

**St. Mary's
&
Holy Name of Jesus
Catholic Churches**



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, Dec 31	New Years Eve	No Mass	7 PM - Max and Devin
Tue, Jan 1	Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God	9 AM - Frank Cady	No Mass
Wed, Jan 2	St. Basil the Great	8 AM - Gaylord Malecha	No Mass
Thu, Jan 3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	8 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Fri, Jan 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	8 AM - Helen Batenhorst	No Mass
Sat, Jan 5	St. John Neumann		5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, Jan 6	The Epiphany of the Lord	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher
January 6, 2019	Robert Friemel	Tatum Keller Tanner Robinson Natalee Finke	Tina Finke Danny Hicks Bill Dorsey	Troy Keller

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1st Sunday at 10:30 AM
Anointing of the Sick: By Request
CYO 4th Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall
CCD: Sundays at 10:15-11:30

Upcoming Important Dates:

Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 31st - 7pm Happy
 January 1st - 9am - Umbarger

Next Christian Mothers Meeting: Tuesday January 15th after 7pm Mass.

Breakfast January 13th: Denise Schenk, Rachel Batenhorst, Joan Stocker, Bridget Guerrero, Marla Davis

Parish Cookbook: Keep gathering your great recipes, give recipes to LeaAnn or email laurieartho@gmail.com.

St Mary's Prayer Blanket Ministry If you or a loved one suffers from a serious illness and would like a blanket, please contact Laurie Wegman or Fr Grant.

Bible Study, our Bible Study Group is studying "A Concise History of the Catholic Church" On Thursday evenings at 7pm at Bill and Frances Dorsey's home. 23400 Brown Rd., Canyon, **806-290-0734.**

Keep the spirit of Christmas alive with these daily morning prayers
 By Philip Kosloski

After December 25, it is easy to forget that the Christmas season has only just begun! One practice that can help keep the true spirit of Christmas alive in your heart is to begin each day with prayers that meditate on the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Dom Guéranger provides such morning prayers in his *Liturgical Year*, explaining that each person "should profoundly adore this dear King, who has rendered himself so accessible to his creatures; and in the disposition of loving reverence, he should perform the first acts of religion, both interior and exterior, wherewith he begins the day. [When] the time for Morning Prayer [arrives] he may use the following method, which is formed upon the very prayers of the Church."

Besides the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Apostle's Creed*, Guéranger lists the following antiphons and prayer that highlight the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

O admirable Interchange! The Creator of mankind, assuming a living Body, deigned to be born of a Virgin; and becoming Man without man's aid, bestowed on us his divinity.

When thou wast born ineffably of the Virgin, the Scriptures were fulfilled. As dew upon Gedeon's fleece, thou camest down to save mankind. O Lord our God! we praise thee.

Lo! Mary hath brought forth a Saviour unto us, whom John seeing exclaimed: Behold the Lamb of God! Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. Alleluia.

V. The Word was made Flesh. Alleluia!

R. And dwelt among us. Alleluia!

LET US PRAY

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that as we are enlightened by the new light of thy Word made Flesh, we may show in our actions the effects of that faith that shineth in our minds. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Guéranger also suggests that in the midst of these morning prayers, our thoughts should "turn principally upon the Birth of Jesus Christ in our souls. At this period of the Liturgical Year, we must return to the very basis of our spiritual life, and yield, with childlike docility, to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. The object of our contemplation, as well as the source of our confidence, is Jesus, the Incarnate Word, swathed in the bands of infancy, laid in his Crib, presented in the Temple, and fleeing into Egypt. His love for us has induced him to subject himself to these weaknesses of childhood, in order that even we may imitate our God! St. Luke tells us that his Blessed Mother *kept* all these mysteries in her heart, and *pondered* them [St. Luke i 19,51]: let us follow her sweet example, and feed our souls with the heavenly Manna. Let the rays of this hidden but penetrating Light illumine us."

Once the presents are all put away, don't forget about Christmas! Now is the time to deepen our faith in God and rouse within us a lasting love of him who became one of us.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Parish Finances December 22, 2018

Regular Collection: \$50.00

Christmas Collection: \$100.00

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December 31st - 7pm - Happy

January 1st - 9am - Umbarger

¿Qué edad tenía José cuando nació Jesús?

By Philip Kosloski

¿Era un anciano viudo o un joven fornido?

No oímos hablar mucho de san José en la Biblia. Se le describe simplemente como el “marido de María”, un “carpintero” y un “hombre justo” en los relatos evangélicos. Tampoco se mencionan nunca su edad o su muerte.

Sin embargo, varias tradiciones ayudan a arrojar algo de luz sobre la cuestión y a ofrecer posibles escenarios que estudiar.

Una tradición muy común en la Iglesia ortodoxa es que José era un anciano cuando se casó con la Virgen María. Antes de que María y él compartieran hogar, la esposa anterior de José (con la que había tenido varios hijos) falleció. Esto ha hecho que algunos aseguren que esos hijos eran los “hermanos” de Jesús que se mencionan en los Evangelios.

