



**Established in 1906**

### 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

Hispanic Community  
Rigoberto Ramirez

Facilities Maintenance  
Francisco Mejia

Organist  
Jerome Llagas

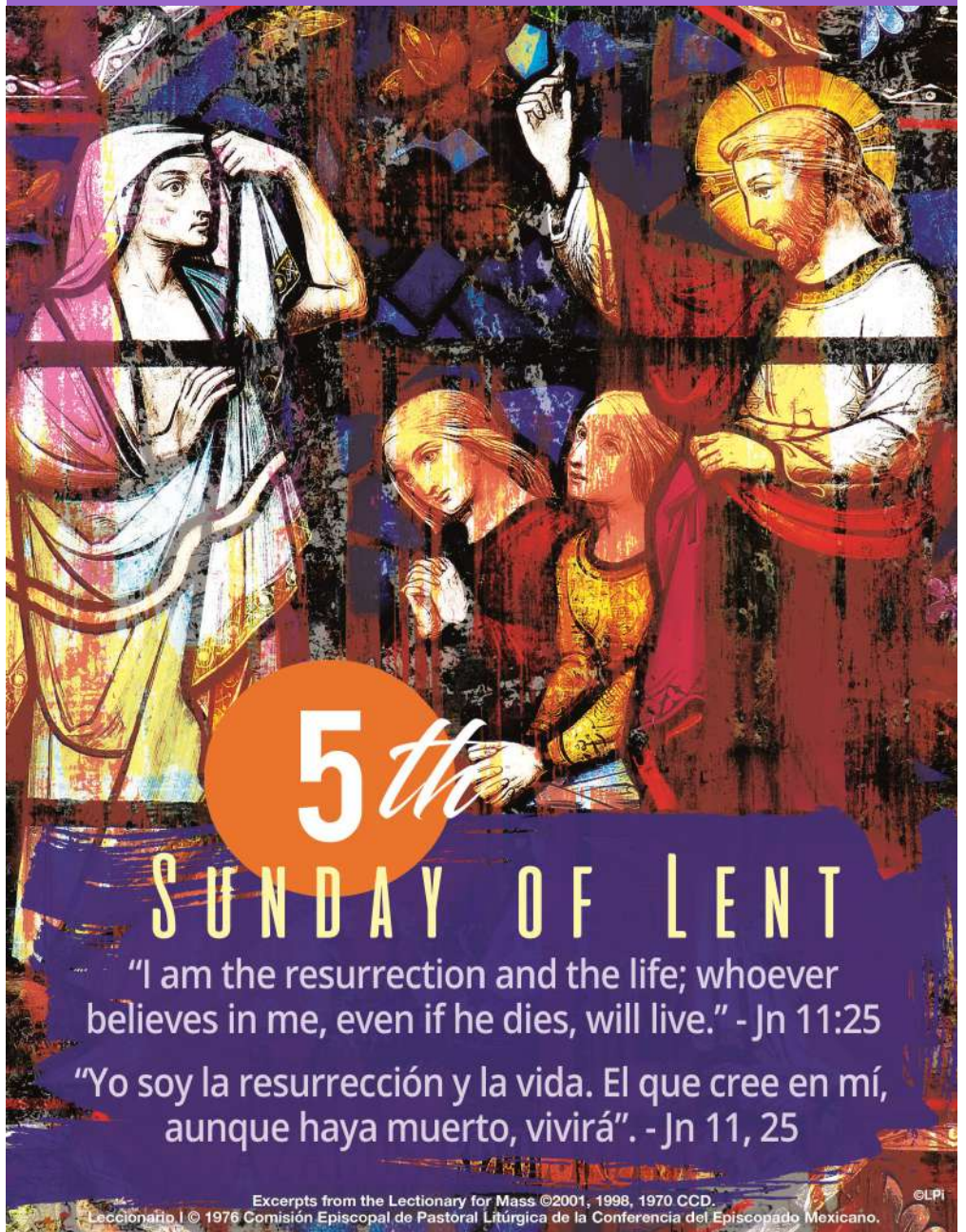
## St. Mary Roman Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica Romana de Santa María



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**SUNDAY, March 17th, 2024**



**5<sup>th</sup>**

**SUNDAY OF LENT**

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25

"Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque haya muerto, vivirá". - Jn 11, 25

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## 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



### Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

Year B

<b>Sat. Mar. 16</b>	Jn. 11:1-45	4:00 p.m.	†	<b>Trinidad Nolo</b> (David Acuña)
<b>Sun. Mar. 17</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Jn. 11:1-45	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.		<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. N.B. Camacho</b> (Anonymous)
<b>Mon. Mar. 18</b> <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Jn. 8:1-11	8:00 a.m.		<b>Patty Viescas</b> (Sharon Rhizor)
<b>Tues. Mar. 19</b> <i>St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Lk. 2:41-51a	8:00 a.m.		<b>Ilene DeRose</b> (Carol Spawn)
<b>Wed. Mar. 20</b>	Jn. 8:31-42	6:00 p.m.	† †	<b>Librada Abarquez</b> <b>Nicanora Creus</b> (Almera Camay)
<b>Thurs. Mar. 21</b>	Jn. 8:51-59	8:00 a.m.	†	<b>Henry Tonkewicz</b> (Leonor Tonkewicz)
<b>Fri. Mar. 22</b>	Jn. 10:31-42	6:00 p.m.		<b>My Benefactors</b> (Carol Spawn)
<b>Sat. Mar. 23</b> <i>St. Turbuis of Mogrovejo, Bishop</i>	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)



Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent Time: Year B  
Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2024  
Rev. Mark Hellinger

Readings: Ez 37:12–14 • Ps 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8 • Rom 8:8–11 • Jn 11:1–45 [bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031724-YearA.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031724-YearA.cfm)

When we encounter the Lord Jesus in today's Gospel, he is at his low point, at the nadir of his popularity. He's away from the main stage, away from Jerusalem. He received word that one of his closest friends, Lazarus, is dead. Jesus waits three days, foreshadowing the time He will spend in the tomb, before going to see Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary. The Lord loves these women. They are his friends and he delights in their company. He delays his arrival outside of Bethany so that the glory of God can be shown. He finds his dear friends, these women whom he loves and who love him, weeping, with Martha, filled with confusion, yet with faith in the one she has come to know as God, confronts Him. Then we see Jesus at His most human, (recall the shortest verse in all of Scripture: "Jesus wept"). Jesus is sad, crying with and for Martha, Mary, and His deceased friend, Lazarus. He is truly sorrowful, grieving in His human nature, but He does not despair.

We see the Lord Jesus at His most human in this Gospel, but then, suddenly we see Him at His most Divine. By His own power as divine, He raises the long dead, stinking, rotting Lazarus (remember the verse in the King James Version: "He stinketh") from the dead. This was not just resuscitation of a dying or comatose man; this was a resurrection from death. And this is the greatest sign of who Jesus is, the most undeniable proof of His Divine Sonship until He rises from the dead at Easter. *What's the difference between the raising of Lazarus and the resurrection of Jesus? The Lord is raised to eternal life; Lazarus is raised to earthly life. Lazarus will die once more on earth, but the Lord Jesus will never die.*

Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb, and we read that Lazarus comes out, bound hand and foot. The Lord says these simple words: "Untie him, and let him go free." A simple question: if he was bound, hand and foot, as the Gospel recounts, how then did he come out of the tomb? Did he hope? According to Saint Bernard, Lazarus just floated out. Regardless of that aside, Lazarus is raised to earthly life by the Lord Jesus as a foreshadowing of what will so soon occur to the Lord Jesus Himself.

With this in mind, what is the Lord Jesus saying to us today? The same Jesus, who is fully human and fully divine is calling to us, beckoning us to let Him untie us and to let us go free.

What's tying us up and refusing to let us go free? I'd venture to guess it is sin. Jesus wants us to be free from sin, so He offers us the beauty of the sacrament of penance, something of which we should all partake often, especially in these last days of Lent, as we venture onward towards Holy Week.

What tangling us in its web? What is ensnaring us in layers of linen that so binds us? Is it worry? Is it lack of knowledge of what will come next? Is it despair? We need a break, a day when we don't receive a gut punch, making us as a college, a Church, a world, fall to our knees gasping for breath.

It is Jesus alone who can heal us. Look to the fact that in March of 2020, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in what many believe is his finest moment as the Supreme Pontiff, alone on a rainy, cold night in an empty piazza, one only a few weeks prior teeming with life, offered the greatest *Urbi et Orbi* of modern days — a blessing not from himself, as the Vicar of Christ on Earth, but from God HIMSELF, Christ, the Lord, truly present sacramentally in the Eucharist. Only Jesus can make that first incision, only he holds the scissor. Jesus is there, loving us, gently unwrapping the layers that bind us and cause us not to live in the freedom of the sons and daughters of God. But we can help, too, once that first thread is pulled. This is our task now as brothers and sisters of Christ and of one another.

For those who enjoy the writings of J.R.R. Tolkien, I think that Samwise's encouragement to Frodo in *The Two Towers* is what we need to hear right now:

Frodo: I can't do this, Sam.

Sam: I know.

It's all wrong

By rights we shouldn't even be here.

But we are.

It's like in the great stories Mr. Frodo.

The ones that really mattered.

Full of darkness and danger they were, and sometimes you didn't want to know the end, because how could the end be happy.

How could the world go back to the way it was when so much bad happened.

But in the end, it's only a passing thing, this shadow.

Even darkness must pass.

A new day will come.

And when the sun shines it will shine out the clearer.

