

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



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, Jan 28	St. Thomas Aquinas	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, Jan 29		7 PM - Dale & Kathy Artho	No Mass
Wed, Jan 30		8 AM - Gaylord Malecha	No Mass
Thu, Jan 31	St. John Bosco	8 AM - Amy & Don Marshall	7 PM - June & Wes Hodges
Fri, Feb 1		8 AM - Patsy Huseman	No Mass
Sat, Feb 2	Catholic Student Center Auction	No Mass	No Mass
Sun, Feb 3	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 AM - Parish Family	11:15 AM - Parish Family

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher
February 3, 2019	Rick Auckerman	Braylee Crockett Caden Dorman April Artho	Mike Wegman Jamie Pender Dustin Dorman	Harold Artho

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

Donation Statements If you need a donation statement for your 2018 taxes please contact Valerie Kuhnert at vkuhnert@suddenlink.net or contact Fr. Grant.

Bible Study with Bill and Frances Dorsey will resume March 10th.

Annual Catholic Student Center Dinner/Auction Tickets are on sale now for the dinner and raffle! For tickets see Fr. Grant, call Betty at the Catholic Student Center at (806)655-4345, or purchase them online at www.wtscs.org under the Give tab.

The Catholic Student Center will be here on Sunday, January 27 to sell dinner and raffle tickets for their annual auction. Thank you for your support.

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina invites you to their Annual Sausage Dinner, Sunday January 27th, serving from 11:30am to 2:00pm at St. Ann's Parish Hall 401 3rd Street, Bovina Texas. They will be serving a delicious buffet of Sausage and Sauerkraut and all the trimmings. Donations will be \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 6. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge.

Second Collection Sunday, January 27th:
The Church in Latin America

Christmas Flowers: We still have some Poinsettias from Christmas. Anyone is welcome to take the Poinsettias home.

Parish Cookbook: Keep gathering your great recipes, give recipes to LeaAnn or email laurieartho@gmail.com. Deadline for recipes to be placed in the new cookbook is March 1st.

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.

The K-C will be selling their **Annual Super Bowl Tickets**, after Mass in the Parish Hall. Please support them by purchasing a ticket, or making a donation. Thanks, K-C Council 2808.

Who was St. Paul before he converted to Christianity?

By Philip Kosloski

His background prepared him for a life of zealous ministry.

St. Paul is most well-known for his missionary adventures throughout Europe, but who was he before converting to Christianity?

Here are a few quick facts about the man who would profoundly impact the world.

1. He was born in Tarsus, now known as Mersin, Turkey. "I am a Jew, born at Tarsus in Cilicia" (Acts 22:3).
2. He was a Jew educated in Jerusalem by the famous teacher Gamaliel. Gamaliel was a leader in the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem, known for his expertise in Jewish law. St. Paul explains, "I am a Jew, born at Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers" (Acts 22:3).
3. He was a Pharisee. St. Paul admits that he belonged to the Pharisee sect of Judaism, "Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees" (Acts 23:6).
4. He was a Roman citizen. "'Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?' And he said, 'Yes.' The tribune answered, 'I bought this citizenship for a large sum.' Paul said, 'But I was born a citizen.'" (Acts 22:27-28)
5. He hated Christians and arranged their imprisonment and executions. "I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, as the high priest and the whole council of elders bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brethren, and I journeyed to Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished." (Acts 22:4-5) He was even on the scene of St. Stephen's martyrdom, "Then they cast [Stephen] out of the city and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul." (Acts 7:58).

God would use this zeal and turn it around, transforming Paul into a defender of the innocent and champion of charity, a zealous missionary of the Gospel.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Parish Finances January 19, 2018

Regular Collection: \$120.00

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Declaraciones de donación Si necesita una declaración de donación para sus impuestos de 2018, póngase en contacto con el Padre Grant.

When to Use Rote Prayers vs. Spontaneous Prayer

By Merridith Frediani

There are times when my heart hurts, times when there are no words, which is scary for a person who loves words and writes for a living. But sometimes the words go away because my heart is just so sad, or angry, or frustrated, or even joyful, or filled with some strong human emotion that takes away the words. Those are the times when I need someone else’s words and I’m thankful for the richness of our Catholic Faith and the prayers of saints and holy people that have endured, sometimes for centuries.

