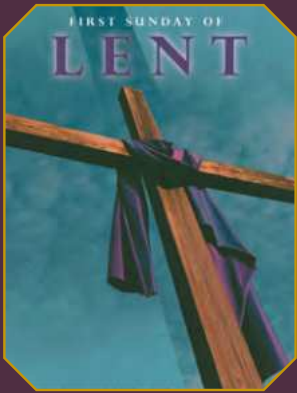




St. Mary
Roman Catholic Church
established 1906
302 E. SPRING ST., KIDGMAN, AZ

SUNDAY, February 22nd, 2026



Pastor

Rev. Chris Axline

Parochial Vicar

**Rev. Johnson
Vadakkumcherry**

Parish Deacon

Dea. Francis Staab

Hispanic Community
Rigoberto Ramirez

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Organist

Jerome Llagas



• 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT •

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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,
1:00-2:00pm

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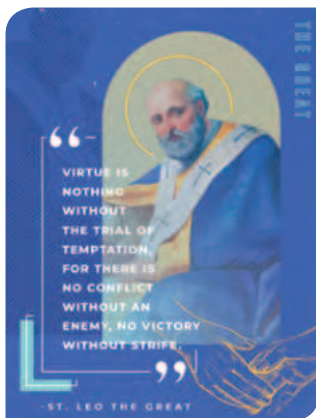
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Parish Mission Statement:

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - February 22, 2026
Year A



Sat. February 21 Saturday after Ash Wednesday Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Lk 5:27-32	4:00pm		Mr. & Mrs. D. Hindman (Anonymous)
Sun. February 22 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Mt 4:1-11	9:00am 2:00pm (Español)	†	Joe Farner (Donna Farner) Pro Populo
Mon. February 23 Lenten Weekday Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	Mt 25:31-46	8:00am		Ron Delong (Ron Delong)
Tues. February 24 Lenten Weekday	Mt 6:7-15	8:00am		
Wed. February 25 Lenten Weekday	Lk 11:29-32	6:00pm (Español)		Fr. Victor (David Acuna)
Thurs. February 26 Lenten Weekday	Mt 7:7-12	8:00am		Maureen Kirkpatrick (Sharon Rhizor)
Fri. February 27 Lenten Weekday Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	Mt 5:20-26	6:00pm		Melissa Fisher & Family (Toni Penfold)
Sat. February 28 Lenten Weekday	Mt 5:43-48	4:00pm		Joseph Ried (Anonymous)
Sun. March 01 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Mt 17:1-9	9:00am 2:00pm (Español)		Pro Populo Poublon & Family (Toni Penfold)

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Reflection for FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - February 22, 2026 Year A

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Tracy Earl Welliver

Readings: • Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 • Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 • Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
• Matthew 4:1-11 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022226.cfm>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Lenten Challenge

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.



With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



James Callins,
Judith Venega,
Heather Miller,
Jenn Krueger,

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Steve Caris,
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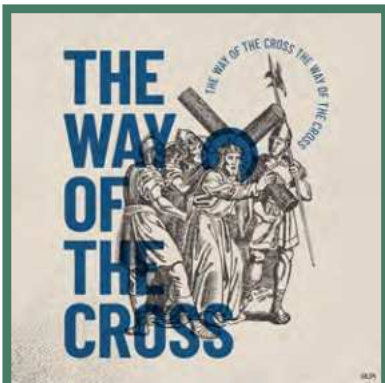
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Marie Staab,	Mack Delmonico
Michelle Guenther,	Patricia (Trish) Cobb,
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Simon "Robby" Robinson,	Wayne Peterson

