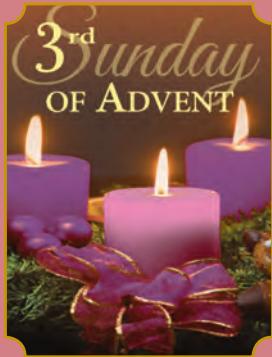




 **St. Mary**
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302 e SPRING St., KINGMAN, AZ



SUNDAY, December 14th, 2025



Pastor

Rev. Chris Axline

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Johnson
Vadakkumcherry

Parish Deacon

Dea. Francis Staab

Hispanic Community

Rigoberto Ramirez

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John what you hear and see.” - Mt 11:4

Parish Information

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9:00am - English,
2:00pm - Español

Monday/ Tuesday/ Thursday :

8:00am, *in the chapel*

Wednesday: 6:00pm - Español,
in the chapel

Friday: 6:00pm, *in the chapel*

Reconciliation

Saturday: 8:30am - 9:30am

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 5:30pm

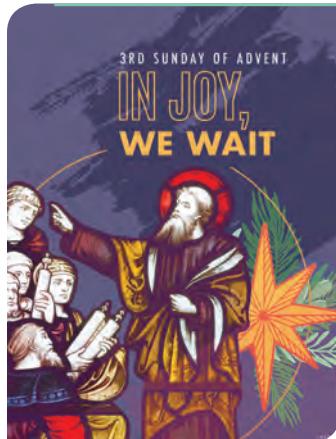
(closed 12:00pm-1:00pm)

Friday: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Gift Shop Hours

Saturdays: 3:00-4:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm

Sundays: 8:00-9:00am, 10:00-11:00am,
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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.

DAILY GOSPELS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 14, 2025

Year A



Sat. December 13 Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	Mt 17:9a, 10-13	4:00pm	†	To everyone that helped us (Chirs Seigworth) Teodora Migabon (Herbert Migabon)
Sun. December 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Mt 11:2-11	9:00am 2:00pm (Español)	†	<i>Parishioners</i> Mary Ann Dooley (Kathleen Rydeer)
Mon. December 15 Advent Weekday	Mt 21:23-27	8:00am	†	Mike Goodwin (Rosemary Goodwin)
Tues. December 16 Advent Weekday	Mt 21:28-32	8:00am	†	Steven Garger (Marilyn Garger)
Wed. December 17 Advent Weekday	Mt 1:1-17	6:00pm (Español)		Michael DeGraff (Liz DeGraff)
Thurs. December 18 Advent Weekday	Mt 1:18-25	8:00am		Claudia Bolles (Liz DeGraff)
Fri. December 19 Advent Weekday	Lk 1:5-25	6:00pm	†	Donald Hall (Helena Hall)
Sat. December 20 Advent Weekday	Lk 1:26-38	4:00pm	† †	Donald Hall (Chirs Seigworth) Teodora Migabon (Herbert Migabon)
Sun. December 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Mt 1:18-24	9:00am 2:00pm (Español)		<i>Parishioners</i> David Valles Jr. (Gloria Valles)

If you would like to add an announcement or event to the bulletin, **please fill out our Bulletin Submission Form**, available in the Parish Office and on our website (*under the About tab*).

When completing the form, please be sure to include your event's date, time, location, and any contact information.

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For Sun., Dec. 21st – due Thurs., Dec. 11th; For Sun., Dec. 28th – due Fri., Dec. 19th
For Sun., Jan. 4th – due Tues., Dec. 23rd



Reflection for THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 14, 2025: Year A

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 14, 2025

Tracy Earl Welliver

Readings: • Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 • Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10. • James 5:7-10
• Matthew 11:2-11 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121425.cfm>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What Makes You Special?

John the Baptist is truly an intriguing figure of history. He was a cousin of Jesus and literally prepared all those who would listen for this new way of life ushered in by a Messiah. Besides the key role he plays in the Gospel story, his depiction in Scripture, and then in literature, movies, and other media, gives us an image of a pretty unique person. How about locusts and wild honey for dinner? Can you imagine camel's hair as a staple in your wardrobe? He lived differently, and he stood out among the status quo. Of course, his look and cuisine didn't stand out nearly as much as his message.

How do you stand out? What separates you from the crowd? God has created each of us completely unique and with a combination of gifts like no one else. How can you uncover and understand your unique gifts? First, reflect on what makes you happiest in life. We are happiest when we are using the talents God gave us. Next, think about what comes naturally to you, whether it is a skill, task, or emotion. Recurring patterns in our behavior and experiences provide clues to our giftedness. Finally, what do other people see in you? The communities we live in, whether it is our family, parish, school, or workplace are filled with people who can provide clues to us by their observations. After these steps, can you say what makes you special? Now, let's start to grow that, lean on it, and stand out in a way that brings glory to God.

