

Jesus, keep me near the Cross, there a precious fountain, free to all,
a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.

In the Cross, in the Cross be my Glory ever, 'till my raptured soul
shall find, rest beyond the river.



April 6, 2025 - 5th Sunday of Lent

Our Lady Of Fatima

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass - 11:00 AM
Tuesday - 9:00 AM
Office Hours:
Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Our Lady of the Valley

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday

April 5, 2025 - 4:00 PM

✠ Robert McNally Jr. - By: Bud & Pat VanSlyck

Sunday

April 6, 2025 - 11:00 AM

✠ Peg Vogelsberg - By: Joan F. Williams

Tuesday

April 8, 2025 - 9:00 AM

✠ Cathy O'Connor - By: Margaret O'Connor

Saturday

April 12, 2025 - 4:00 PM

✠ For those who are crucified today

Friday

April 11, 2025 - 2:00 PM & 3:00 PM

✠ Kingsway

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 - 11:00 AM

✠ Peace in the world

Tuesday

April 15, 2025 - 9:00 AM

✠ No Mass

Holy Thursday

April 17, 2025 - 7:00 PM

✠ Mass

Good Friday

April 18, 2025 - 7:00 PM

✠ Passion of Life & Communion

Beatitudes of Christian Living

"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayers." ` St. Padre Pio

God hears our prayers and He is merciful. Trust in His love for each and everyone of us.

This week at Our Lady of Fatima...

Date	Event	Time	Place
4/7	Friendship Café	11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hall
4/8	Mass	9:00 am	Church
4/8	First Eucharist Class	4:30 pm	Center
4/9	Friendship Café	11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hall
4/11	Friendship Café	11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hall
4/11	Mass	2:00 pm & 3:00 pm	Kingsway
4/11	Seafood Lasagna	5:00 pm	Hall
4/12	Mass	4:00 pm	Church
4/13	Mass	11:00 am	Church

Eternally Present Love

Divine love is the source of the universe and of the dinosaurs, the planets, the elements, and the air, the force that sparked us into existence and baffles us all while we exist, the current of love and joy and beauty that runs through the human experience.... All life flows into being out of one source, Divine Love, and it is forever deeply related and responsive to that love. That love defines, holds, and promises to be present to the lives that God calls into being. That eternally present love is, most simply stated, the definition of *grace*....

God does not stay at a distance from us but constantly seeks to transform our lives by asking us to awaken to the divine presence. God is a mysterious, creative, sustaining life force.... God is there all the time. The challenge for us is to open our eyes, ears, hands, minds, and hearts to receive the truth of God's real, *persistent presence*, God's grace. When we open ourselves to it, we are changed by it. The way we perceive the world shifts, like a radically refocused camera lens, and we experience life differently. You see everything around you as suffused with God's love. You see God's grace everywhere, saturating all existence. This process of awakening to what is already true, but you haven't previously seen it, is called *conversion*—a word that literally means "to see anew."

Sin simply refers to all aspects of life where the reality of grace is not manifest and evil flourishes. It's what happens when we've got the wrong story about reality in our heads. If we do not recognize grace, we latch onto lies about who we are. These lies are manifest in an endless variety of godless dispositions: hatred, violence, greed, injustice, pride, despair, isolation, self-loathing, unbridled arrogance, a hardened heart, a cold soul. When these lies are aggregated over time, they get compressed into social systems and cultural patterns that look to us as if they are true, when in truth they are not. They are evil and profoundly destructive. This is what it means to be *godless*—to not be awakened to the light of God's love. It describes grace-asleep people as well as whole grace-asleep societies....

This constant tension between sin and grace in our lived experience doesn't mean, however, that they are equal partners in determining our destiny. Because grace is of God, it ultimately wins. We are forgiven by God, whatever horrors we commit or are done to us, however unmeritorious our deeds and broken our lives, because that's who God is. Grace is free; we don't earn it nor are we required to deserve it. That's what makes grace *grace*. It comes unbidden to us all.

Mass at Kingsway

We will be having Mass at Kingsway on Friday April 11, at 2:00 & 3:00 PM. If you can help out please contact the office

3/28/25 - 3/30/25

Candles	\$ 64.00
Collections	\$ 4,132.70
Easter Flowers	\$ 40.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 810.00
Thank you for your contribution	

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Lent 2025 WE GATHER, WE PRAY, WE SERVE

Reconciliation Service Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 pm at Our Lady of the Valley Church.

Rice Bowls - We support the ministry of Catholic Relief Services here and throughout our world; feeding the poor and hungry, planting trees, and helping farm families. Your donations are needed more than ever in the face of government cutbacks.

Our Church is open: for quiet prayer, meditation walks, and peace.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Apr 5	Saturday, Apr 12
LECTOR Cindy Wright EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Mary Ann Conway Jack Hochmuth Dianne Church	LECTOR Joe Oehler EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Jeannette Coppola Linda Snow Ruth Kulesa
Sunday, Apr 6	Sunday, Apr 13
LECTOR Santino Bailey EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Christine Hennessey Sandi DiNicola Raquel Okyay COUNTERS Karen Hawes Nancy Chrinian Kris Zedaker	LECTOR Janet Korwan EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Peg O'Connor Cathy Callahan Jose Flores COUNTERS Paul Callahan Cathy Callahan Janine Dowling



GIFT: The next preparation session for First Eucharist preparation will be held on: Sunday, Tuesday, April 8th at 4:30PM at Our Lady of Fatima.

The OLF GIFT session will be on April 6 at 9:30AM and will focus on the Creed I believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus. A special presentation, "The Butterfly – A Story of Transformation" will be performed as part of and prior to the GIFT session at – All are welcome to attend.

Winter Spring Season brochure is now available out-lining GIFT sessions for January, February and April. Also our website is updated with GIFT information, prayer intentions by Pope Francis each month, links for parents, saint of the month links, weekly liturgy of the word and information regarding registering families for faith formation. The website: olfgrowinginfaith.weebly.com Kits are available for our young disciples to draw and color during the service. Please keep the papers and return bag and crayons Thank you

Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Bella Stuart, Charlotte Marks, Joan Williams, Lorraine Duffy, Mary Brewer, Ken Chrinian, Paul Reveal, Ron Fagan, Jack Finn, Diane McCulloch, Gay Wolfgang and Jakob Schultz

Seafood Lasagna Dinner

Friday, April 11, 2025 Knights of Columbus will be having a Seafood Lasagna Dinner at 5:00 PM. Cost is \$ 12.00.

Holy Week Prayer

Passion (Palm Sunday) Mass

- Saturday, April 12 - 4:00 PM
- Sunday, April 13 - **11:15 AM**

Holy Thursday Mass

- Thursday, April 17 - 7:00 PM
(quiet prayer until 9:00 PM)

Good Friday Service

- Friday April 18, - 7:00 PM Passion

Easter Vigil

- Saturday, April 19, - No 4:00 PM Mass
- Easter Vigil Mass - 7:30 PM at Our Lady of the Valley

Easter Sunday

- Sunday, April 20, - **11:15 AM**

"A Threshold of Hope"

During this year of Holy Pilgrimage, our church doors are designated as "A Threshold of Hope". We go forth from this sacred space to witness to the sacred everywhere. Every time we come in we remember that it is most important that we go out! ... refreshed invigorated, uplifted and committed to give birth to new hope in our world. For Christ Sake!

P.S. - as you leave Church at our front door, look up at the hand carved wooden sign of hope ... smile and be that hope for someone who needs you.

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