

Mass Schedule

February 28, Saturday
6:00pm
In honor of all Parishioners
March 1, Sunday
9:30am Mass
In Honor of all Altar Society Members both living and deceased
11:00am Mass [Spanish]
March 3, Tuesday
8:00am Mass
March 4, Wednesday
6:00pm Lent Confession Service
March 6, Friday
8:00am Mass
6:00pm Stations of the Cross
March 7, Saturday
6:00pm
In honor of all Parishioners
March 1, Sunday
9:30am Mass
11:00am Mass [Spanish]

Confessions

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

Adoration

Wednesday 8am-8pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 01, 2026

Sunday
Gn 12:1-4a 2
Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

Monday
Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday
Is 1;10,16-20
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday
Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday
Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

Friday
Gn 37:3-4
Mt 21:33-34

Saturday
Mi 7:14-15
Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday
Ex 17:3-7
Jn 4:5-42 19b -2b, 39a, 40-42

	6:00 PM Mass 2/28/2026	9:30 AM Mass 3/1/2026
Servers	Bradley Johnson John VanDon	Norah & Cecilia Meeks
Lector	Margarita Gonzalez	Janet Murray Molly Baker-Huynh
EM	Stephen Posey Brad Smithee	Ramiro & Maria Rodriguez
Gift Bearers	Tompkins	Hoepfl
Ushers	Mark	Collins
Refreshments following 9:30am Mass: Altar Society		

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!		
Week	Collection	Expenses
February 22, 2026	\$4,255.00	\$5,000.00

Food drive results:

We collected 103 food items in January and \$465 for Griffin Memorial food pantry.

Special Collections:

- **February 7 & 8** [CASA] Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal
- **Feb. 21 & 22** AR Catholic Subscription Drive
- **Feb. 28 & Mar 1** St. Mary School & Pre-school

The Bazaar raised \$6,172.00 for the School.

2025 Contribution Statements are available by contacting the office or emailing stmaryspara-gould@gmail.com.

Church Spring Cleaning will be held on March 19th!

Census forms will be available for anyone who did not complete one in December.

Rosary for America will be held March 8th at 3pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

A basket will be available for you to bring back last years **palms**, these will be used for Ash Wednesday next year.

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 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.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH-PARAGOULD, AR

LENTEN CONFESSION SERVICE

Wednesday | March 4th
6:00p.m.
English & Spanish

Wednesday Adoration
8am until 6pm

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (March 29):
9:30 AM (Procession from the Parish Hall)
11:00 AM Spanish Mass

Holy Thursday (April 2):
6 PM Mass (Adoration until 12AM))

Good Friday (April 3):
3 PM Stations of the Cross
6 PM Service

Easter Vigil (April 4):
8 PM Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday (April 5):
10 AM Mass
Easter Egg hunt following Mass
11:30 AM Spanish Mass

St. Mary Catholic Church
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St. Mary Catholic Church
Stations of the Cross
Each Friday of Lent at 6pm
Good Friday at 3pm

March 6th | OCIA-soup & salad will be served in the Parish Hall following stations

March 13th | Youth Shadow Stations

March 20 | St. Mary Altar Society

March 27 | Dc. Ricardo Puello

April 3rd | Good Friday—Fr. Aby Leading

SOS Program Updates:

If anyone in our parish that is in need of a meal on any Sunday, please reach out to the SOS team or Church office. Delivery can be made if you are unable to attend SOS.

We have been blessed with a donation of Stoffer's Lasagna frozen meals. Following this weekends Masses Mary Jo will be in the Parish Hall for anyone that would like to pick up a meal.

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:

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.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?
When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?
Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.

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
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Mass Times
Thursday: 12:00pm
Saturday: 4:00pm



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What gifts will you leave?

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

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March 1, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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