

Mass Schedule

March 7, Saturday
6:00pm
In honor of all Parishioners

March 8, Sunday
9:30am Mass
11:00am Mass [Spanish]

March 10, Tuesday
8:00am Mass

March 11, Wednesday
6:00pm Mass

March 13, Friday
8:00am Mass
6:00pm Stations of the Cross

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]

Confessions

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

Adoration

Wednesday 8am-8pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 08, 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 1, 2026	\$4,255.00	\$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 stmarysparagould@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.

Rosary for America will be held March 8th at 3pm in the Church. All 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 envelops 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 is 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.

Spaghetti Dinner

We will begin prep for Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday morning March 10th. Any help on Tuesday morning and Wednesday will be appreciated.

We will be available at the Parish Hall on Tuesday 6:00am—1:00pm and Wednesday beginning at 5:00am for dessert drop off for anyone who would like to donate a dessert for Spaghetti Dinner.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH
ALTAR SOCIETY SPAGHETTI DINNER
WED, MARCH 11TH
Spaghetti | Salad | Bread
Drink | Dessert
11AM-1PM
Ticket to Yummy Meal at St. Mary's **\$9.00**
Dine In | Carry Out | To Go
Call 870-236-3890
St. Mary Parish Hall



St. Mary Catholic Church
Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent at 6pm

Good Friday at 3pm

March 13th | Youth Shadow Stations [practice March 11th]

March 20 | St. Mary Altar Society

March 27 | Dc. Ricardo Puello

April 3rd | Good Friday—Fr. Aby Leading



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

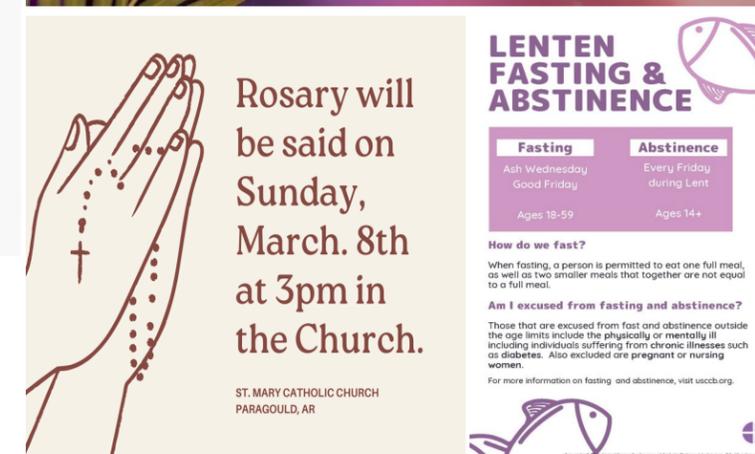
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Prayer Request

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.



LENTE FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Rosary will be said on Sunday, March 8th at 3pm in the Church.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH PARAGOULD, AR

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



March 8, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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