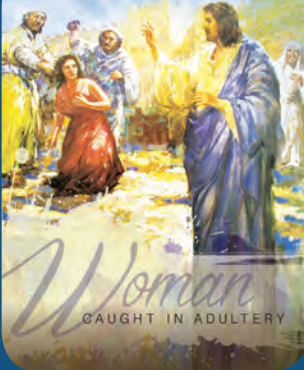




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SUNDAY, April 6th, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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- Parochial Vicar**
Rev. Julius Kayiwa
- Parish Deacon**
Dea. Francis Staab
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Rigoberto Ramirez
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Francisco Mejia
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Jerome Llagas

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” - Jn 8:7



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Parish Information

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9:00am - English,
11:00am - 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
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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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT April 06, 2025 Year C



Sat. April 05 Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest	Jn 7:40-53	4:00pm	Seigworth Family (Chris Seigworth)
Sun. April 06 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45	9:00am 11:00am (Español)	Parishioners Sal Saiz (Gloria Valles)
Mon. April 07 Lenten Weekday Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest	Jn 8:12-20	8:00am	† Jeffrey Allen Last (Wayne & Cheryl Smith)
Tues. April 08 Lenten Weekday	Jn 8:21-30	8:00am	† Donald Hall (Helena Hall)
Wed. April 09 Lenten Weekday	Jn 8:31-42	6:00pm (Español)	† Diana Echeveria (Jeronimo Echeveria)
Thurs. April 10 Lenten Weekday	Jn 8:51-59	8:00am	Brandon & Ashlan DeLong (Matt DeLong)
Fri. April 11 Lenten Weekday Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr	Jn 10:31-42	6:00pm	† David Brooks (Jan Brooks)
Sat. April 12 Lenten Weekday	Jn 11:45-56	4:00pm	† Felix Natividad (Lupe Natividad)
Sun. April 13 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49	9:00am 11:00am (Español)	Parishioners To Everyone That Helped Us (Chris Seigworth)

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*).

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Reflection for FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT : Year C
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – April 06, 2025

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings: • Isaiah 43:16-21 • Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. • Philippians 3:8-14 • John 8:1-11

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040625-YearC.cfm>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP – Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Make a Way

What’s your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don’t particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have “those songs” we crinkle our noses at, either because they’re too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have “those people” in our parish whose ideas we aren’t so sure about, whether that’s because they’re trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too “far away” from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who “opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters.” Our God is a God who does “something new.”

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to “make a way” out of our comfort

zone, that together we may announce His praise. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Pray for All Who are Sick or Infirm



Phee Serrano, Lulu Bañuelos, Fernando Cardona, Fr. Matthew Krempel, Fr. Michael Berry, Bob Duncan, Robby & Lois Robinson, Alan & Dale Rodberg, Helena Hall, Betty Myrick, Carlos Valenzuela, Marlene Tidwell, Michael Page, 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, Elsie Taylor, Ryan Smith, Olivia Sanchez, Ann Peterson, Gabriel Esquivel,	Caitlin Amburgue, Peyton Mann, Jaime O’Niell, Art Penfold, Jerrod Wetzel, Teresa Stafford, Fernando Galvan Jr, Rocco DiConza, Rick Maiero, Alex Freiday, Jimmy Gifford, Josh Lazarski, Patrick & Jennifer Weinmiester, Katherine Tyler,	Con Sanchez, Don & Pam Weinmiester, Bob Lucero, Susan Cowin, Andrew Colton, Jean Marie Hunt, Carmen & Robert Clemente, O’Niell Family, Jim Gunton, Joseph Matthews, Manuel Hernandez, Sabrey Byrd, Michele deLany
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**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE**

**April 6, 2025, 5th Sunday Lent
John 8:1-11**

“The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle” (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community’s identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim – though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you’ll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is “left alone before him.” A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ’s forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— *Father John Muir @LPi*

