

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

4100 South Coulter Street

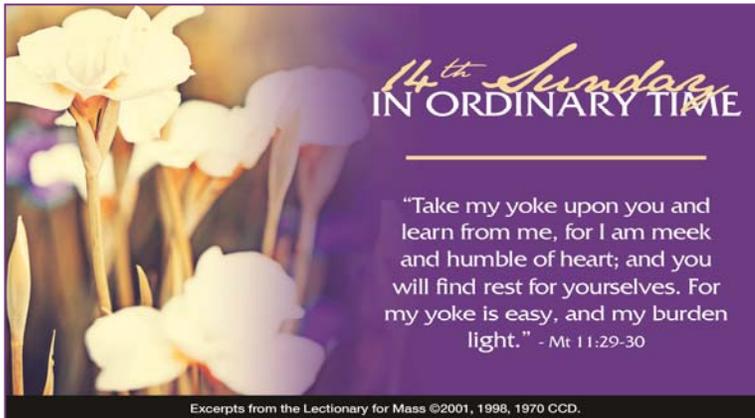


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Diocese of Amarillo



Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil Mass)
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, and 11:15 AM
 Wednesday-Friday: 7:00 AM
 Tuesday: 6:00 PM
 Holy Days: (to be announced)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 5:30-6:30 PM
 Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM
 Other times by appointment

REFLECTION

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Is there anyone to whom this doesn't apply? Don't we all have to labor at something, whether it be work, school, relationships, household affairs, or personal, emotional, or mental battles? Aren't we all burdened in some way at some time?

Jesus offers us powerful words of consolation in today's Gospel. He promises us rest. He calls all of us to himself, along with the baggage and burdens that we carry, and assures us that we will find relief. Thank God! What a gift for our tired, weary souls.

The strange part about the passage, however, is when Jesus suggests that in order to find this wonderful rest, we have to take a "yoke" upon our shoulders. This of course is a reference to the animal harness of old that would join two oxen together to share the weight of the load they carried. He tells us, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Somehow, joining Jesus in his work is supposed to bring us rest! Contrary to the standard belief that not working is the source of relief, Jesus urges us to join him in his mission in order to find peace. But what is this mission? To be "meek and humble of heart." Jesus' work is to do whatever God the Father wants him to do. As he says elsewhere, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work" (Jn 4:34). So, it seems that if we also humbly submit to doing God's work-with Jesus right alongside us as our partner in the task-we will "find rest" for ourselves. So as we labor through the trials of the day, may we bear this in mind, and pray that we may handle them according to the will of God.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to schedule a date and time. Parents and sponsors must attend a Baptism class. One sponsor must be Catholic and at least 16 years of age.

Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion

These sacraments combine into one sacramental preparation program which takes two consecutive years of religious education classes to complete. Students must be at least in first grade to begin this preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This sacrament takes two consecutive years of faith formation to complete. Students must be in at least sixth grade before beginning this preparation.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the Pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding.

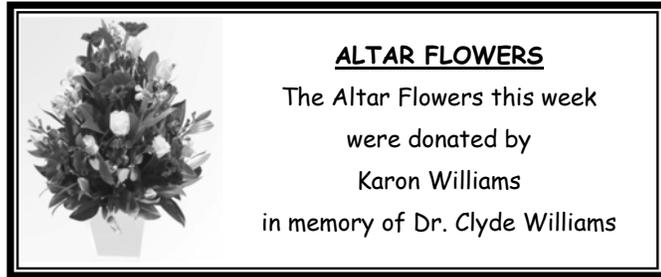
Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish secretary of any sick or elderly shut-ins and all those in the hospital.

The Rite of Christian Initiation

The program for adults (RCIA) is open to non-Catholics who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith and to Catholics who have not celebrated the Sacraments. This process is offered on an ongoing basis.

Parish News



ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers this week
were donated by
Karon Williams
in memory of Dr. Clyde Williams

ST. THOMAS MEN'S CLUB will meet **Mon., July 10, 7:00 p.m. in the Msgr. Tash Hall.** All men of the parish are invited. Join us for food, fun, fellowship and service to the parish. All are welcome to pray the rosary with us beforehand at 6:30 p.m., in the Chapel.

A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken at all liturgies next weekend, **July 15/16, for the Church in Africa.** Thank you in advance for your generosity.

OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS: Please consider doing something special for Our Blessed Mother Mary. Please join Our Lady's Rosary Makers of St. Thomas Church. We make Mission Rosaries for those who or request them. There is a one time fee of \$5 for adults. Children who want to learn how to make rosaries don't need to pay a fee but must be accompanied by an adult. **We will be meeting on Jul. 11, 18, 25 & Aug. 8 & 15.** We'll have a light refreshment to finish off each session. We'll also have water or you are welcome to bring your own drink. Please email sisneros@att.net or call 681-3185 if you have questions.

25th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT - Knights of Columbus Council 1450 will be hosting this tournament on Sat., July 22, at Comanche Trail Golf Course: 4 player Scramble (Registration at 7:00 a.m. - start time, 8:00 a.m.) Cost is \$75.00 per player in advance, and \$85.00 on day of tournament. There will be raffle items and door prizes. Registration forms available at the information desks at the golf course gathering area, outside reception room or online at www.stmarysamarillo.com - **then go to ministries & organizations - Knights of Columbus - documents.** Please register early!

NEW PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY: Enclosed in this week's bulletin you will find information to get your family photograph for this year's Parish Directory. **We will be doing two phases of pictures, the first being the week of July 24 and the second being in October, dates to be announced soon.**

Our Stewardship

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
July 2, 2017	\$ 26,831.00	\$ 29,987.00	\$ 3,156.00

*"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."
-MATTHEW 11:30*

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion of what He has already given to us.

Prayer Intentions

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS: OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Kate Schmidt, Ben Canales, Marilyn Brzostowski, Cleta Bustos, Steve Chontos, Elizabeth Stone, Terry Moenter, Carmen Oviedo, Lynn Gerken, Glenda Fassauer, Braxton Sandoval, Cheryle Wayne, Jerry Stone, Jerry Terry, Esther York, Shanna O'Gorman, Mike O'Neill, Angie Van Bakel, Mark Ortega, Bill Hughes, Jeannette Kaminski, Mary Maalouf, Emile Jones, Frank Galitski, John (Jack) Hoben, Nadine Hadley, Brian Dolan, Robert Mitchell, Madeline Arrott, Lupita Randon, Carolyn Shoberg, Betty Cutting, Judy Allen, Roy Steele, Jordan Barrientez, Gilbert Ybarra, Paul & Catherine Kiefer, Doug Tyler, Nancy Kulman Family, Greg Shoemaker

OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN:

Cruz Rey Esparza, Sheldon Fowler, Shelby Lopez, A. J. Serafin, Lee Wingfield, Sean Callahan, Bryan Revell, John Nussbaum, Rachel Nussbaum, Matt Nussbaum, Christopher Schrock, David Oviedo Cantu, Jacob Bitonel, Jason Freeby, Brandon Owens, Jacob Tumbelson, T. J. Pevehouse, Swasey Brown, Cody Keese, Justin Spencer

ST. THOMAS PRAYER CHAIN: Do you know someone in need of special prayers? The Prayer Chain is always taking requests. If you would be interested in joining this worthwhile ministry or if you have a prayer chain request, **please contact Debi Banach at 358-2461, Ext. 107.**



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: At this time, an **Adorer is needed for Wed., 2:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m./Fri., 1:00 a.m./and Sat., 11:00 a.m.** If you are interested in being a part of this worthwhile ministry, call **Simon Wright, 806-570-9776.**

ST. THOMAS ROSARY GROUP: If you are interested in praying the rosary with a group once a week, you are welcome to join the **St. Thomas Rosary Group each Thurs. morning at 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel.** Afterwards, they meet in the Parlor for some refreshments and fellowship.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We would like to welcome all of you who have come to worship with us today. If you are new to St. Thomas Parish and interested in **becoming a registered member, please find registration forms on the credenza next to the bell tower, come by the parish office or visit our website, at www.stthomasamarillo.org.**

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. THOMAS: St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Amarillo, Texas is seeking a Youth Minister. The Youth Minister will oversee and facilitate youth ministry to approximately 120 youth between 4th and 12th grades. This full-time, salary compensated position requires night and weekend work. Candidates must be faithful, energetic Catholics in good standing with the Church. **All candidates should submit resumes to the Parish Office at St. Thomas the Apostle Church 4100 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX 79109.**

Youth Schedule and Events

Young Adults will be meeting this **Tues., July 11**, in The Dwelling at 7:00 p.m., for a game night.

HS Youth will be meeting this **Wed., July 12**, in the Gym at 7:00 p.m. We will be playing a life size board game.

Please contact Caleb Hubbard
at chubbard@stthomasamarillo.org
or by phone 358-2461x121 for any questions.

Holy Cross Corner



Holy Cross Catholic Academy cheerleaders are having a garage sell fundraiser!

