. Was I a failure? Did I not make a difference in the lives of my parishioners, even after five years of service as their parish priest? And, most of all, why didn’t everyone like me? After all, I’m a really great guy, aren’t I?

It has taken me many years, but I have come to the realization that, no matter what I do, no matter what I don’t do, not every single person whom I encounter will absolutely love and adore me! Even if I try to do every single thing right, even if I try to be a really super-nice guy to all, some people will not like me! Maybe I remind them of someone else! Perhaps I bring to mind a bully or a pest from elementary school. And, maybe, just

maybe, it’s actually me; perhaps I can be annoying, obnoxious, unthinking, and hurtful, both unintentionally, and, in my sinful nature, intentionally. There can a million compliments given after a homily or a class for me, but the one critique given, that’s what I will remember! It’s all part of fallen human nature. It’s a simple fact — not everyone will always like me. And, sadly, if I’m honest with myself, there’s some people whom I encounter about whom I’m not too crazy, either!

The Lord Jesus, who is truly the only perfectly just man, and who is the only one worthy of adoration, predicts his rejection and ultimately His blessed Passion in the scripture passage we read from today in the Gospel of Mark. If the Lord Jesus, He who alone is perfect, can be not be accepted and loved by all, why should we, humble creatures, created in God’s image and likeness, but still, due to the Original Sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, fallen, expect anything different?

For those of us who are ordained to service to God’s people, for those engaged in lay and religious apostolates of pastoral work, we want to be liked. Let’s face it, being liked helps bring people to Church and to the Lord Jesus. But it’s also nice to be liked; we also, even the most introverted among us, kind of liked being liked!

We should remember that, in humility, our job, our task, indeed the task of all Christians, is not about being liked and admired. It’s all about being good and just, being Christ to all whom we meet. It’s all about being, even when we are going to be considered obnoxious and going to be rejected, Christ. Our job, in spite of our flaws and failings, is to cultivate the peace of Christ to the world. Pray for that grace, in spite of our insecurities.



## Sharing our Gifts

### What We Gave Back to God

**March 17, 2024**

**Attendance: 613**

Needed to meet weekly expenses	\$ 8,000.00
Plate Collection	\$ 7,305.61
Online Giving	\$ 1,159.41
Building Fund	\$ 515.00

#### February 2024

Monthly Operating Expense	\$24,817.07
Monthly Plate Collection	\$37,112.97
Deficit or Gain	+\$12,295.90

### Our Daily Bread

Thank you for your continued support of Our Daily Bread ministry. We have made and distributed 18,929 sandwiches year to date, and 344,414 since inception (September 2013).

**WE ARE IN NEED OF MONEY DONATIONS, FOR LICENSE, APRONS, HAIRNETS.** You may drop your donation off at the Parish Center.

**WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF A CAPTAIN FOR TUESDAYS SANDWICH MAKING!**



If you are interested, please contact David Hunter at 714-726-6130. **Thank you,**

## Donate your Change

Be sure to pick up a special offering box or can at the back of the church. Write that it's for the building fund, your name and phone number on it before you turn it in.

All monies will go toward future building improvement projects in the parish campus.

## ***Brick Garden***

*We are continuing to take brick orders. This is a wonderful way to pay honor to someone you love or to be remembered as part of St. Mary history for years to come. Bricks are \$50 for a 4x8 and \$100 for a 8x8. Call the Parish Office for an order form or to place your order.*

*The brick garden is growing — don't miss the opportunity to be a part of it.*

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## Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

### **Sunday:**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/  
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/  
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

### **Monday:**

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

### **Tuesday:**

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and  
17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### **Wednesday:**

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and  
33-34/Mt 26:14-25

### **Thursday:**

*Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps  
89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21  
*Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:*  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18  
(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

### **Friday:**

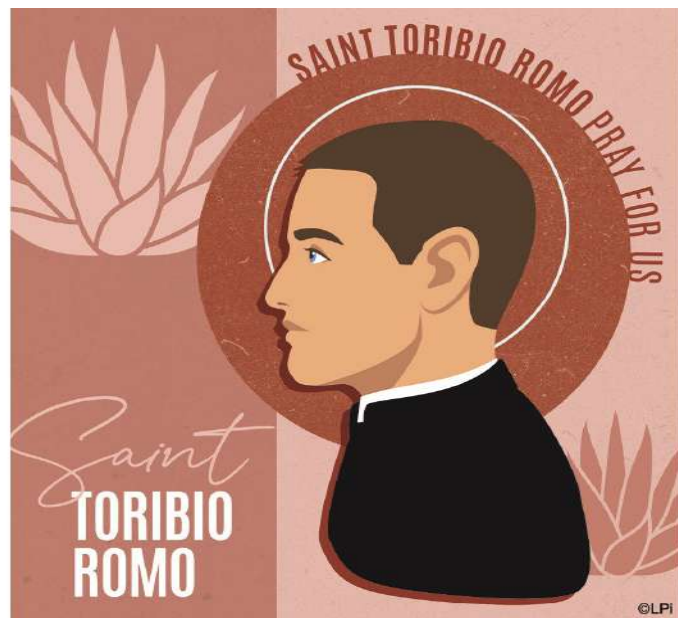
Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17,  
25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/  
Jn 18:1-19:42

