

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



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<b>Mass Schedule</b>			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, Apr 1		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, Apr 2	St. Francis of Paola	7 PM - Patsy Huseman	No Mass
Wed, Apr 3		8 AM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Thu, Apr 4	St. Isidore	8 AM - Gaylord Malecha	7 PM -
Fri, Apr 5	St. Vincent Ferrer	8 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Sat, Apr 6		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, Apr 7	5th Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

# ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher
April 7, 2019	Rick Auckerman	Kyle Guerrero Breccan Crockett Caden Dorman	Tina Finke Roger Batenhorst Kristi Batenhorst	Dustin Artho

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

**Thank you** to all who came out to help deep clean the Church for Easter.

**Christian Mothers:** Next Meeting Tuesday, April 23rd after Mass.

**Easter Flowers:** Christian Mothers will take a collection for Easter flowers on April 7 after Mass.

**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.

**Thursday Bible Study at the Dorsey home will be discontinued until further notice.**

**Fruhlingsfest Tickets** are available to sell. Contact Suzy Hicks to pick-up tickets to sell.

**Parish Secretary:** We are still looking for an new parish secretary. If you are interested please talk to Fr Grant.

**Did you know Lent is traditionally divided into two parts?**

By Philip Kosloski

*Each part has its own focus and helps us to enter more deeply into the Passion of Jesus Christ.*

Lent is a beautiful season in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church, one that has multiple dimensions that aren't always immediately perceptible. In particular, the Church has traditionally divided the season of Lent into two parts to help us focus on two separate spiritual realities.

According to the St. Andrew Daily Missal these two parts have specific themes and even their own "nicknames" in the liturgical calendar of the Extraordinary Form.

Lent is made up of two parts. The first begins on Ash Wednesday, called in the liturgy "the beginning of the

fasting days," and ends on the Saturday before Passion Sunday [the Fifth Sunday of Lent].

The second consists of the "Great Fortnight" known as Passiontide. This part is an anticipated development of the first act or sorrowful mystery of the Paschal drama: it considers henceforth the interior sufferings of Christ more than the feelings of penitents and catechumens, as did the first part.

In other words, the first half of Lent is focused on "us," our sinfulness and need for repentance. The liturgy urges us to put on "sackcloth and ashes" and to repent of our sins. This part of Lent helps us to focus on interior renewal, preparing our hearts to receive the light of Christ into our lives.

The second half of Lent turns our gaze especially onto the suffering Christ. We begin to enter into his Passion and the events that lead up to his betrayal and death. This part of Lent helps us to understand the results of our sins and the amazing love Jesus has for us, that led him to willingly give up his life for sinners. It presents an opportunity to meditate more specifically on the Passion of Christ, such as it is depicted in the Stations of the Cross.

The Church in her wisdom understands the need to give us specific spiritual themes to meditate on during Lent, gradually preparing our hearts for the great feast of Easter, when Jesus Christ conquered sin and death and opened to us the gates of Heaven. We must prepare our hearts for such a wondrous gift and these two parts of Lent help us do exactly that.

**Upcoming Ordinations:**

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## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

### Parish Finances March 24, 2019

Regular Collection: \$161.00

### 6 Things the Prodigal Son and his big brother teach us about praying the Our Father

By Tom Hoopes

*We should pray that we won't fall into the temptation of either brother.*

We say the Our Father so often that we can forget just how powerful it is. The parable of the Prodigal Son (whose story we hear this weekend on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C) can remind us. The Prodigal Son starts out like we do — in the home of Our Father.

The Lord's Prayer reminds us that we live in a wonderful place: Our Father is in heaven and has made us citizens of his Kingdom, where his will is done. This is especially true for those who have been baptized. As the Second Reading puts it "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."

When we sin, we are like the prodigal son, violating our father, taking what he has given us and squandering it in the worst way. "Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me," we say, then use the gifts we have as his sons for ourselves alone.

Then comes humiliation — and the loss of our daily bread. When we live with the father, doing his will as it is in heaven, we say "Give us this day our daily bread," and trust that God will provide for us, in his ways. When we abandon him, and no longer do his will as it is in heaven, we find that the world is not nearly as generous.

Things get so bad for the Prodigal Son that he has to take a job tending to pigs — a humiliation for a Jew. Worse, "he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any."

Sin starts out promising freedom and excitement. It ends in humiliation. The Prodigal Son starts out with money and prostitutes, fulfilling his fantasies; he ends living with pigs, fantasizing about eating their food.

We are, in fact, worse than the Prodigal Son. We, too, received our inheritance early: The inheritance we have in Jesus Christ. "For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin," says the Second Reading. And, as St. Francis said to Christians, "it is you who have crucified him and crucify him still, when you delight in your vices and sins."

That's why, like the Prodigal Son, we need to repent.

We finally do it. We face our Father and say, "Forgive us our trespasses."

The young man in the parable isn't just sorry for his sins. He didn't just decide to stop living a sinful life. He travels back to his father where he confesses his sins and acknowledges that they had cut him off from all he had known. For many sins, we have to do the same thing. We have to take a journey. We have to go to confession.

Next is the Father's welcome.

Our Father doesn't just forgive us when he hears us, though; he restores us to our full status in his family. In the story, he gives his son a beautiful robe, a ring, and a festive banquet. These are symbols of the new life we receive at Baptism — "pure, worthy, and joyful" as the Catechism says.

The Second Reading describes this life. After he "has reconciled us to himself through Christ" he makes us "ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us." He makes us fully his own: He makes us his representatives in the world. That's where a new danger comes in, however.

The Our Father isn't said most often by prodigals; it is said by religious people. The Gospel of Luke tells us that the Prodigal Son story is addressed to the Pharisees and Scribes, not the tax collectors and prostitutes. They have to learn that we will be forgiven only "as we forgive those who have trespassed against us."

More than a third of the story is taken up by the reaction of the older brother. His attitude is not at all the attitude of a son happy in the love of his father. He doesn't tell his father he loves him; he only says "not once did I disobey your orders." He doesn't want to feast with his father. He says "You never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends."

The Father tells the older brother just how blessed he is. "You are here with me always; everything I have is yours." He is like the Israelites in the first reading. They have arrived. They are in the promised land.

The older brother should pray the Our Father with the same fervor as the Prodigal Son. ... and so should we. Pray that we won't fall into the temptation of either of them — the temptation to loose living, or the temptation to being "holier than thou."

Instead, pray the Our Father with gratitude for what we have been given — something we must never give away.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

### **FOR BULLETIN NOTICES** – Bulletin

Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant by email: [frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com](mailto: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, 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.

### **The Office of the Victim's assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Amarillo**

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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](http://ACTSamarillo.org)**