

Mass Schedule

March 14, Saturday

6:00pm

In memory of Mark Woodruff

March 15, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In honor of all Parishioners

11:00am Mass [Spanish]

March 16, Tuesday

8:00am Mass

March 18, Wednesday

6:00pm Mass

March 20, Friday

8:00am Mass

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

March 21, Saturday

6:00pm

March 22, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In honor of all Parishioners

11:00am Mass [Spanish]

Confessions

Sunday 8:30am-9:15

5:00pm-5:45pm Wednesday

Adoration

Wednesday 8am-8pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 15, 2026

Sunday
1Sm 16:1b,6-7
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1

Monday
Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday
Ez 47:1-9,12
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday
Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday
2Sm 7:4-5a
Rom 4:13
Mt 1:16,18-21

Friday
Wis 2:1a
Jn 7:1-2,10

Saturday
Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday
Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!

	Week	Collection	Expenses
Offertory	March 8, 2026	\$2,941.00	\$5,000.00
Building Fund	March 2026	\$14,405.00	Goal \$60,000

Easter Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading: Gen 22: 1-18 [Long Version]
Second Reading: Exodus 14:15—15:1
Third Reading: Ezekial 36: 16-17, 18-28
Epistle: Romans 6: 3-11
Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10

Easter Flower Donations

If you would like to donate to the Easter Flowers please reach out to the Church office via phone, text, or email.

Wednesday Mass and Confession on March 25th will not be held.

Food drive results:

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

Special Collections:

- Catholic Relief Services: March 14th & 15th
- St. Mary School & Preschool: March 21 & 22

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 at 9am!

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

Altar Society will meet on March 17th at 6pm. Making spaghetti sauce will begin at 4:30pm, all members are welcome to attend.

Palms

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

Building Fund donation envelopes are available in the pews.

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. \$100.00 per Plaque and one name per Plaque is listed. This is a great gift for family members for Mother's Day or Father's Day.

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 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.



St. Mary Catholic Church

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent at 6pm

Good Friday at 3pm

March 20 | St. Mary Altar Society

March 27 | Dc. Ricardo Puello

April 3rd | Good Friday—Fr. Aby Leading

HOLY WEEK
Retreat
with the
Olivetian Benedictine Sisters

Holy Thursday-Holy Saturday
April 2-4, 2026

• For single women age 19-35
• At Holy Angels Convent
• Scan for more information

Lenten weekend with Kathleen Beckman

Join us for a Lenten Weekend of prayer, teaching, and encouragement with international evangelist and author Kathleen Beckman at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Conway Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28. The weekend begins Friday at 5:30 p.m. with Stations of the Cross, followed by Kathleen's presentation at 6 p.m., "Divine Mercy: Forgiveness Sets Us Free." On Saturday, the day begins at 9 a.m. with a Vianney Cenacle Holy Hour and Rosary praying for priests, followed by a 10 a.m. talk called "How and Why Saints Prayed for Priests." At 11 a.m., women and men are invited to the Magnificat Meal featuring Kathleen as the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance before March 23 at <https://tinyurl.com/58wttw3>. The afternoon continues with a 2 p.m. presentation, "Blessed Conchita: Wife, Mother, Model of Prayer," and concludes with the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday. All are welcome to attend these inspiring Lenten events.

Kathleen Beckman is an international Catholic speaker, retreat director, and best-selling author who has served the Church for more than 26 years. At the invitation of bishops and priests, she has traveled to 13 countries to lead retreats and conferences and frequently speaks on prayer, spiritual discernment, healing, and the importance of praying for priests. She has appeared on EWTN, The Catholic Channel and Radio Maria. Her Saturday afternoon talk will highlight the spiritual life and mission of Blessed Concepción Cabrera de Armida ("Blessed Conchita"), a wife and mother whose deep prayer life and sacrifice for priests continue to inspire the Church today. Come be renewed in faith and prayer during this special Lenten weekend.

Contact Jennifer Tucker at jennifer.tucker.cpa@gmail.com or text her at 501-940-1156.

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

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Training Update:

There will be an updating training for all **Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers** and **Lectors** on March 30.

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:

Larra Shepard, 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.

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

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

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



March 15, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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