### **Saturday:**

*Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps  
104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps  
33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18  
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11  
(1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18  
(1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13  
(2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar  
3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn  
6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3,  
5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

### **Next Sunday:**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9  
or Mk 16:1-7



## Saint of the week

St. Toribio Romo González was a Mexican priest and martyr from Jalisco in the early 1900's. He's known for his strong devotion to the Eucharist and catechesis to the poor. During a time of religious persecution in Mexico, government troops shot and killed him.

## Prayer for Palm Sunday

Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.



# (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

## The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

*"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

### Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

## Parish News and Events

### Parish Events This Week

#### Monday, March 25

JPC Mtg	5:30pm	Library
RCIA	6:30pm	Rm. 5,6,7

#### Tuesday, March 26

\*\*\* No Mass \*\*\*

Confessions	4:00pm	Church
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#### Wednesday, March 27

Confessions	10:00am	Church
Rosary	10:00am	Library
Sacramental Prep.	5:00pm	Rm. 5,6,7
JPC	6:45pm	Library
CERS	6:45pm	Rm. 1
CERS-Youth	6:45pm	Rm. 5,6,7

#### Thursday, March 28

R.E.	5:30pm	All Rooms
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#### Friday, March 29

**\*\*Office Closed in Observance of Good Friday\*\***

Cleaning of Chapel	9:00am	Chapel
Stations of the Cross	11:00am	Church
Choir-Spn	4:30pm	Church
JPC	7:00pm	Library
CERS	6:45pm	Rm. 5,6,7
		Kitchen

#### Saturday, March 30

Confessions	8:30am	Church
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Office will be Closed  
Friday, March 29, 2024

In Observance of  
Good Friday

Reminder:

No Mass on

Tuesday, March 26, 2024



First Saturday Devotion

Saturday,  
April 6, 2024  
2:30pm to 3:30pm  
In the Chapel

### Altar Flowers

Parishioners now have the opportunity to contribute to the altar flowers "in memory" or "in honor" of a loved one.

Donation is \$50, there are two bouquets for the altar. It is your choice of donating for one or two. The names will be published in the bulletin.

## INTO THE FOLD

Thank you to all who participated in last weekend's  
**Into The Fold Reception.**

A special thank you to Amelia Kent, Ministries/  
Groups representatives and the ladies of the Into  
The Fold Ministry.

You guys rock!  
Our next reception: TBA

Catholic Charities DIGNITY Diversion is an intensive education-based program for women who have been arrested for prostitution. Our program provides the opportunity to avoid jail time and divert women from reoffending.

Help support Catholic Charities DIGNITY Diversion Program by donating these items:

- Lotion
- Shampoo (for all hair types)
- Body wash
- Body scrubbers/loofahs
- Sports bras
- Hoodies (all sizes)
- Razors



To learn more about DIGNITY Diversion or to donate, call 1-602-258-2785 or visit us at [CatholicCharitiesAZ.org](http://CatholicCharitiesAZ.org)  
"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40



## Parish News and Events

### REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD

In order to baptize your child in our parish, parent (s) please come to the Parish Office to obtain an outline, describing the necessary requirements — PRIOR to both the parents and godparents being scheduled to attend a required pre-baptism class:



#### Parents

1. Must be registered parishioner in our parish
2. Parent (s) must be baptized and submit a copy of their Confirmation certificate.
3. If the parents are married, provide a copy of their Catholic marriage
4. Parent(s) must provide a copy of their child's birth certificate.

#### Godparent (s) At Least One:

1. Must be a practicing Catholic, following the teachings of the Catholic faith.
2. The godparent must be baptized and submit a copy of their Confirmation (certificate is required).
3. The godparent, if married must provide a copy of their Catholic marriage certificate.

Only after receiving the required documentation, must the parent(s) and godparents (s) have attended the pre-baptism class, can the baptism of your child be scheduled.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call the Parish Center Office (928) 377-3435.

