



**OUR LADY OF
THE DESERT
Mission**

**NUESTRA SEÑORA
DEL DESIERTO
Misión**

Dolan Springs, AZ

JULY 19TH, 2026 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 DE JULIO DE 2026 | DECIMOSÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Welcome!
¡Bienvenido!

**MASS SCHEDULE /
HORARIO DE MISAS**

**Weekend Masses /
Misas de fin de semana**

Saturday | 4:00pm Vigil (English)
Sunday | 11:30am (Español)

Sábado | 4:00 p. m. Vigilia (inglés)
Domingo | 11:30 a. m. (español)

**Weekend Rosaries /
Rosarios de fin de semana**

Saturday | At the Church (privately) 3:20pm
Sunday | With Litanies of the Blessed
Virgin Mary 11:00am

Sábado | En la iglesia (en privado) 3:20pm
Domingo | Con las Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María 11:00am

Confession / Confesión

Saturday | By Appointment
(English/Español)

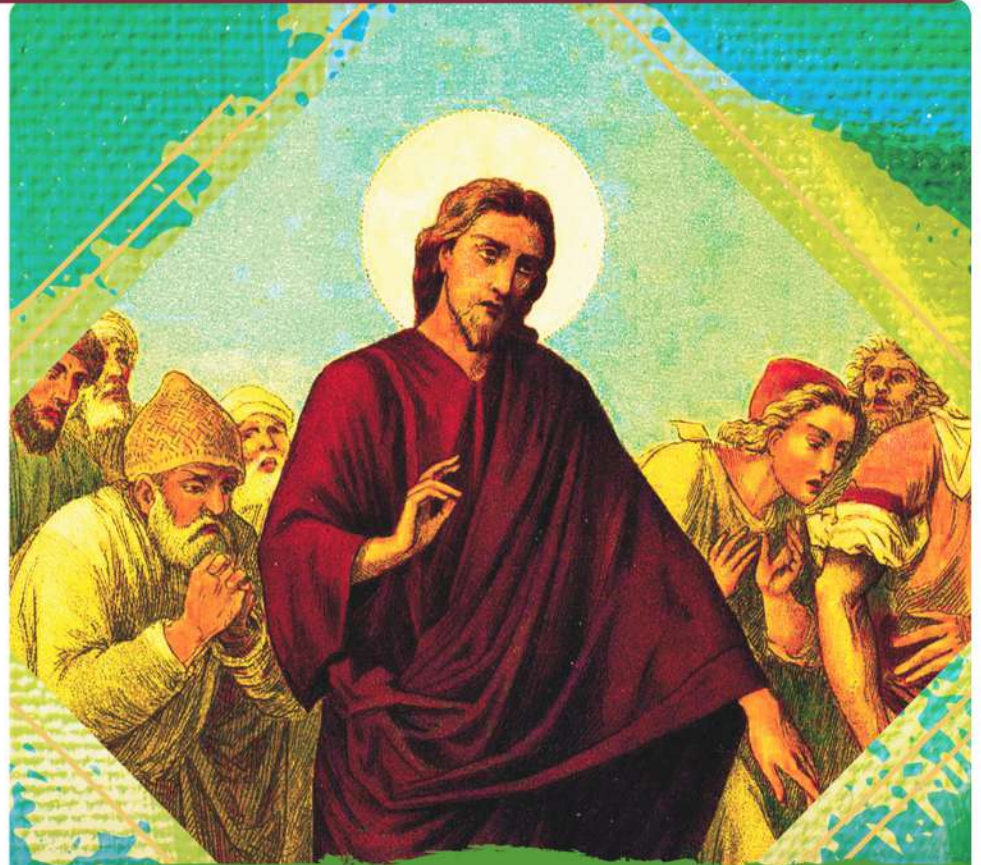
Sábado | Con cita previa (Inglés/Español)

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.'" - Mt 13:29-30

16° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Él les contestó: 'No. No sea que al arrancar la cizaña, arranquen también el trigo. Dejen que crezcan juntos hasta el tiempo de la cosecha y, cuando llegue la cosecha, diré a los segadores.'" - Mt 13, 29-30

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Parochial Vicar Fr. Johnson Vadakkumcherry