Those were the stories that stayed with you.

That meant something.

Even if you were too small to understand why.

But I think, Mr. Frodo, I do understand.

I know now.

Folk in those stories had lots of chances of turning back, only they didn't.

Because they were holding on to something.

Frodo: What are we holding on to, Sam?

Sam: That there's some good in this world, Mr.

Frodo. And it's worth fighting for.

The Church is clear in the path she lays out this Lenten season: Christ, the light, the teller and the subject of the Greatest Story Ever Told, is leading us on this journey. Our task is to keep burning bright for each other. We need not to despair, but to trust in the Lord who desires to untie us and let us go free.

## Sharing our Gifts

### What We Gave Back to God

**March 10, 2024**

**Attendance: 672**

Needed to meet weekly expenses	\$ 8,000.00
Plate Collection	\$ 6,844.21
Online Giving	\$ 392.47
Building Fund	\$ ???

#### 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.*

## ***Featured Advertiser***



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**Readings for the week of  
March 17, 2024**

**Sunday:**

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/  
Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez  
37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/  
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,  
33b-45

**Monday:**

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27  
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,  
24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Wednesday:**

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,  
56/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:**

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:**

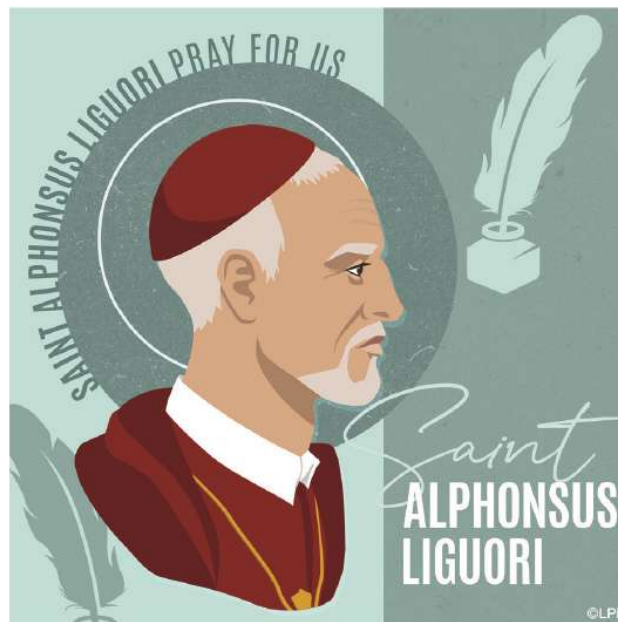
Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/  
Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:**

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/  
Jn 11:45-56

**Next 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



**Saint of the week**

St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696-1787) was a prolific theologian and founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (The Redemptorists). Renowned for his profound devotion to the Eucharist and insightful theological teachings, he is the patron saint of moral theologians.

**Prayer of Bold Ask**

God in heaven,  
Hear me as I call to you! Pour  
new life into me! Renew my  
heart in Your word! Help me to  
know You! Help me to glorify  
You, worship You, and trust  
You. Amen.



# (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

## Lost in the Crowd

I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

*"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." — Jeremiah 31:33*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

### Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

## Parish News and Events

### *Parish Events This Week*

#### **Monday, March 18**

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

#### **Tuesday, March 19**

Women's Fellowship	6:00pm	Library
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#### **Wednesday, March 20**

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

#### **Thursday, March 21**

R.E.	5:30pm	All Rooms
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#### **Friday, March 22**

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

#### **Saturday, March 23**

Confessions	8:30am	Church
CERS	12Noon	Rm. 5,6,7



**IN THE  
PARISH HALL**

**DOORS OPEN AT 4:30pm till 6:30pm**

**ADULT PLATES \$15.00 –  
CHILDREN 12U \$8.00**

**EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**

**MARCH 22, 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 tell 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*



### **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.

¡Atención jóvenes de edades 13-18! Te invitamos a que vengas a nuestro curso bíblico para jóvenes los miércoles de 7pm-8:15pm. ¡Acompáñanos para aprender más de la fe y de la Palabra de Dios! ¡No olviden su biblia y cuaderno! Para más información contacta a 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 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](http://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.

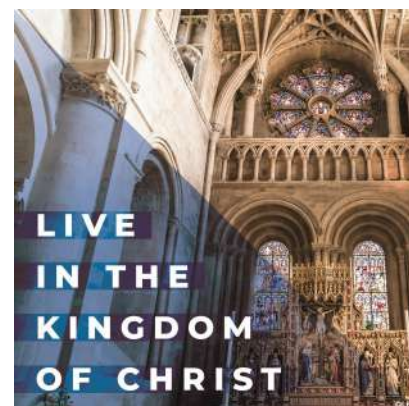
Spirit – Call on the Holy Spirit for guidance – in our thoughts, words, actions,

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

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"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" Jeremiah 1:5

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