When: Sat., July 15, from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Where: St. Joseph's School Gym,
4110 S. Bonham

For donations: Please contact Stacia Barnett, Cheer Coach at 806-333-7607.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The gentle and humble of heart.

After the journey of Lent and the Passion (the Way of the Cross) and Easter (the Way of Light), after the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity (Communion of Love and Light) and of the Body of Christ (the gift of His life for us), the Liturgy takes us back to "ordinary time." The Liturgy offers us the Word of God so as to continue the journey began in January, inviting us to follow Jesus and to listen to what he has to say in today's life.

Christ's words in today's readings are truly comforting: "Come to me, tired and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Mt 11, 29-30). To the humility of the incarnate Son of God we must respond with the humility of our faith. It is the humility to recognize that to live we need the merciful goodness of a God, who forgives every day. We become like Christ, the only One perfect to the greatest extent, possible, when we, imitating Him who is meek and humble in heart, become like Him people of mercy.

-catholicismpure.wordpress.com



Around the Diocese

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT DIOCESE OF AMARILLO:

The Diocese of Amarillo is seeking applicants for an **Information Technology Manager**: The IT Manager should possess strong problem-solving, analytical and communication skills, in addition to in-depth technical knowledge of the Diocese's systems hardware and software. Must be familiar with Windows server 2012R2 and 2016 running on Dell servers. Should be very familiar with Microsoft Exchange Server specifically version 2013. Bachelor's degree in computer science or a related field is strongly preferred but not absolutely required. At least three to five years of comparable experience working with the above specific types of hardware and software systems are required. Professional certifications such as the Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) or similar certification would be viewed as a plus. Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to Larry Gray at lgray@dioama.org. Diocese is also seeking a The Diocese of Amarillo is seeking applicants for a **Facilities Management/Loss Prevention position**. For a complete job description and qualifications, please go to www.amarillodiocese.org/finance. Please send inquiries/resumes to pwhitson@dioama.org.

DIOCESE OF AMARILLO FAMILY LIFE OFFICE is in need of Part-Time receptionist/assistant who is proficient in Microsoft Office with some experience in social media. Strong clerical and organizational skills. Ability to multi-task. Physical ability capable of some light lifting (15lbs). Send inquiries or resume to sfrausto@dioama.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

Physical Education Teacher: St. Mary's Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Part-Time Physical Education Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. SMCS is seeking a passionate P.E. teacher for our school who strives to teach students how to be physically active for a lifetime. We offer an exciting, supportive work environment and are open to all levels of experience. **Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's Degree and must hold a valid teaching certificate with an EC-6 Physical Education endorsement. **Extended Day Supervisor:** St. Mary's Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Part-Time Extended Day Supervisor for the 2017-2018 school year. SMCS is seeking a creative, enthusiastic person who enjoys working with children. We offer an exciting, supportive work environment and are open to all levels of experience.

Minimum Requirements: Associates Degree in Early Childhood, or Early Childhood Development Certificate, or Childcare Provider Certificate, and experience working in a childcare setting.

4th Grade Elementary Teacher:

St. Mary's Cathedral School is currently taking applications for a Full-Time 4th Grade Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. SMCS is seeking a passionate teacher who is creative, innovative, and faith-filled committed to teaching in a Catholic School and willing to collaborate with colleagues and develop positive relations with students and parents. All teachers take part in some non-teaching duties. We offer an exciting, supportive work environment and are open to all levels of experience.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's Degree, valid state certification or the equivalent, as specified by the Texas Conference Education Department and the Diocese of Amarillo. Non-Catholic teachers are required to have knowledge of the Catholic faith and support Catholic tradition in education. Interested persons may pick up an application at the school and email the following documents Letter, Resume, and References to Principal, Linda Aranda at aranda@stmarysamarillo.com, or mail to 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo, TX 79102.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH STAFF

PastorRev. John Valdez
 DeaconBlaine Westlake
 DeaconPhillip Whitson
 Retired DeaconJim Brown
 Retired DeaconTerry Pevehouse
 Music Dir./Organist/Choir Master..... Jim Gardner
 Assistant Music Dir.Nicole Koetting
 Youth DirectorCaleb Hubbard
 Religious Ed & Adult Faith Formation Director.....Kerry Acker
 Parish SecretaryRita Walker
 Facility AdministratorBryan Webb
 Parish BookkeeperVirginia Christian
 Religious Ed SecretaryDebi Banach
 Parish Life CoordinatorJulie Jones
 Ministry AssistantDayamin Winchester
 Music SecretaryJudith Tucker
 Music AssistantStephanie Gallegos
 Facility AssistantGlen Starcher
 Liturgical EnvironmentalistJulie Pierce