The last time my heart felt as if it were breaking, “Jesus I trust in you” was all I could manage. Those five words, given to us by St. Faustina, brought me comfort and kept me pointed toward God and not the basement of despair I was in danger of slipping into.

Several weeks ago, beset by feistiness, I managed to get myself worked up over something I later realized was inconsequential. The small voice that is good to heed, nudged me to pray a Rosary. After reciting the fifty plus Hail Marys and meditating on circumstances more challenging than my own, I found some peace and the ability to stand down.

When I Don’t Have My Own Words

It’s not just in times of distress that other people’s prayers are helpful. There are also times when I’m happy and desire to give God his due praise but my own words seem insufficient and weak. I feel unworthy to come up with glory good enough for God. Again to the rescue come those holier than me, and songs of praise and worship do the trick.

Many of the rote prayers we learn are ancient and have a biblical history. The Our Father, the perfect prayer, was given to us by Jesus himself. The Hail Mary has its origin in Mary’s visit to Elizabeth. The Glory Be was inspired by St. Paul’s letters. As a friend eloquently said:

“Rote prayer is God’s beautiful way of reminding me I’m human and some days I just need to connect with him by praying something that is deeply ingrained in my heart and body. I don’t have to think too hard to pray a Hail Mary and I’m so grateful (especially when I’m tired) that I can communicate with my creator even in the times I don’t know how to in my own words.”

God Just Wants to Hear from You

Peter Kreeft in Prayer for Beginners agrees and takes it a step further:

“When we pray with the Church’s words, we pray with the best words ever written. But your words are more yours and God wants to hear them. It can be a beautiful thing to quote a sonnet to your beloved, but lovers who only speak in sonnets aren’t lovers, but performers. We need both.”

Rote prayer isn’t cheating. It’s legitimate prayer and at times it is the best we can do. It requires us to still ourselves and the repetition of words we already know intimately quiets our minds so God’s voice can pop through. But, as another wise friend said:

“The Lord loves your voice and your words. What mom wouldn’t choose her child’s stick figures over the work of a famous artist? Which would she put on her refrigerator?”

Giving Our Feelings to Jesus

It is here where we can come to Jesus as we are—sometimes a holy mess and sometimes a giddy fool. It is in our personal words where we build that truly personal relationship with our Lord. It may be anguish from our souls, jubilation from our hearts, or frustration from our heads. There are times we need to holler at injustice, rail against the brokenness of the world, times when we need to unload those scary feelings of being angry with God and know that he can take it all. And only in being brutally honest can we move forward to forgiving and being forgiven.

God already knows how we feel, but we may not know until we start putting it into words. How often, in an argument with a loved one, has there been a moment when you realize you’re not really upset about what you thought you were and, in fact, it is something else? The verbalizing of those feelings leads us to greater clarity and again, no need to fear, because God can handle our feelings.

We don’t just need to go to him in times of struggle. We need to share the joys. Even though we may feel our own words don’t adequately express what is in our hearts. Sometimes it is good to just be with our feelings, giving them to Jesus.

Don’t Forget to Listen for God

It is good to acknowledge that both reciting memorized prayers and talking to God in conversation are ways we connect with him and grow in deeper communion. It is how we develop that personal relationship that depends on communication to thrive. There are times when someone else’s words fit perfectly to describe what is in our heart. There are other times when our own words are far more suitable, lovely, and honest.

We have a God who desires to be in relationship with us and in his brilliance, has given us a myriad of ways to do that. So we throw our prayers up to heaven—seeking our God—and remember that, as another friend said: “In order to draw ever deeper into God’s love we must silence ourselves and listen for him.”

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant email: frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com or phone: (806)499-3531.

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 talk to Fr. Grant or leave the intention in the collection basket. There are envelopes available in the back of Church.

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, 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

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 ACTS Retreat Weekend?**
 Next Retreat: **June 6-9, 2019**
Women'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**

DID YOU KNOW... Even if your marriage is good and strong, a Marriage Encounter Weekend will open up new ideas for you and your spouse to communicate, while adding new dimensions for personal, marital, and spiritual growth? Apply today at <http://meAmarillo.org>, to enrich your relationship by attending the February 22-24 Weekend at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo. Application fee is \$100/couple. For more information, contact Rick & Bev Feller at 405-323-9119 or applywwmeAmarillo@gmail.com.