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPI



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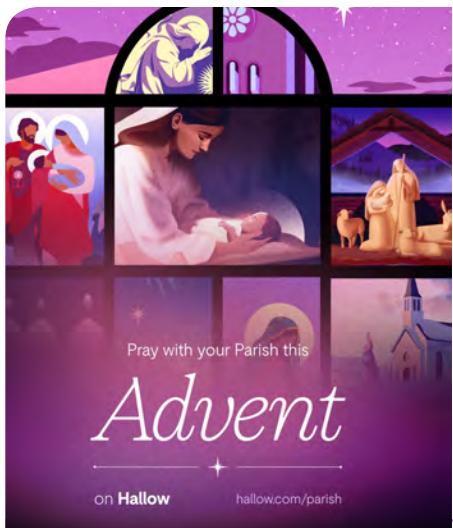
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The road from Nazareth to Bethlehem was filled with risk, uncertainty, and chaos—yet it was held together by a sacred stillness and an unshakeable peace. This Advent, may we enter more deeply into prayer and discover that same peace.

Already using Hallow?

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About Hallow

Hallow is the world's #1 prayer app, designed to help you find peace and grow closer to God. You can pray alongside Fr. Mike, Sr. Miriam, Jonathan Roumie, Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and many others.

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Robinson,

Mack
Delmonico
Patricia
(Trish) Cobb,

Sue
Weatherwax,
Wayne
Peterson

Parish Events This Week

Monday	Dec. 15	Location
Mass JPC	8:00am 6:00pm	Chapel Library
Tuesday	Dec. 16	Location
Mass Catechism Study - Foundations of Faith Women's Fellowship	8:00am 10:00am 5:45pm	Chapel Library Library
Wednesday	Dec. 17	Location
Rosary Mass (Esp.) CERS CERS Youth JPC OCIA	10:00am 6:00pm 6:45pm 6:45pm 6:45pm 7:00pm	Rm. 5,6,7 Chapel Rm. 1 & 3 Rm. 4 Library Rms. 5,6, & 7
Thursday	Dec. 18	Location
Mass Eucharistic Adoration Text Kevin Davis to sign up: (508) 699-6289 R.E. Class	8:00am 9:00am -5:00pm 5:30pm	Chapel Chapel Rms. 1-7 & Library
Friday	Dec. 19	Location
Mass CERS	6:00pm 6:45pm	Chapel Rm. 5,6,7, Kitchen & Library
Saturday	Dec. 20	Location
Confessions Mass	8:30am 4:00pm	Church Church

What We Gave Back to God

November 30th, 2025 *Attendance: 745*

Needed to meet weekly expenses \$ 8,000.00
Plate Collection \$ pending
Online Giving \$ pending
Building Fund \$ pending

October 2025

Monthly Operating Expense	\$ 42,520.68
Monthly Plate Collection	\$ 35,881.60
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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa 35:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)

OR

Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. (Jas 5:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them in reply,

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”
(Mt 11:4-5)

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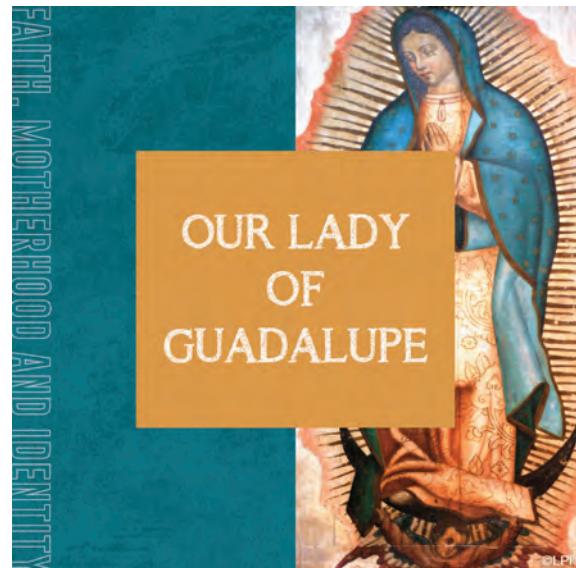
Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

“Go and tell what you have seen and heard,” Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We have heard. We have seen. We must go and tell. Let’s let our actions do the talking. Who do we think Jesus is?

Observances for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



Devotions, Explained!

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico City in 1531. The Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beloved symbol of faith, motherhood and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.

Prayer for Advent - New Growth

Dear God,
Bring new life! Your love creates and cultivates.
Bring Your power into the places I think of as “deserts” and your grace to the prayers I fear may be “deserted.”
You can redeem and restore, bring a new song to my heart.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert. Why? What are we expecting to see?

What We See in the Desert

I've always wanted to see a real desert.

I know all about frigid, snowy winters and warm, wet summers. I grew up on rich soil that yields lush vegetation and bountiful harvests. But I've never experienced a desert, not in my own country or abroad, and I'm curious.

I know there must be something magical about the desert for it to feature so heavily in Scripture, for it to provide a backdrop to so many crucial moments of salvation history. The Israelites following the cloud, the temptation of Christ, the voice crying out: "Prepare the way for the Lord."