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Vicario parroquial: P. Johnson Vadakkumcherry

JUNE - Happening This Month at St. Mary's

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			July 01 10:00am Rosary 6:00pm Misa (<i>Esp.</i>) 6:45pm CERS 6:45pm CERS Youth 6:45pm JPC	02 8:00am Mass 9am-5pm Eucharistic Adoration <i>In the Chapel</i>	03 Parish Office Closed 5:00pm First Friday Devotion <i>In the Chapel</i> 6:00pm Mass 6:45pm CERS	04 8:30-9:30am Confessions 2:30pm First Saturday Devotion <i>In the Chapel</i> 4:00pm Mass 5:00pm Old-fashioned 4 th of July
05 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00am Mass (<i>English</i>) 2:00pm Misa (<i>Español</i>)	06 8:00am Mass 6:00pm JPC	07 8:00am Mass	08 10:00am Rosary 6:00pm Misa (<i>Esp.</i>) 6:45pm CERS 6:45pm CERS Youth 6:45pm JPC	09 8:00am Mass 9am-5pm Eucharistic Adoration <i>In the Chapel</i>	10 3:00-6:00pm R.E. Registration Event 6:00pm Mass 6:45pm CERS	11 8:30-9:30am Confessions 9:30 am Pro-life Rosary/ Meeting 4:00pm Mass
12 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9:00am Mass (<i>English</i>) 2:00pm Misa (<i>Español</i>)	13 8:00am Mass 6:00pm JPC	14 8:00am Mass	15 10:00am Rosary 6:00pm Misa (<i>Esp.</i>) 6:45pm CERS 6:45pm CERS Youth 6:45pm JPC	16 8:00am Mass 9am-5pm Eucharistic Adoration <i>In the Chapel</i>	17 6:00pm Mass 6:45pm CERS	18 8:30-9:30am Confessions 4:00pm Mass
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Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday:

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday:

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9,
10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:

Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-
128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or
13:44-46



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GOD WORKS WITHIN THE

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. **"It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth,"** he said, **"but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?"** That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, **"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field,"** yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

For your might is the source of justice;
your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.
(Wis 12:16)

Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

Second Reading:

And the one who searches hearts
knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
because he intercedes for the holy ones
according to God's will. (Rom 8:27)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed
that a person took and sowed in a field.
It is the smallest of all the seeds,
yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants."
(Mt 13:31-32)

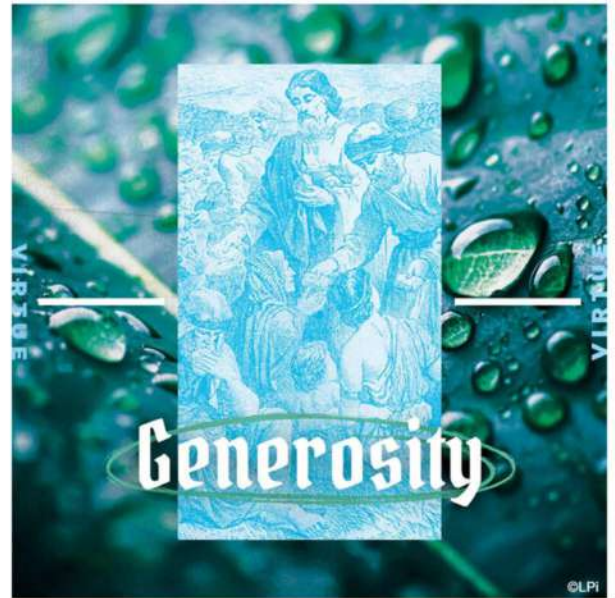
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew to be the largest plant because it was well-tended. This is faith: looking past what is to see what can be, if only we make the necessary choice.

Observances for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday:	St. Bridget, Religious
Friday:	St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
Saturday:	St. James, Apostle
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Generosity is a hallmark of Christian discipleship. Christ placed our needs above his own, so we likewise place the needs of others above our own. Our concern for our brothers and sisters must be evident not just in what we do but in how we do it — with cheerfulness and love.

Blessing for Summer

O God,
Pour your blessing upon these summer months of sun and clouds, flowers and growth. In this season of cultivation, cultivate us as we worship, work, play, and rest in You. May this season, and all the others, serve to draw us closer to You.
Amen.

