

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



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, Feb 25		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, Feb 26		7 PM - Patsy Huseman	No Mass
Wed, Feb 27		8 AM - Gaylord Malecha	No Mass
Thu, Feb 28		8 AM - Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance	7 PM - Robert & Sally Cabrera
Fri, Mar 1		8 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Sat, Mar 2		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, Mar 3	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

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Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher
March 3, 2019	Roger Batenhorst	April Artho Kaytlyn Garrett Jillian Johnson	Mike Wegman Kelly Wegman Kathy Wieck	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

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will host a Retreat for all women in the Diocese of Amarillo on Saturday, March 16 from 8:00 am to noon at St. Hyacinth Church, 4500 West Hills Trail. The day begins with registration and hospitality from 8:00 to 9:00, followed by presentations from School Sisters of St. Francis Sisters Mary Ana Steele and Mary Michael Huseman on the Lenten season. There is no cost to attend the retreat, but love offerings will be accepted. For additional information about the retreat, please contact Jeanie Burney, DCCW Spirituality Commission Chair, at 371-7131.

Sunday, March 3: Christian Mothers will provide a Soup and Chili supper at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Bingo to follow. Please bring a dessert and bingo prize. Everyone is invited.

Donation Statements If you need a donation statement for your 2018 taxes please contact Valerie Kuhnert at 806-6791987 or vckuhnert@suddenlink.net or contact Fr. Grant.

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

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.

Ash Wednesday, March 6th, Mass Schedule:
 8 AM & 6 PM - Umbarger
 6:30 PM - Catholic Student Center
 8 PM- Happy

Fat Tuesday: March 5th at 6:30pm. The KCs will be serving breakfast. We will be serving pancakes, bacon, eggs, ham for only \$5 bucks. Please come and enjoy this great deal. Thanks for your support!!

Offer your day for priests with this prayer
 By Philip Kosloski

After seeing the spiritual hunger of the crowds that pressed upon him, Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

Jesus' words are a reminder to us all that we, the sheep, are entrusted with the task of praying for worthy shepherds to lead us toward everlasting life.

This is something we often forget and as a result, our pastors are left open to spiritual attacks from every possible avenue. We must continue our prayers to God, asking him to protect our priests as well as to provide for us priests that strive to follow after the example of Jesus.

Below is a short prayer for the sanctification of the clergy that requests good and holy priests, and prays for those priests who have gone astray.

Divine Savior, Jesus Christ, who has entrusted the whole work of your redemption, the welfare and salvation of the world, to priests as your representatives, I offer you through the hands of your most Holy Mother Mary, this present day, whole and entire, with all its prayers, works, and sacrifices, its joys and sorrows, for the sanctification of your priests, and for all those preparing for the priesthood.

Give us truly holy priests, inflamed with the fire of your divine love, who seek nothing but your greater glory, and the salvation of souls.

And you, Mary, good Mother of priests, protect all priests from dangers to their holy vocation, and with the loving hand of a mother, lead back to the Good Shepherd those unfortunate priests who, unfaithful to their exalted vocation, have gone astray. Amen.

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Parish Finances February 16, 2019

Regular Collection: \$90.62

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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.

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What are the most radical words in the Gospel?

By Brother Silas Henderson, SDS

Getting even, some might say, is just part of being human. After all, doesn't the Bible say, "An eye for an eye ..."?

And yet, when we stop and think about the teachings of Jesus, but more especially look at how he treated others—including his attitudes towards those who tortured and killed him—we see that he wants those who are his followers to act in a way that is very different from that imagined by those who are wise in the ways of the world. "Giving as good as you got" or seeking retribution can have no part in the Christian life, particularly when we consider the dominant message in Readings for this Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In this Sunday's Gospel—which forms an important part of St. Luke's "Sermon on the Plain"—Jesus continues the series of teachings we heard this past Sunday.

Moving from the Beatitudes and the promises God makes to those who live according to the demands of discipleship, Jesus begins a series of difficult teachings on how we should love our enemies and avoid judging others.

As theologian José A. Pagola has observed, "From his experience of a non-violent God, Jesus proposes a nonviolent practice of resistance to injustice. This means living in unity with a God whose heart is not violent but compassionate ... He simply suggests a way of acting that tests the limits of the possible. He does this by proposing specific situations that graphically show how to react against evil: Do not [violently] resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile."

In the end, Pagola reflects, Jesus' desire for his followers is to help make the Reign of God a reality in the world by combating evil and injustice responsibly and courageously, because God's Reign demands that we live lives of love and compassion.

Reflecting on this theme, Pope Benedict XVI remarked, "Love of one's enemy constitutes the nucleus of the 'Christian revolution,' a revolution not based on strategies of economic, political or media power: the revolution of love, a love that does not rely ultimately on human resources but is a gift of God which is obtained by trusting solely and unreservedly in his merciful goodness. Here is the newness of the Gospel which silently changes the world! Here is the heroism," Pope Benedict concludes, "of the 'lowly' who believe in God's love and spread it, even at the cost of their lives" (Angelus, February 18, 2007).

These are hard lessons, especially for those who have suffered much. The idea of making others "pay" for our pain, loss, or disappointment is a way to try to soothe hurt feelings. But this isn't the way that is modeled by our Crucified King. In fact, when we think about Jesus' very clear instruction that we are to "love" our enemies, we have to ask ourselves a very hard question: if I love someone, how can I also say that they are my enemy?

While we are all called to be people of forgiveness and mercy, we also recognize that there is a big difference between forgiveness (the conscious choice to look beyond the hurt and to not be controlled by the situation or individual who has hurt us) and reconciliation (which represents a total healing of broken relationships, a sort of "beginning again," as it were).

While reconciliation is not always possible or even healthy (especially if we have been abused or exploited), Jesus calls us all to forgiveness and to seeking a way forward, together. After all, we might say that refusing to forgive means that we're choosing to remain in the pain, allowing the past to still dominate our present. Here again, we have to look to the model of Jesus, especially if we find ourselves challenged by the idea of forgiveness and reconciliation.

In the end, as it was with David and Saul in the First Reading, we are being invited to look for opportunities for bridge-building and even reconciliation when it is at all possible: "Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

What would it mean for you to pray for those who have hurt you or caused you pain? Can you ask God to bless them?

Would you want to be "measured" by God in the same way that you "measure" others? Ask the Lord to help you move to a place of forgiveness.

Reflect on the difference between reconciliation and forgiveness and ask the Lord to help you open your heart to the possibility of reconciliation, for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Words of Wisdom: "If anyone should ask you what are the most radical words in the gospel, you need not hesitate to reply: 'Love your enemies.' It is these words that reveal to us most clearly the kind of love proclaimed by Jesus. In these words we have the clearest expression of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus."
—Henri Nouwen

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin

Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant by email: frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com or by 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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Would you Like to attend an 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