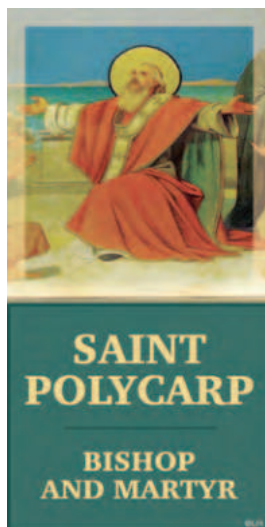
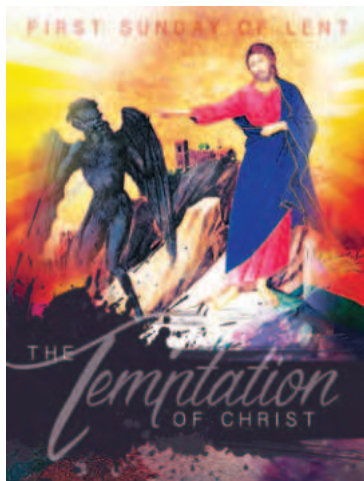
Horarios de Confesión

CONFESSION TIMES OLP

Between **February 24th**
& March 31st, additional
 confessions will be held on
Tuesdays & Thursdays from
11am-12:30pm.



Join us for bilingual
Stations of the Cross
 in the church,
 each **Friday of Lent**
 at **5:15pm.**



Parish Events This Week

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Feb. 23</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mass JPC	8:00am 6:00pm	Chapel Library
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Feb. 24</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mass Confessions	8:00am 11am-12:30pm	Chapel Church
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Feb. 25</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rosary Mass (Esp.) CERS CERS Youth JPC OCIA	10:00am 6:00pm 6:45pm 6:45pm 6:45pm 7:00pm	Rm. 5,6,7 Church Rm. 1 & 3 Rm. 4 Library Rms. 5,6, & 7
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Feb. 26</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mass Eucharistic Adoration <i>Text Sharon Rhizor to sign up: 702-466-3069</i> Confessions R.E. Class	8:00am 9:00am -5:00pm 11am-12:30pm 5:30pm	Chapel Chapel Church Rms. 1-7 & Library
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Feb. 27</u>	<u>Location</u>
KoC Fish Fry Stations of the Cross (Bil.) Mass CERS	4:30-7pm 5:15pm 6:00pm 6:45pm	Rm. 5,6,7 Church Church Rm. 5,6,7, Kitchen & Library
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Feb. 28</u>	<u>Location</u>
Confessions Mass	8:30am 4:00pm	Church Church

What We Gave Back to God

February 15th, 2026 Attendance: 794

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

December 2025

Monthly Operating Expense	\$ 31,712.68
Monthly Plate Collection	\$ 39,703.69
Christmas	\$ 15,210.35
Deficit or Gain	\$+23,201.36

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalm:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading:

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel:

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

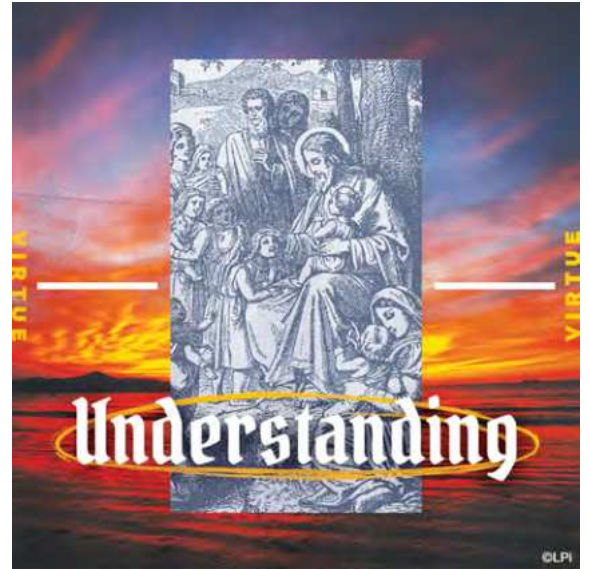
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our Lord is so humble that he allows us to see him experience temptation. The vulnerability of this moment is awesome to behold. Let us learn from Jesus' interaction with the devil, and be transformed by it. Let us say, with him: "Get away, Satan."