"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

- Mt 13:29-30

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Wisdom speaks of God's power in terms of kindness, leniency, and mercy. What words would you use to describe God?

Second Reading:

Paul explains that the Spirit intercedes on our behalf, especially when we struggle in our prayer life. How can the Spirit help you in your prayer life?

Gospel:

In the parable of the weeds and the wheat, Jesus warns the disciples of the presence of the devil active in the world. How do we stay on guard against the evil one?



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Weeds We Need

Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it's the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way.

I fear neither my husband's shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. "It's for the pollinators," I say, but it's a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn't like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter?

People call dandelions "weeds," but it's just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn't wanted. A rosebush is a weed, if it's in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved.

We all have metaphorical "weeds" in the garden of our lives. I certainly do: facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread — these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart — the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph?

One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be.

Until then, we need the weeds. It's not harvest time yet.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I accept on faith that God is a Trinity of Persons, and I know it's something we can't fully understand. Should I just accept that, or should I try to learn more?

Answer:

There's a legend from the life of St. Augustine. As the early Church grappled with the identity of Christ and his relation to the other Persons in the Trinity, the holy theologian wrote a book about the Trinity. The story goes that, while he worked on the piece, he took a break to walk along the seashore. He came upon a small boy who had dug a hole in the sand. He was carrying a bucket, which he'd fill up with seawater and pour into the hole. Back and forth he walked. St. Augustine gently chided the young boy, "You can't pour the whole ocean into that hole." The boy responded, "And you cannot fit the whole Trinity into your mind."

The Trinity is a mystery! Our finite mind can't comprehend the infinite God. Of course, the lesson isn't about giving up trying to understand God. St. Augustine did write that treatise, after all. The hunger to know more about God is good. We can read books about the Trinity or about the fatherly love of God, the life of Christ, and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. More than that, we can deepen our life of prayer. The heart of our Trinitarian teaching is "God is love." The Three Persons are an infinite relation of love between one another. Real understanding of that comes less through our heads but through our hearts.

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REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our last Religious Education registration event will take place on Saturday, July 25th from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Parish Center.

Please bring your child's baptism certificate (or birth certificate, if unbaptized).

Only digital payments will be accepted at this event. To pay in cash, please visit the Parish Office during normal business hours.

This is the last opportunity to register for the 2026-2027 Religious Education year.

No registrations will be accepted after 1:00pm on July 25th.



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**OCIA begins
08/19/26.**



Please enroll before the start date.

\$25 fee for OCIA book.

Sessions will meet weekly at the Parish Center. To be added to the roster, please email frontdesk@stmarykingman.com

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Welcome to Our Lady of the Desert

Fourth of July Celebration



Dear Parish Members,

I would like to thank all of you who came out for the "Old Fashion, All American 4th of July Celebration. It was great fun! A very special thanks to a wonderful crew who put this dinner on: Maria, Marcia, Maryanne, Karen, Walt, Kathy, Chris, Theresa, Paula, Stormy, Sandy, Ed and Mrs. Ed. You all rock. And lastly, to those folks who heard we ran out of Hot Dogs and left --- I apologize --- but always know that we will feed our guests --- those who stayed got hot dogs.

**Yours in Christ,
Connie Sanders**



IN OUR HEARTS

Those Who Have Died

Laura Bennett

Mary Deering

James Collins

Kyle Hurley

Marie Staab

Michelle Guenther

Lois Robinson

Simon "Robby" Robinson

Mack Delmonico



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Sick Parishioners

Joey Mathews

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Pam Weineister & Family

Jeff McBride

Gregory Cull

Paula Poublon

Wenerlyn Fabiana Silva Mendez



MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY GOSPELS

Next Saturday, July 18th

Weekday;

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest; BVM

Mt 12:14-21

4:00pm | Pro Populo

Next Sunday, July 19th

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

9:00am | Linda Susan Robles †

2:00pm | Pro Populo

Monday, July 20th

Weekday

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr]

Mt 12:38-42

8:00am | Len Tanguay †

Tuesday, July 21st

Weekday; Saint Lawrence of Brindisi,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

Mt 12:46-50

8:00am | Joe & Stephanie Burns †

Wednesday, July 22nd

Saint Mary Magdalene

Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

6:00pm | Zavala Family

Thursday, July 23rd

Weekday; Saint Bridget, Religious

Mt 13:10-17

8:00am | Kinley Family

Friday, July 24th

Weekday; Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Mt 13:18-23

6:00pm | McGlade Family

Next Saturday, July 25th

Saint James, Apostle

Mt 20:20-28

4:00pm | Walt & Sue Ryder †

Next Sunday, July 26th

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

9:00am | Pro Populo

2:00pm | Belles Living

Prayer

God, help my love and faith to grow strong.

