

Mass Schedule

April 11, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In honor of All Parishioners

April 12, Sunday

9:30am Mass

In memory of Phillip Nelson

Allen

11:00am Mass [Spanish]

In honor of All Parishioners

No Mass Tue. or Wed.

April 17, Friday

8:00am Mass

April 18, Saturday

6:00pm Mass

In honor of All Parishioners

April 19, Sunday

9:30am Mass

11:00am Mass [Spanish]

Confessions

Sunday 8:30am-9:15

No Wednesday Confessions

Adoration

Wednesday 8am-8pm

Next Weekend - April 18 & 19

Fr. Phillip Reeves will be

celebrating our

Weekend Masses.

St. Mary Catholic Church
Mass Readings: April 19-26, 2026

Sunday, April 19 (Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday)
Acts 5:12-16
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 20 (Monday of the Second Week of Easter)
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 21 (Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter)
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 22 (Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter)
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 23 (Thursday of the Second Week of Easter)
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 24 (Friday of the Second Week of Easter)
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 25 (Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist)
1 Pt 5:5b-14
Mk 16:15-20

Sunday, April 26 (Third Sunday of Easter)
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Rv 5:11-14
Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

	6:00 PM Mass 4/18/2026	9:30 AM Mass 4/19/2026
Servers	Bradley Johnson John VanDon	Karlee & Cole Dominion
Lector	Roseann Livingston	Angie Halverson Jerry Hoepfl
EM	Karen Ussery Brad Smithee	Phil & Judy Allen
Gift Bearers	Tompkins	Stone
Ushers	Barry	Steyer
Refreshments following 9:30am Mass: Halverson		

St. Mary Church Collection Thank you!			
	Week	Collection	Expenses
Offertory	April 5, 2026	\$6,337.00	\$5,000.00
Building Fund	April 5, 2026	\$54,965.00	

Food drive results:
We collected 89 food items and \$483 for Griffin Memorial Food Pantry. Thank you!

- Special Collections:**
- Catholic Church in Africa: April 18-19
 - St. Mary School & Preschool: April 25-26

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

Severe Weather
During severe weather events the Church basement will be available. If Fr. Aby is not in the Church when you arrive, please reach out to Mandy.

Building Fund donation envelopes are available in the pews.

Church Safety Team: Please see Charlie Stone if you are interested in becoming a member of the Church safety team.

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.

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MAY 7, 2026

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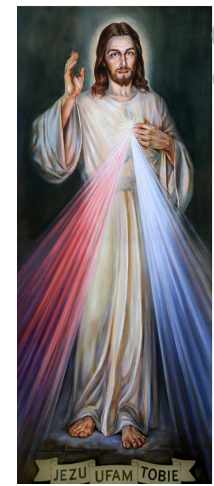
Interested in Becoming Catholic? OCIA provides an opportunity to learn and grow with others. For more information contact Dc. John and Kem Drake. OCIA is held each Thursday in the Parish Hall at 6pm.

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.

Attention Flower Gardeners—If you are propagating perennial plant, could you reach out to Phil Allen 870-656-4660 please? Our prayer garden is in need of flowers and we would like to plant perennials.

Adoration: We are in need of a volunteer for the 8:00–9:00 AM Adoration hour. If you feel called to spend this time with the Lord, please contact the Church office or Mandy at 870-897-4849.

High School Graduates: Our 2026 High School Graduates will be honored during the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, April 26th.



Sunday of Divine Mercy

In honor of Divine Mercy Sunday the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said this Sunday at 3pm, the hour of Great Mercy. Followed by the Rosary for America.

Golf Tournament

The St. Mary School Golf Tournament will be Thursday, May 7th. If you are interested in registering a team or being a sponsor please contact Julia Sleeper.

Draw Down

In conjunction with the St. Mary School Golf Tournament, there will be a draw down. Draw down tickets are \$100 dollars and one lucky ticket holder will take home the \$5,000 prize! Tickets will be drawn down during the golf tournament. The final ticket drawn will be the winner. Only 200 tickets are available. Secure yours today by seeing: Fr. Aby, Julia Sleeper, Emily Kueter, Chad Register, or Angie Halverson.

Fr. Aby will be out of town this week for Continuing Education. **We will not have Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday and no confession on Wednesday.**

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Together, for the next nine days, let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

Novena
for Protection and Healing from Abuse

- Intercessions**
- Day 1:** May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.
 - Day 2:** May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.
 - Day 3:** May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.
 - Day 4:** May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.
 - Day 5:** May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.
 - Day 6:** May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.
 - Day 7:** May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported.
 - Day 8:** May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.
 - Day 9:** May our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.
- Prayers**

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Prayer for Healing

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them. Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them.

Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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.

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

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



April 12, 2026

THE SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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