

Mass Schedule
24th & 25th Canceled
January 23, Saturday

6:00pm

In memory of Mary Ann Stickler
January 24, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In honor of all Altar Society member both living & deceased
11:00am Mass [Spanish]

In Memory of
Ramiro Rodriguez Sr.
January 27, Tuesday

8:00am Mass
January 28, Wednesday

6:00pm Mass

January 30, Friday

8:00am Mass

January 31, Saturday

6:00pm

February, Sunday

9:30am Mass

11:00am Mass [Spanish]

Confessions

Sunday 8:30am-9:15

5:00pm-5:45pm Wednesday

Adoration

Wednesday 8am-8pm

Prayer Request

Please pray for Fr. Aby, Deacon John and Deacon Ricardo. Also Fr. Lazarus, Fr. Josh, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Mike, Fr. John, Fr. Les, Fr. Alejandro, Fr. Payden, Fr. Matt, and all seminarians, deaconate candidates and the religious brothers and sisters from our Diocese.

Also please remember in your prayers:

David Huynh, Juanita Rodriguez, John and Marva Varner, Laura Hagen, Jimmy Chatman, Kaden Siebert, Lane Clayton, Lisa Hunt, Joan Dicus, Mary Wood, Scott Giles, Roger Specking, Linda Pope, Jan Giles, Fred Granger, Marinelle Paladino, Charlie Hogue, Nina Tuberville, Donald Jamieson, Ella Ballentine, Olivia Vasquez, Kimbrough Family, Roger Specking, Lynda White, Phillip Cable, Gregory Eicocco, Nattie Towery, Jerry Sharp, Lavon Booth, Bob & Helen Marcotte, Leo Genovesi, Kathy Puckett, Melissa Coffel, Crystal & Sammy Leisure, Dorothy Manley, Don Shinkaruk, Mike & Kathy Smoker, David & Annetta Allen, Mary McKinney, Marty Barrack, Mary Killela, Cindy Shepard, Fr. Amal, Ellen Rogers, Keegan Neldon, Melonie Southard, Marti Johnson, Nathan Bridges, Anthony Allen, James Whitson, Carolyn Webster, Carter Pace, Bonita Quette, Marilyn Posey, and De La Salle Blackfeet School.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
JANUARY 25, 2026

Sunday Is 8:23-9:3
1 Cor 1:10-13,17
Mt 4:12-23

Monday
2 Tim 1:1-8
Ti 1:1-5(520)

Tuesday
2Sm 6:12b –15,17-19
Mk 3:31-35(318)

Wednesday
2 Sm 7:4-17
Mk 4:1-20(319)

Thursday
2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29
Mk 4:21-25

Friday
2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday
2 Sm 12:1-7a ,10-17
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-2a

	6:00 PM Mass 1/31/2026	9:30 AM Mass 2/1/2026
Servers	Bradley Johnson John VanDon	Norah & Cecilia Meeks
Lector	Andy Stickler	Sandra Kelley Jennifer Drake
EM	Stephen Posey Brad Smithee	Ramiro & Maria Rodriguez
Gift Bearers	Gonzalez	Phil & Judy Allen
Ushers	Mark	Collins
Refreshments following 9:30am Mass: Legrid		

St. Mary Church Collection		Thank you!
Week	Collection	Expenses
January 18, 2026	\$4,008.00	\$5,000.00

Food drive results:

We collected 103 food items in January and \$ 465 for Griffin Memorial food pantry.
For the year 2025 the food pantry served 1,378 households, which consisted of 3,970 people.
Age range of these people are.

0-17 1,174
18-60 2,156
60+ 640

We want to thank you for your support!!
St. Mary's plays a huge part in helping us serve the need in our community!

Special Collections:

- **Jan. 24-25 & 31st** Black & Indian Missions
- **February 7 & 8 [CASA]** Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal



Interested in Becoming Catholic? OCIA provides an opportunity to learn and grow with others. For more information contact Dc. John and Kem Drake. OCIA is held each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 6pm.

Prayer Garden Please get your orders in for the Prayer Garden Memorial Wall. A new order will be submitted December 17th. \$100.00 per Plaque and one name per Plaque is listed. This is a great Christmas gift for family members.

Donations are being accepted for the Statue of the Blessed Mother for the Prayer Garden and additional stepping stones. Please see Phil Allen if you would like more information on how to help or donate to this great cause.

SOS NEWS

December was a very busy month for SOS, as we served 322 meals to those in need. In addition, our annual winter drive was a great success. We were able to distribute 49 coats, 75 blankets, 23 pairs of gloves, 50 toboggans and scarves, 46 pairs of socks, and several hoodies. None of this would be possible without the incredible support we receive. Thank you for your generous donations of funds, winter items, and the time so many of you faithfully give each month. We are truly grateful for your compassion and commitment. God bless each of you for your generosity.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Dc Ricardo J Puello Brenes.

(Isaiah 8:23—9:3. Psalm 26:1. 4. 13-14. 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17. Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17)

After John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus comes to Capernaum, in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali to begin his public ministry; and so that the prophecy that the prophet Isaiah announced seven centuries earlier, making a clear reference to the coming of the Messiah and his successful saving mission, would be fulfilled.

Isaiah announced that his glory would spread throughout the world, to overcome the oppressive darkness with his shining light, so that his people, might live the happiness and freedom of being in his presence, and enjoying the promised inheritance.

The prophet compares the day of the Messiah's triumph to the day of Midian, when God gave victory to Gideon and his three hundred men, using only torches, empty clay vessels, and trumpets, over the multitude of the Midianites and their allies. Jesus, the true light that shines by its own power, comes into the world reducing itself to the human condition, to overcome sin and death forever.

Jesus begins his ministry by announcing, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"**; and to leave a tangible legacy and faithful witnesses who would continue his mission until all humanity received his gift, he began to call those he wanted to make his disciples, saying, **"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."** and they left everything and followed him.

This call of Christ continues in every baptized person. That is why it is good to ask yourself: "Am I casting my nets into the sea of this turbulent and polluted world, or am I ignoring Jesus' call to his mission?

In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul exhorts us all to live **"in harmony and without division."** And it does so in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to give it the moral weight that gives the indisputable doctrinal authority of Jesus.

He reminds us of the reality of the unity of our Church, which is one, with Christ its head. There is not a European church, and an African church, an American church and a Latin American church; or a church of whites and another of blacks; a church that follows a political party and another that follows another party, etc. Our only head is Jesus Christ, who reigns through the hierarchy of apostolic succession.

Of course we can have different preferences in all fields of civil life, but without letting it lead us to division, since this does not come from Christ, but from the devil ("the one who divides"); and even less, to do so publicly, because it constitutes a scandal that wounds his Mystical Body, the Church. What our Lord Jesus Christ wants from the beginning is a Church perfectly united **"in the same mind and in the same heart"**, in intimacy for him and with him; a Church that lives and moves according to his will, expressed in the directives that he taught us in his doctrine, and that remains faithful to holy Tradition.

The Kingdom of God has already come to us by the grace of the Holy Spirit; so, to announce it we must accept living it. That is the most convincing proof that it is at hand.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be faithful fishers of men who, accompanying our Lord, bring healing, union, peace and hope to every corner of the earth. May God bless you.

The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Dcn. Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

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Confessions
Wednesday 5pm-5:45pm
Sunday 8:30am-9:15am

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Mass Times

Thursday: 12:00pm

Saturday: 4:00pm



JANUARY 25, 2026

**3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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