Observances for the week of February 22, 2026

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

Understanding is the "food" of faith. "I believe, in order to understand," said St. Augustine. We must constantly ask the Holy Spirit for greater and more profound understanding, for though understanding proceeds from faith, it in turn nourishes that faith.

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: There are many reasons why the Word became flesh. But I think one of the most important reasons must have been that God wanted to show us that He knows, intimately, how easily the devil exploits our physical experience of this world.

Into the Desert

When we first got married, I wanted to know everything my husband was thinking, exactly when he was thinking it.

Thirteen years later, I still want to know it all. But I want to know it after he's had a snack.

I think he still wants to know what I'm thinking, too. But he wants to know it after I've had 10 minutes without hearing the word, "Mommy!"

Life has taught us, you see, that it's hard to be a good person, a nice person, a gentle person, when your body doesn't feel good or nice or gentle. When you're hungry. When you're exhausted. When you're anxious.

It's not impossible, of course. It's just ... *hard*.

We're entering a penitential season, a time in which we purposefully deprive ourselves in certain ways. During Lent, we intentionally enter into the desert of physical hunger and weakness. Why, in preparation for Easter and in an effort to spiritually purify ourselves, do we go to this place where it's so *hard to be good*? Why do we go to the desert?

Because Christ has shown us that the desert is where decisions are made.

There are many reasons why the Word became flesh to accomplish God's plan for our salvation. But I think one of the most important reasons must have been that God wanted to show us that He knows, intimately, how easily the devil exploits our physical experience of this world. We see it in today's Gospel: Jesus, hungry and weary. Jesus, taunted and tempted.

We see him. We recognize him. We are him.

And we hear his voice, even though it trembles with fatigue: "Get away, Satan!"

Today, we enter the desert. Because the desert is where decisions are made.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

Answer:

Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus — the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5).

Parish News and Events

Pray with us on **Hallow** this Lent



Scan this QR code with your smartphone camera to join our St. Mary's Hallow community



Potato Soup for Ash Wednesday

This week, the Belles peeled 100 pounds potatoes to make their famous potato soup for all to enjoy on Ash Wednesday.

Between 11am-1 pm, many parishioners joined them in this beautiful yearly tradition of our church, enjoying yummy soup and good company!



JOIN US IN CHAPEL ADORATION



To sign up
or get more info:

Call or text
Sharon Rhizor at
702-466-3069

Thank you to all scheduled adoration adorers, for your dedication in committing to an hour of Eucharistic Adoration each Thursday in St. Mary's Chapel.

If not a scheduled adorer, please consider becoming one.

This means committing to spending a scheduled hour each Thursday in prayer and Adoration between the hours of 9am and 5pm. We especially need people to commit to the 11am and 2pm hours.

Also, we need substitutes for those who cannot adore during their scheduled time. Join us in prayer during Thursday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, even if not scheduled.





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Pre-sale tickets are available at each weekend Mass.

Fish Fries will be held on each Friday of Lent (02/20-03/27) from 4:30pm to 7pm at the Parish Center.



EL TIEMPO DE
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Retiro para la Comunidad

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

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!

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

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● Clergy, Seminarians & Religious	\$1,309,423
● Catholic Schools	\$1,113,000
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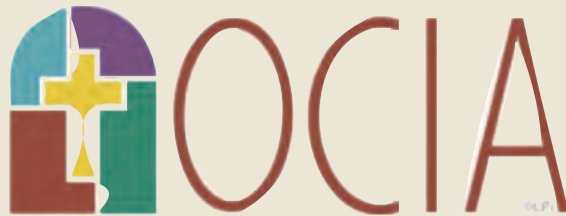
Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session **has ended.**

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!



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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults meets weekly:

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in Rooms 5, 6, & 7 at St. Mary's Parish Hall

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):

1a Santa Comunión, Confirmación, Bautismo (si no está bautizado)



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.

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