Mission for the Week

Help your parents in the garden. Watch how carefully weeds need to be pulled, so you don't pull up the good plants, too.

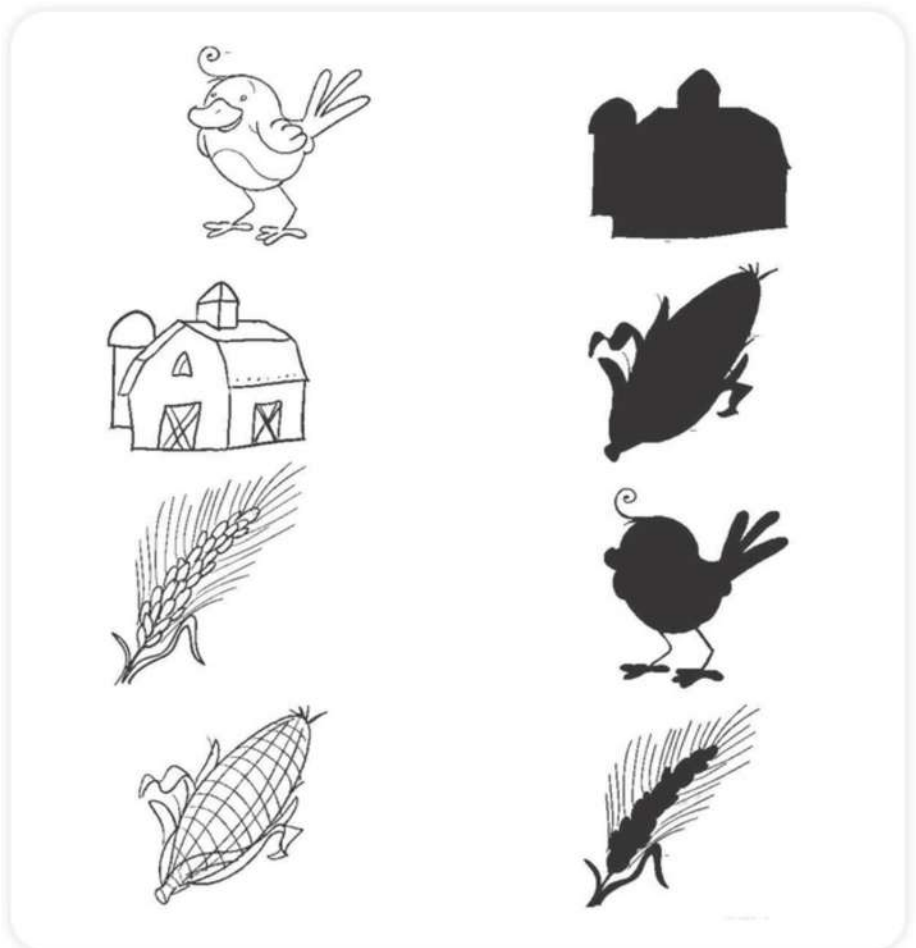
Sharing the Gospel

As God's child, you are the wheat in God's field. As you love and trust God more, your faith will grow. You will see others around you who love God, too. God will be happy to see you growing up in God's love. As you grow taller and stronger, you will also notice others around you who ignore or hate God. God will get rid of those weeds. Then he will bring you into heaven.

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Religious Formation and Sacraments

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Registration for the 2026-2027 session will take place at three events:



Thursday, June 18th from 5:30-7:00pm

Friday, July 10th from 3:00-6:00pm

Saturday, July 25th from 11:00am-1:00pm



Please check our website and Facebook page for more registration information!



We look forward to seeing our St. Mary's families next session!



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.

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