

Mass Schedule
December 13, Saturday
6:00pm
In honor of All Parishioners
December 14, Sunday
9:30am Mass
In honor of the DeRoe Family
11:00am Mass [Spanish]
December 16, Tuesday
8:00am Mass
December 17, Wednesday
6:00pm Reconciliation Services
December 19, Friday
8:00am Mass
December 20, Saturday
6:00pm
In honor of All Parishioners
December 21, Sunday
9:30am Mass
In honor of the Drake Family
11:00am Mass [Spanish]

Confessions
Sunday 8:30am-9:15
5:00pm-5:45pm Wednesday

Adoration
Wednesday 8am-8pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
DECEMBER 14, 2025

Sunday
Is 35:1-6a,10
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

Monday
Nm 24:2-7,15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday
Gn 49:2,8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Thursday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Friday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Saturday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Sunday
Is 7:10-14
Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

	Saturday 6pm 12/20/25	Sunday 9:30am 12/21/25
Servers	John VanDon Bradley Johnson	Norah & Cecila Meeks
Lector	Margarita Gonzalez	Carolyn Block Jean Thorton
EM	Jennifer Bouldin Andy Sticker	Ramiro & Candy Rodriquez
Gift Bearers	Bustamante	Holmes
Ushers	Brad	Steyer
Refreshments following Sunday 9:30am Mass: Altar Society		

St. Mary Church Collection		Thank you!
Week	Collection	Expenses
December 7, 2025	\$4,530.00	\$5,000.00

Food drive results:
November food drive results. We collected 131 food items and \$911 for Griffin memorial food pantry.

Second collection will be held for:
December 24th & 25th Clergy Welfare Collection

Christmas & New Year Schedule:
December 24: 6pm & 10pm
December 25: 9:30am & 11am [Spanish]
December 31: 6pm
January 1: 9:30am & 11am [Spanish]

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 is you would like more information on how to help or donate to this great cause.

SOS NEWS
In November, the 5 SOS teams feed an average of 88 people every week. We are needing a few more volunteers to help prepare and serve God’s people. If anyone would like more information you can call Mary Jo at 870-486-1747.

We would like to thank our parishioners that have made donations to the program as well as all the donations for our winter drive. We are still in need of 2XL coats for both men and women, XL men’s gloves, and socks. God bless all of you for the blessings you are giving to those in need!

Luke Study will not meet the month of December. The last two sessions will be on 1/6/2026 and 1/13/2026.

Parish Census
Please complete a **Parish Census** form, they will be located in the pews throughout December. This spring we will be completing a new parish directory and the census will assist in getting everyone's correct information in the directory. Also this will assist in sending out emails about upcoming events. Please return your completed census to the box at the entrance to the Church or give to Fr. Aby.

Lector Workbooks are available for pick up in the sacristy, please sign your name when picking up a book.

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A DAY OF RETREAT
SATURDAY, JANURAY 31, 2026
8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

AN EVENING OF PREPARATION
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026
5:15 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Seating is limited.
Register today!

WomenofHopeAR.org

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Advent Penance Service
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17TH
6:00P.M.



Christmas Service Project

What: St. Mary School has adopted a family for Christmas
When: All items will be due by Friday, December 19th by 8:00 am.
Why: Jesus taught us that we should put the needs of others first.

Dear Parishioners:

As we enter the holiday season, our school community is coming together to support a local family in need. We would like to offer them a special Christmas this year, but we cannot do it without your help.

If you are able, we kindly invite you to contribute in any way—such as donating gifts, clothing, household items, or gift cards. No contribution is too small, and all support will go directly to the family.

If you wish to participate, please send donations to the school office by Friday, December 19th, or contact **Mrs. Lee Ann (870 -215-1537)** for more details.

Thank you for helping us share the spirit of generosity and make this season brighter for a family in our community. We are grateful for your kindness.

Warm regards,
St. Mary School Staff


PRE & CYM Christmas celebration will be held following the reconciliation service in the parish hall Wed. Dec. 17th.

Prayer Request
Please pray for Fr. Aby, Deacon John and Deacon Ricardo. Also Fr. Nazarus, 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:
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.

The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Little Rock invites you to celebrate this annual Mass with Bishop Taylor.

JANUARY 18, 2026
MASS FOR LIFE



PRAY FOR LEGAL PROTECTION FOR EVERY UNBORN CHILD
PRAY TO END ABORTION

* CATHEDRAL OF ST. ANDREW
617 S. LOUISIANA ST., LITTLE ROCK
12:05 P.M.

* ARKANSAS RIGHT TO LIFE'S 48th ANNUAL
MARCH FOR LIFE, 2PM
along Capitol Ave. to the steps of the Arkansas State Capitol

→ ADORATION & ROSARY FOR LIFE
11:20 A.M. - 11:50 A.M.

→ AFTER MASS FREE TACOS
Grab-and-go to make it easy to attend the March for Life!

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 Gottspomer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

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Office Hours:
 8:00am-11:30am
 Tue, Wed, Fri.

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
 320 W. Free Street
 Walnut Ridge, Arkansas 72476
Mass Times
Thursday: 12:00pm
Saturday: 4:00pm



Welcome to
ST. MARY CATHOLIC Church

*The LORD God keeps faith forever,
 secures justice for the oppressed,
 gives food to the hungry.
 The LORD sets captives free.*

DECEMBER 14, 2025

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