### PSALMS: THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER

The Holy Spirit inspired them, Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them, as did our Blessed Mother. At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us to pray. In PSALMS: THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER, we discover how these sacred hymns become our heartfelt response to God's loving and wondrous deeds for us.

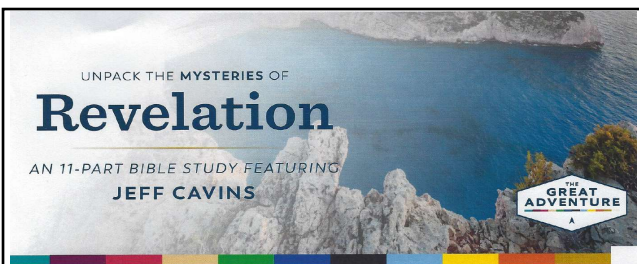
In this 11 week course we will show you how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God, through the Psalms. Learn how to meditate fruitfully on the captivating words of the Psalms using lectio divina and study the many ways the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus.

Come join us on Tuesday Mornings, twice a month with video presentations from Jeff Calvin's, Tim Gray, and Sarah Christmyer along with exciting conversations to explore ways into a personal encounter with God.

Classes are only one and half hour long and will begin in October, the first Tuesday, October 3 at 10 A.M. in the Parish Center. Plus, please go to [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) to order your workbook (Psalms, the School of Prayer)

**If interested, please contact Grace McNair at [grace.mcnair@mail.com](mailto:grace.mcnair@mail.com) to sign up.**

Here's to praying the words that Jesus prayed! See you there.



**Dates – Times – Location**

Study starts: January 9, 2024

Study group meets the 2nd and 4th  
Tuesday of each month

Meeting time: 5pm-6:30 in the church  
library

**Cost – Registration**

**FREE!**

**For More Information**

Contact Liz at 928.530.9442



## Events & News



### *Please pray for all who are sick or infirmed:*



*Robert Comstock, Linda Pinnick, Carol Kreft, Diane Schatz, Ray Martin, Rita Cownie, Mark Kucharek, Fr. Charlie Urnick, James Cleary, Angie Huizenga, Sandra Lyons, James Driscoll, Michael Barrett, Diane Seiler, Frankie Daiber, Fermin Esquibel, Joseph Matthews, Richard Potts, Mary Woodward, Toni Grzechowika, Ron Tuohey Sr., Richard Fernandez, Anthony Fernandez, Susan & Steve Richards, Ventura Villalobos, Jaime Fernandez, Susan Regino, Ellsie Taylor, Ryan Smith, Olivia Sanchez, Ann Peterson, Helena Hall, Gabriel Esquivel, Helaine MacPhal, Caitlin Amburgue, Peyton Mann, Jaime O'Niell, Art Penfold, Jerrod Wetzel, Teresa Stafford, Fernando Galvan Jr, Gary Gallant, Rocco DiConza, Rick Maiero, Alex Freiday, Jimmy Gifford, Josh Lazarski, Patrick & Jennifer Weinmiester, Katherine Tyler, Con Sanchez, Don & Pam Weinmiester, Bob Lucero, Susan Cowin, Carmen & Robert Clemente, Andrew Colton, Lupe Natividad, Jean Marie Hunt, Bill Glass, O'Niell Family, Jim Gunton, Joseph Matthews, Manuel Hernandez, Sabrey Byrd, Michele deLany, Larry Dye, Juan Acuña, Ernestine Stein, Patty George, Gary Arivzo, Alan Rodberg, Dylan Short, Ginny Carter, Marcheta Keller, Mert Glancy, Patricia Tellman, Vicky & Nestor Sanchez, Gloria Gallegos, Arturo Zamora, Dale Rodberg*



### **Altar Flowers**

No altar flowers during Lent

Please donate altar flowers so that we can purchase Easter Lilys



### **Please pray for all those who have died, especially;**

Joe O'Neill  
Sandy Kinsinger  
Douglas Scroggins  
Josefina Williams, Danielle Torrance

## **Youth Bible Study**



Hey you! We are inviting all the youth ages 13-18 to join us on Wednesdays, from 7pm-8:15pm for our Youth Bible Study! Come and join us to learn more about your faith and the Word of God! Be sure to bring a bible and a notebook! For more information contact Mariela Balderrama @ (928) 279-4411.



## **Rosary Group**

Wednesday, at 10:00am  
in  
Parish Center: Library

Come join and pray the rosary and social with fellow parishioners.

**Catholic Charities COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
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Catholic Charities MANA (Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force) House provides transitional housing for veterans. We provide a foundation for veterans currently or at-risk of experiencing homelessness, providing each one the opportunity to reclaim a life of self-sufficiency.