Parish Events This Week

<u>Monday</u>	<u>April 07</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mass	8:00am	Chapel
JPC	6:00pm	Library
OCIA	6:30pm	Rm. 5,6,7
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>April 08</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mass	8:00am	Chapel
Bible - Galatians	10:00am	Library
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>April 09</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rosary	10:00am	Rm. 5,6,7
Mass (Esp.)	6:00pm	Chapel
CERS	6:45pm	Rm. 1
CERS Youth	6:45pm	Rm. 5,6,7
JPC	6:45pm	Library
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>April 10</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mass	8:00am	Chapel
Eucharistic Adoration	9:00am -5:00pm	Chapel
R.E. Classes	5:30pm	Rms. 1-7, Kitchen & Library
<u>Friday</u>	<u>April 11</u>	<u>Location</u>
Stations of the Cross	4:00pm	Church
Mass	6:00pm	Chapel
CERS	6:45pm	Rm. 5,6,7, Kitchen & Library
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>April 12</u>	<u>Location</u>
Confessions	8:30am	Church
Pro-Life Rosary/Meeting	9:30am	Library
Mass	4:00pm	Church

What We Gave Back to God

March 30th, 2025 Attendance: 730

Needed to meet weekly expenses	\$ 8,000.00
Plate Collection	\$ 7,201.45
Online Giving	\$ 426.07
Building Fund	\$ 296.00

February 2025

Monthly Operating Expense	\$ 34,775.65
Monthly Plate Collection	\$ 34,933.81
Deficit or Gain	\$ + 158.16

**Please pray for all those who have died,
especially:**

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|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| Joe Farner | Bill Glass | Susie Cobb |
| Mildred Diaz | Beth Childs | Rosie Camp |
| Danielle Torrance | Irene Fortier | |
| Josefina Williams | Corine Ortega | |

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD,
who opens a way in the sea
and a path in the mighty waters. (Is 43:16)

Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

Second Reading:

Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind
but straining forward to what lies ahead,
I continue my pursuit toward the goal,
the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)

Gospel:

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her,
"Woman, where are they?
Has no one condemned you?"
She replied, "No one, sir."
Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on do not sin any more." (Jn 8:10-11)

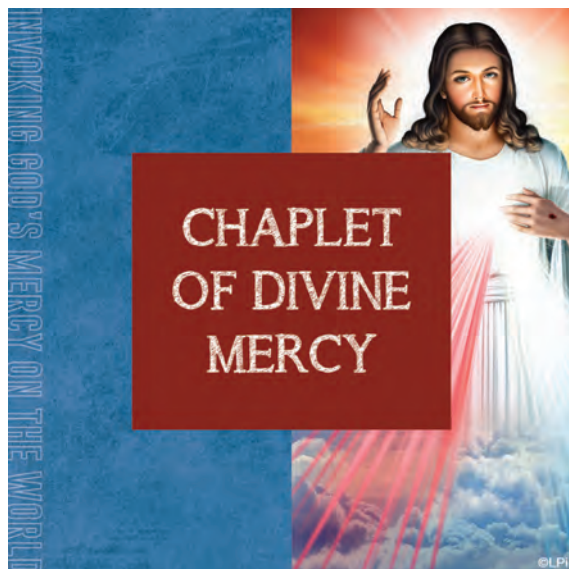
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Go, and sin no more," Jesus tells the woman caught in adultery. Her life, like ours, has been saved. She, like us, has a chance for a new beginning. So he begs her, and he begs us: be changed by it. Let the mercy transform you. Go, and sin no more.

Observances for the week of April 6, 2025

- Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
Friday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Devotions, *Explained!*

Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God's mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska.

Prayer of Community

O God,
Help us to see each other as
You see us, not by our faults or
failings, but by our identity as
Your own. Give us Your eyes to
see, Your heart to love.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right. We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them. But when God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

The Allure of Being Right

It wasn't a real question.

"The law of Moses says we should stone her. What do you say?" the Pharisees asked Jesus as they brought the adulterous woman before him. But they weren't *really* asking. They didn't care what Jesus' answer was. They didn't ask his opinion because they wanted to know. They asked because they wanted to use his words against him.

