Mass Schedule May 24, Saturday 6:00pm In honor of All Parishioners May 25, Sunday 9:30am Mass In Memory of Vickie Galloway

May 31, Saturday 6:00pm June 1, Sunday 9:30am Mass In Memory of Ramiro Rodriquez Sr. 11:00am Mass (Spanish)

> Confessions Sunday 8:30am-9:15

Adoration Each Wednesday 8am-8pm

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK MAY 25, 2025

Sunday Acts 15:1-2.22-29 Rv 21:10-14,22-23 Jn 14:23-29

Monday Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:15-26-16:4a

Tuesday Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23

Friday Acts 18: 9-18 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-56

Sunday Acts 7:55-60 Rv 22:12-14,16-17,20 Jn 17:20-26

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:

Mary Wood, Scott Giles, Roger Specking, Winston Hollis, Linda Pope, Randy Scott, Jan Giles, Fred Granger, Carolyn Clayton, 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, Gerald Orr, Kathy Puckett, Melissa Coffel, Crystal & Sammy Leisure, Dorothy Manley, Don Shinkaruk, Mike & Kathy Smoker, David & Annetta Allen, Mary McKinney, Marty Barrack, Galen Williams, 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.

New Members If you would like to become a part of the Saint Mary Parish family please fill out a New Member Form. These forms can be found at the entrance of Church You may bring it to the Parish office or place it in the collection basket at Mass. Baptism The Diocese of Little Rock requires that any child age 7 and over must complete RCIA prior to receiving sacraments. Baptism will be announced a week before the actual date of baptism to give sufficient notice for those wishing to participate.

Matrimony Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with the Pastor or Deacon Ricardo at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. Church law, as well as Diocesan and Parish Policy, require that certain guidelines be met before a wedding may be scheduled.

Christian Burial Please call the Parish office before making funeral arrangements to confirm the availability of the Church and a Priest if a funeral Mass is to be celebrated. Anointing of the Sick Please contact or have someone contact the Parish office if you are hospitalized or seriously ill. Due to privacy laws hospitals do not notify churches when patients are admitted. Catholics are encouraged to seek the Sacrament in advance of scheduling surgery.

First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation The Diocese requires two years of preparation in a Catholic School or Parish Religious Education program.

| | Saturday 6pm 5/31/25 | Sunday 9:30am 6/1/25 |
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| Servers | Bradley Johnson John VanDon | Daniel K Need One Server |
| Lector | Jo Lampkins | Jerry Hoepfl Jennifer Drake |
| EM | Brad Smithee Jennifer Bouldin | Ramiro and Maria Rodriquez |
| Gift Bearers | Livingston | Hale |
| Ushers | Brad | Collins |

Refreshments following Sunday 9:30am Mass: Livingston

| St. Mary Churc | Thank you! | |
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| Week | Collection | Expenses |
| May 18, 2025 | \$4,078.00 | \$5,000.00 |

Food Drive: May food drive results.

We collected 85 food items and \$347 for Griffin memorial food pantry. Thank you!

Second collection will be held for:

• May 24 & 25 St. Mary School & Preschool Collection



Thank you for your many years of service to our parish.

Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for a cake and refreshments following the 9:30am Mass on May 25th.



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Interested in Becoming Catholic?

OCIA provides an opportunity to learn and grow with others. Opening prayer begins at 6:00PM. Each Thursday evening. For more information contact Dc. John and Kem Drake.

Praver Garden

Order forms are available at the entrance to the Church for plaques to be placed in the new prayer garden at the parish hall.

SOS NEWS

We are going to be placing an order for SOS t shirts and aprons. There are order sheets for each team in the SOS binder for names, phone number and sizes. We are going to get the same shirts we had in the past.

Cost

Aprons \$12 S- XL \$10.50

- 2XL \$12.50
- 3XL \$14.50

Add \$2.00 for over 3XL We will collect money when they come in.

Deadline for orders is May 25th.

Search #156 Retreat

Registrations are now being accepted for Search #156, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ and find support in living out their faith. The summer Search is open to incoming juniors and seniors and recently graduated seniors. Search #156 will be held at St. John Center in Little Rock June 27-29. The fee is \$150. For more information or to register, visit https://dolr.org/events/search-156

Catholic Charities Summer Institute - C2SI

Registrations are now being accepted for C2SI, a summer program put together by the Youth Ministry Office and Catholic Charities of Arkansas. The week is open to youth in 9th-12th grades interested in learning about the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church. During this five-day session, participants will have the opportunity to learn how to put the social justice lessons learned each morning into action with worthwhile, hands -on experience by working in the community. Join us in Jesus' invitation to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and welcome the stranger among us. C2SI is held at St. John Center in Little Rock July 14-18. The fee is \$250. For more information or to register, visit https://dolr.org/events/2025catholic-charities-summer-institute.

Welcome our new Choir Director, Carolyn Ponce. She will begin directing St. Mary's choir June 1st. Welcome to St. Mary's!

Rex Bouldin Scholarship Dinner invites are in the bulletin this weekend, please see the Church or school office for more information.

Church office will be closed Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day.





Now Enrolling!

2025-2026 Openings **ST. MARY'S** PRESCHOOL

We have openings in our 3 year old and 4 year old program for the 2025-2026 year!

| \bigcirc | Small Class Sizes |
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| \bigcirc | Academic Excellence |
| \bigcirc | Safe & Caring Christian Envir |
| \bigcirc | Before and After School Care |
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** PLANNING MEETING MAY 25TH FOLLOWING MASS











9 God, 9 God, let all the nations praise you!

MAY 25, 2025

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