Help support our veterans in our transitional housing program, MANA House by donating these items:

- Hygiene items (shampoo, body wash, razors, shaving cream, deodorant)
- Pillows
- Twin Sheet Sets (pillow, fitted sheet, and flat cover)
- Twin Size Blankets

From Catholic Charities to all veterans,  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



To learn more about MANA House or to donate, call 602.254.6785 or visit us at CatholicCharitiesAZ.org  
"Open your mouth, judge justly, defend the needy and the poor." Proverbs 31:9

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Invites all women 18 years old and up! **REVELATION – THE KINGDOM YET TO COME**

**\*\*Bible Study Begins Tuesday, September 5th @6:00PM-7:30PM\*\***

This Bible Study, through Ascension Press, is presented by video by Jeff Cavins. The workbook may be ordered through [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) (\$29.95, includes online access for one year). Please bring a Bible with you to our sessions. Our Fellowship meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Center Library.

### ST. MARY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S...

Faith – staying steadfast in our faith – no matter the adversities

Evangelize – the Good News about Jesus Christ to all

Love – Christian Love for one another – We are all made in the image of God.

Learn – Always learn something new about our faith. – There's so much to learn.

Offer up our troubles/worries to the Lord. – Trust in His infinite Mercy.

Worship our Lord through the sacrifice of the Mass and at Adoration.

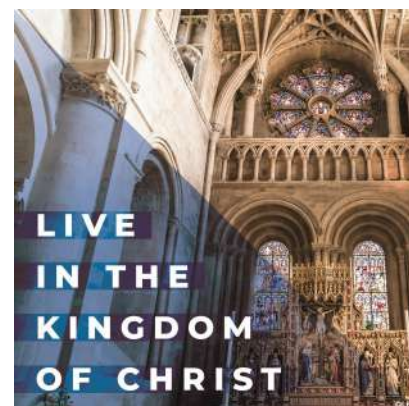
Spirit – Call on the Holy Spirit for guidance – in our thoughts, words, actions,

Holiness – Goal for all Christians for the graces towards holiness.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit to trust God, to do His will, to share our gifts for His glory and praise

Pray – Praying every day makes Jesus the center of our lives.

Come, join our Fellowship! – Email Rina, [caterinar1986@gmail.com](mailto:caterinar1986@gmail.com)



### Prayers for Ernesto Balderrama, Jr

We, the Balderrama family, (Ernesto, Sonia and children), would like to ask for your prayers for our son, Ernesto Balderrama, Jr...aka - Junior, 17 yrs. old. He has grown up in St. Mary. He received all his Sacraments of Initiation here. He was an altar server since 2015. He was a member of the CERS group since 2021 and more recently, was helping his sister, Mariela, with the Wednesday evening Youth Bible study group. He graduated from Lee Williams HS in May 2023 and has decided to dedicate some time to strengthen and learn more about his faith. He left on August 4, 2023, to join Christ of the Desert House of Formation, in Palmdale, CA. He will be on his formation journey for nine months, with other young adults, all of whom have chosen to live by the virtues of obedience, poverty, and chastity.

After the formation period, he will discern if he would like to make his promise to become a Missionary Servant of the Word for one year, serving in whatever mission he is sent to here in the United

States. We ask for prayers from our St. Mary community to help Junior stay strong and not feel lonely, as this is the first time he will be away from his family and community for so long. Prayers to help him stay focused during this formation period and guard against all temptation, not only for him, but for all the young people who are on the same journey as him, sacrificing a part of their young lives to follow Jesus. They have chosen to leave the many temptations of the secular world and follow Jesus out into the desert to pray and meditate on what God is calling them to do. Pray and make sacrifices as well for more teenagers and young adults to open their hearts and hear and answer God's calling. We are responsible for faith formation of the youth of our Church. Let us not abandon them in their time of spiritual needs. There is a spiritual warfare going on now and let us not lose our children to it.

Thank you so much and may God bless you all and guard you from all evil.

" Whomever has known God cannot be silent. " ~ Father Luigi Butera

"Quien ha conocido a Dios no puede callar."



## Parish News and Events

### Jail Ministry

**Looking for volunteer** to take over this ministry as Rita and I will no longer be able to do so. Contact Ray Martin at 251-233-9490 or Rita Martin at 928-404-3257 for more information. Thanks and God Bless.

### Blessed Carlo Acutis



Blessed Carlo Acutis London, May 3, 1991 - Milan, October 12, 2006

## Eucharistic Miracles Video Series

Produced by St. Mary's Church based on the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis' web pages.

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