

Mass Schedule
December 27, Saturday
6:00pm

In honor of All Parishioners

December 28, Sunday

9:30am Mass

11:00am Mass [Spanish]

In honor of

Ramiro & Candi Rodriguez

December 30, Tuesday

8:00am Mass

December 31, Wednesday

6:00pm Mass

January 1, Thursday

9:30am Mass

11:00am [Spanish] Mass

January 2, Friday

8:00am Mass

January 3, Saturday

6:00pm

In honor of All Parishioners

January 4, 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:

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 DECEMBER 28, 2025Sunday
Sir 3:2-6,12-14
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23Monday
1Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35Tuesday
1Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40Wednesday
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18Thursday
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21Friday
1Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28Saturday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34Sunday
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3,5-6
Mt 2:1-12

	Saturday 6pm 12/27/25	Sunday 9:30am 12/28/25
Servers	John VanDon Bradley Johnson	Hudson Colton AnnaMae Wortham
Lector	Stephen Posey	Angie & Ava Halverson
EM	Karen Ussery Jo Lampkins	Michele Legrid Jennifer Drake
Gift Bearers	Posey	Livingston
Ushers	Barry	Inman
Refreshments following Sunday 9:30am Mass: Halverson		

	New Years Eve 6pm 12/31/25	New Years Day 9:30am 1/1/26
Servers	Hudson Colton AnnaMae Wortham	Daniel Kristofcak
Lector	Jennifer Bouldin	Dean Inman
EM	Jerry Hoepfl Andy Stickler	Rosario Puello Kem Drake
Gift Bearers	Gonzalez	
Ushers	Barry	Steyer

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!		
Week	Collection	Expenses
December 14, 2025	\$4,161.00	\$5,000.00

Food drive results:

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

Second Collection:

Dec. 27 & 28: St. Mary's School & Preschool



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

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!

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.



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH PARAGOULD, AR PRESENTS

**LUKE THE GOSPEL OF MERCY ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS**

Join us for the conclusion
of the Study of Luke.

The last two sessions will be on 1/6/2026
and 1/13/2026.

Thank you to all who joined in this
wonderful journey

ST. MARY PARISH HALL | 6:30 -8PM

LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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.

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

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

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

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What gifts will you leave?

Want to know more?
Contact Leah Taylor or the church office.

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Supper on Sunday S.O.S.
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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



DECEMBER 28, 2025

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO
FEAR THE LORD AND WALK IN
HIS WAYS.**

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