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday, July 9:
 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Monday, July 10:
 Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday, July 11:
 Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday, July 12:
 Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday, July 13:
 Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
Friday, July 14:
 Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday, July 15:
 Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
Sunday, July 16:
 Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23

Liturgy Schedule and Special Mass Intentions:

Monday	7/10		NO MASS
Tuesday	7/11	6:00 PM	+Felomena Post Robert & Rondelle Parker
Wednesday	7/12	7:00 AM	+Clyde Williams Lloyd & Della Venhaus
Thursday	7/13	7:00 AM	+Robert Menardi Ken Crosson Family
Friday	7/14	7:00 AM	+Stan Shipp John & Sue Wise
Saturday	7/15	5:00 PM	Spec. Int. of Lois Litsch Marlene Casasanta
Sunday	7/16	7:30 AM	MEMBERS OF PARISH FAMILY
		9:00 AM	+William Zimmermann Paul & Jenny Harpole
		11:15 AM	+Candido Espinoza Tom & Margie Campbell

Religious Education News

RE News

*Get pre-enrolled for the 2017-2018 school year! Please turn in your blue form and fee any time this summer! Blank forms will be available outside the RE office on the bulletin board.

***Seeking catechists for the 2017-2018 school year! Check the bulletin and the website for details on where we need help.**

*Contact Debi, RE secretary, 358-461, Ext. 107, for more info!

RCIA News

+Interested in Catholicism and possibly joining the Church next Easter? Start your journey in our Inquiry class! Here are the summer class offerings in the library from 10:05-11:05 a.m.:

Jul. 23, Aug. 13, Aug. 27

+Contact Dayamin Winchester at dwinchester@stthomasamarillo.org or 806-358-2461 for more info on RCIA this summer!

Adult Faith Formation

CONTEMPLATIVE POWER HOUR

Every Monday 12:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel

Experience the Power of Silence

ALL ARE WELCOME!

AT THE SERVICE OF OTHERS

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

What are the gifts you've received through God's grace? What are some ways that you use them in service of others?

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

CLASS FACILITATOR

CLASS SUBSTITUTE

*For more information, contact
Dayamin Winchester
dwinchester@stthomasamarillo.org
806-358-2461, ext 123*

Week at a Glance

MONDAY, JULY 10

7:00 p.m. - St. Thomas Men's Club - Msgr. Tash Hall/Chapel

TUESDAY, July 11

2:00 p.m. - Summer Rosary Makers - Marian Room

6:15 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Scout Room

7:00 p.m. - Summer Young Adults - The Dwelling/Gym

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Gym

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

7:00 a.m. - ACTS Small Group - Library

9:00 a.m. - Community Bible Study - Parlor

10:00 a.m. - Marianist Group - Marian Room

5:30 p.m. - Confessions - Bride's Room

6:30 p.m. - Adult Handbells - Music Wing

7:00 p.m. - STAY Summer - The Dwelling/Gym

THURSDAY, July 13

10:00 a.m. - Rosary Group - Church

11:30 a.m. - VBS Closing Mass - Church

1:30 p.m. - Focolare Movement - Marian Room

7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - Scout Room

7:00 p.m. - Baptism Class - Church

FRIDAY, JULY 14

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 15

3:30 p.m. - Confessions - Bride's Room

4:00 p.m. - Cantor's Rehearsal - Music Wing

SUNDAY, JULY 16

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP): Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home Study Course** from NFP International, www.nfpandmore.org. Includes Ecological Breastfeeding (it really *can* space babies), a double-check system of fertility awareness, and Catholic teaching that's easy to understand. Work with a live instructor by email. Completion certificate. Only \$70. We are listed at the U.S Bishops' website under NFP long distance learning: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/nfp-distance-learning.cfm>.

ST. HYACINTH CHURCH, AMARILLO: Fr. Jim Schmitmeyer, pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish, has instituted a prayerful **Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.**, and invites all to join in prayer for vocations as well as private intentions. The hour opens with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily followed with silent meditation, common prayer, concluding with Benediction. It is a very special time.



NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ST. THOMAS?
Visit our website at:
www.stthomasamarillo.org
Do you know someone who is homebound, sick & can't make it to Mass? GO to the website and check out Mass every weekend streamed **LIVE at 11:15 a.m., on Sunday mornings!** Broadcast begins at 11:00 a.m.