Righteousness, truth — that wasn't the goal. The goal was being right.

And in the middle of the whole scene, dragged before Jesus, used as a literal prop in this staged drama, is a woman. A real flesh-and-blood woman.

I find myself wanting to know more about her. She had been "caught in the act," they claimed, but I wonder what that even means. With whom was this act committed, and what were the reasons for her participation in it? Was she coerced? Was she scared? Was she confused? Was it really a cut-and-dry, black-and-white situation of adultery, of lust, of making the wrong decision?

We will never know the answers to these questions, and it doesn't matter — it's not our business. God knows the answers. God knows the truth of the matter: what she did, what she chose, what she felt. Because she wasn't a prop to Him. She was a person.

When God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

I worry that we use one another as props even today, when we try like the Pharisees to illustrate "What is Right." We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them.

Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?

Answer:

Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul.

Parish News and Events



Another Friday day of Fish Fry was successful, weather was good and more people enjoyed fish fry after Stations of Cross! Come and join us! Scouts helped with desserts!



All photos by
Chris Seigworth



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



First Friday Devotion

May 2, 2024
5:00pm In the Chapel



First Saturday Devotion

May 3, 2024
2:30pm to 3:30pm In the Chapel

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday until Good Friday.

English - 4:00pm

Spanish - 6:00pm



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Vía Crucis ©L.P.I.

El Vía Crucis se realizará todos los viernes hasta el Viernes Santo.

Inglés - 16:00

Español - 18:00

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry



Parishioners are invited to attend our Friday weekly fundraiser Fish Fry dinners beginning March 7 thru April 11, 2025.

The dinners will be held in St. Mary's parish hall, starting at 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

Fish Fry dinner to include pub battered cod, french fries, coleslaw, and a drink for \$15 per plate (child's plate \$8).



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Youth BIBLE STUDY

HEY YOU!

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For more information contact Mariela Balderrama @ (928) 279-4411.



Bible Study

Join us for our next Bible study series, GALATIANS

Starting on February 25th, the next series in Bible study will begin. This series will be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and will be for 8 weeks at 10am in the Parish Library.

Chapters to be covered are:

- 2/25
- 3/11 for Ash Wednesday (3/5)
- 3/25
- 4/8 for Palm Sunday (4/13)
- 4/22 for Holy Week (4/14-4/18)
- 5/6 for Easter Vigil (4/19)
- 5/20 for Easter (4/20)
- 6/3 - Last Class for the Summer



Ways to Support Your Parish

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Bishop Dolan has released his 7-year Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Phoenix, which begins January 2025 and ends December 2031, the 500th anniversary of Our Lady of Guadalupe appearing to Saint Juan Diego.

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We are expecting the arrival of a limited number of Large Print St Joseph's missals, more missals in English and Spanish. We have daily prayer books for Lent arriving in English and Spanish. Many new rosaries, veils, journals and other items have been ordered.

Our First Holy Communion and Confirmation items are out and on display. More items are on back order and should be arriving soon.

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Religious Formation and Sacraments



Registration for the 2024-2025 Religious Education session has closed.

Registration for the 2025-2026 year will open in Summer 2025, with updates posted to our Facebook page and website.

For more information about our Religious Education programs, please see our website at stmarykingman.com

Adult Formation (ages 15 and up) Mondays: 6:30 – 8:00pm

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Baptism, 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation

Children's Religious Education Thursdays: 5:30-7:00pm

Early Childhood (ages 4-6)

No sacramental preparation

2nd/3rd Grade (ages 7-10)

1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation

OCIA-C (OCIA Adapted for Children) (ages 7-14)

Baptism, 1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation

Catecismo en Español (7-14 años)

Bautismo, 1a Reconciliación, 1a Santa Comunción, Confirmación

Saints in the Making (ages 9-12)

For children who have received all their sacraments



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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