Why do these moments have to happen in a desert? Why do they make so much less sense in a tropical rainforest or a verdant forest?

I think it's because the desert doesn't have anything to offer us, at first glance. No one longs for the physical sensation of a dry heat and a beating sun. But the vast emptiness and the almost mystical harshness — even if we don't desire and delight in it, this is a setting that we understand, somehow, intrinsically. We know it deep within our soul. God is there.

We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert.

Why? What are we expecting to see?

If we expect to be entertained, we will be disappointed. If we expect reassurance, we will be disappointed. If we expect to feel pleasant and safe and sheltered, we will be disappointed.

The desert is there to challenge us. The desert is there to show us who we are, and who we can be.

So go.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would someone so holy think they had such serious sin?

Answer:

As Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect!

Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness and their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive, and alert!

Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can't miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned into the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls.

Parish News and Events

Advent Season & Christmas Decorations

Help St. Mary's make our church beautiful for our Christmas celebrations by donating a Christmas tree!

We would like to have 6-8 trees in the church, spanning from the narthex to the altar.

If you would like to donate a tree, please contact Olivia Torres in the Parish Office at secretary@stmarykingman.com or (928) 377-3435 Ext. 0.

Thank you for your generosity!

Help decorate,
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St. Nick & Santa Meet & Greet

Belles hosted cookies with Santa! Children were so excited they were so adorable!

Thanks for bringing your children!



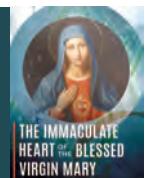


Cleaning Hours

The chapel will be closed for cleaning **Fridays 9-11am**



First Friday Devotion
January 2, 2025
5:00pm
In the Chapel



First Saturday Devotion
January 3, 2025
2:30pm to 3:30pm In the Chapel

Rosary Group

Wednesdays at 10:00am
in Parish Center: Rm. 5,6,7

Come join us for prayer & Christian fellowship.



Pro-Life meetings: 2nd Sat. of each month, 9:30am in the library



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Contact Grace McNair (grace.mcnair@gmail.com) to join. Sessions are held on the first & third Tuesdays of each month at 10 am at the Library inside the Parish Center. We hope to see you there!



The Belles' Raffle

Drawings for the Belles' raffle tickets will be held on December 15th.

Winners will be contacted via phone call.

Tickets are still available for purchase until December 14th.

The last chance to buy tickets will be at the 2pm Mass.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

For Women 18 Years And Up

Our upcoming Bible study program:

The Prophets – Messengers of God's Mercy. (go to ascensionpress.com/pages/bible-studies to order your workbook).

When: **Tuesday, September 16** (We meet the first & third Tuesdays of the month)

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Where: Parish Center Library

ST. MARY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S...

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

EVANGELIZE to all about the Good News about Jesus Christ!

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 through adoration.

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

HOLINESS – Goal of 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

PRAY – Praying every day makes Jesus the center of our lives!

For more information about our Fellowship, contact Rina: caterinar1986@gmail.com

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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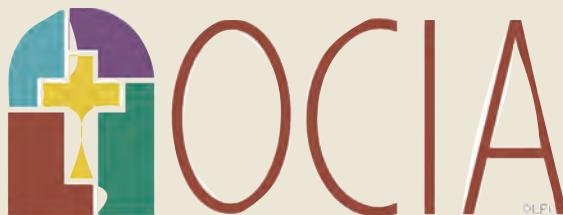
Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session has ended.

Classes are held on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center.

No payments will be accepted at class times. Payments can be made at the Parish Office during business hours, or online at this QR code →



We look forward to a great year with our St. Mary's families!



OCIA Class

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
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BAPTISM INFORMATION
AND REQUIREMENTS



Baptism Information

(children ages 6 and younger)



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD

To have your child baptized in our parish, a parent of the child to be baptized must come to the Parish Office to obtain an outline describing the required forms.

After submitting these required forms to the office, the parents and godparents will be scheduled to attend a pre-baptism class. Only after all requirements have been met can the baptism of your child be scheduled.

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

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION

Thursdays: 5:30-7:00pm



Early Childhood (ages 4-6):

No sacramental preparation

Elementary Catechism, Year 1 (ages 7+):

1st Reconciliation (if baptized)

*Unbaptized children complete two years of catechism, with Baptism being received in the second year, along with Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion

Elementary Catechism, Year 2 (ages 8-12):

1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism (if unbaptized)

Catecismo en Español, año 1 (7+ años):

1a Reconciliación (si está bautizado)

*Los niños no bautizados completan dos años de catecismo, recibiendo el bautismo en el segundo año, junto con la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión.

Catecismo en Español, año 2 (8-12 años):

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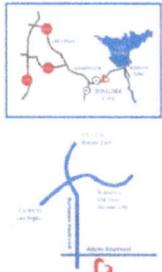
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