Un texto del siglo VI llamado Historia de José el carpintero está en el centro de esta tradición y sostiene que José era un anciano, pero de vigor juvenil.

Y el viejo llegó a la extrema ancianidad. Mas su cuerpo no se debilitó, su vista no se alteró, sus dientes no se pudrieron, su razón no se conturbó lo más mínimo. Era como un joven vigoroso, y sus miembros estaban libres de enfermedad. Y el total de su edad fue de ciento once años.

Por otro lado, muchos estudiosos de la Biblia e historiadores creen que José era un hombre joven, posiblemente incluso un adolescente. El International Marian Research Institute manifiesta: “creemos que María y José estaban en la adolescencia cuando nació Jesús, en torno a los dieciséis y dieciocho años respectivamente. Esto era lo acostumbrado para los recién casados judíos de la época”.

El venerable Fulton Sheen comparte una impresión similar en su obra El primer amor del mundo: “A mi parecer, por tanto, San José debió ser, al casarse con la Virgen, un hombre joven, fuerte, viril, atlético, bien parecido y casto; un prototipo del hombre que puede verse hoy en (...) en el taller de un carpintero. (...) No en

el ocaso de la vida, sino en el amanecer, derrochando energía, fuerza y pasión”.

Esta teoría tiene en cuenta los largos viajes que realizó la Sagrada Familia en la época del nacimiento de Jesús. El primer viaje de Nazaret a Belén y el segundo cuando huyeron a Egipto. Es difícil imaginar a un José anciano cuidando de María y Jesús en su travesía hacia un país extranjero.

Independientemente de cuál sea la verdad, José fue un “hombre justo” que hizo todo lo posible por proteger y mantener a María y Jesús. Cuidó de ellos con un corazón cariñoso y los amó a ambos con un amor profundo y perenne.

Christmas Recommitment Prayer

Lord Jesus, I recommit myself today to you. Give me the grace to live the beautiful graces of Christmas all year long. At Christmas, you remind us of the importance of our family - give me the grace to keep my family close all year long. At Christmas, we are delighted by giving gifts — may I seek happiness in generosity every day. At Christmas, we love receiving gifts — keep me open to gifts from you and from others at all times. Finally, Jesus, at Christmas I am energized by the story of your birth — Give me the grace to see the same beauty in every chapter of your life story which the Church presents to your people all year long. Lord Jesus, by the grace of this day, help me know that your presence fills my whole life with the splendor, joy and purpose of Christmas always.

Amen.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Christmas Meditation

The infant Christ does not console the talkative; the tears of Christ do not console those who rejoice in worldly things; his swaddling clothes do not console those who are clad in rich garments; the stable and manger do not console those who love the front seats in the synagogue; but perhaps they will one day see that this universal consolation descends on those who await the Lord in silence, those who weep, those who are dressed in poor clothes. Lord Jesus, make it so for me.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin Deadline: Thursday @ noon. For St Mary's please contact Lana Bracken cell: 806.640.4672; email: LanaSueBracken@gmail.com. For Holy Name of Jesus please contact Fr. Grant email: frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com.

Baptism or Wedding Please contact Fr. Grant at least 1 month in advance for baptisms and 6 months advance for weddings.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Umbarger: Sundays at 8:30 am or by appointment. **Happy:** Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. or by appointment.

To use or rent the church or parish hall, please contact Fr. Grant or Debbie Batenhorst at least 3 months before the event.

FOR MASS INTENTIONS please call Fr. Grant or leave the intention in the collection basket.

Please pray for all the sick in our parishes

ST. MARY'S: Anita Adams, Sawyer Lane, Mary Beth Sayers, Jeanie Bartley, Dianna Donathon, Jeremy Koch, Bill Stocker, John Grabber, April Artho, Mary Kolac, Gene Schenk, John Wilson, Kyle Henderson, Jose Sanchez, Ashlee Trevino, Audree Rose Gomez, Mike Smith, Oscar Olvera, Collier Friemel, Marcella Brandt, Tuffy Schenk, Lusi Ortiz, John Kreighauser, Sean Schenk, Misty Blevins, Darrol Adams, Chris Adams

Holy Name of Jesus: Silvia Silva, Rosa Villa, Astrid Perez, Santos Perez, Gloria Rodin, Larry Simons, Mario Soto, Pedra Soto, Louis Castellon, Lionel Sosa, Maryann Sosa, Martina Martin

**The Office of the Victim's assistance
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**Would you Like to attend an
ACTS Retreat Weekend?**

Next Retreat: **January 17-20, 2019**
Men's Retreat

There is more information about the ACTS Retreat online. If you or someone you know would like to attend you can register online at: **ACTSamarillo.org**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend,
February 22-24**

As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God's love for us is reflected in our love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 22-24, at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo. Apply online (<http://www.meAmarillo.org>) before January 20 to receive \$25 discount off your \$100/couple application fee (use promo code: EarlyFeb). For more information, contact Rick & Bev Feller at 405-323-9119 or applywwmeAmarillo@gmail.com.