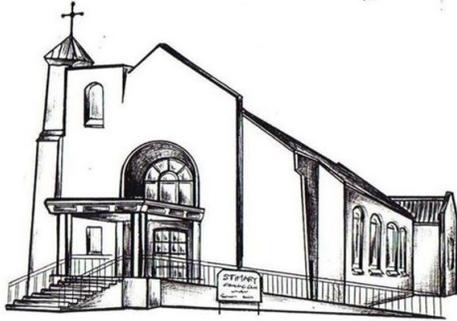


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Mass Schedule			
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Mon, August 19	St. John Eudes	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, August 20	St. Bernard Abbot	7 PM - Living and Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance	No Mass
Wed, August 21	St. Pius X, Pope	8 AM - Leonard & Helen Batenhorst	No Mass
Thu, August 22	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8 AM - Clara Grabber	7 PM -
Fri, August 23	St. Rose of Lima	8 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Sat, August 24		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, August 25	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher	Gifts
August 25, 2019	Brock Buse	Breccan Crockett Natalee Finke Kyle Guerrero	April Artho Landon Finke Jillian Johnson	Harold Artho & K of C Usher	Garrett Family

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

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Registration for CCD will be on August 18th.

We are searching for people to volunteer to help in all of our classes this year. Please let Fr. Grant know if you are willing to help.

Safe Environment Training: Sunday, August 25th for all CCD Students and any adults that will be working with children.

New Parish Cookbooks are in. \$15 per book. Please contact Debbie Batenhorst to get extra copies to sell to others.

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.

Sign-up for Flocknotes: Text "umbarger" to 84576 or go to <https://stmaryumbarger.flocknote.com/everyone> to register your email.

Overwhelmed with distractions? Chase them away with this prayer of Thomas Kempis

By Philip Kosloski

When you try to pray and are continually distracted, cry out to God and ask him to shoo the distractions away.

When many people sit or kneel down to pray, their mind will be instantly filled with distractions. These are unrelated thoughts that often take us away from praying to God and turn our minds to something else.

Thomas Kempis, well-known for his spiritual classic *The Imitation of Christ*, wrote a brief prayer for such an occasion that places the burden on God to chase the distractions away. This can help relax our disposition and place our trust in God, who has the power to help us pray as we should.

Here is the prayer he wrote, as found in *The Imitation of Christ*.

O my God, remove not thyself far from me, and depart not in thy wrath from thy servant. Dart forth thy lightning, and disperse [these distractions]; shoot thy arrows, and let all the phantoms of the enemy be put to flight. Gather my senses together to thee; make me forget all worldly things; give me the grace speedily to cast away and to despise all wicked imaginations. Come to my aid, O eternal truth, that no vanity may move me. Come, heavenly sweetness, and let all impurity fly before thy face. Pardon me also, and mercifully forgive me the times that I have thought of any thing else in prayer besides thee. For I confess truly that I am accustomed to be very much distracted; for oftentimes I am not there, where I am bodily standing or sitting, but am rather there where my thoughts carry me. There I am, where my thought is; and there, oftentimes, is my thought, where that is which I love. That thing most readily comes to my mind, which naturally delights me, or which, through custom, is pleasing to me.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The history and the heart of the Solemnity of the Assumption

By Brother Silas Henderson, SDS

In my work as a retreat leader and catechist, I encounter a wide diversity of faith perspectives and even traditions. As we know, understandings of Mary and the Communion of Saints are some of those beliefs that divide Christians, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is certainly one of those teachings that has been divisive. While it is true that the Dogma of the Assumption was officially promulgated by Pope Pius XII in 1950, the mystery that inspires this celebration is firmly rooted in the ancient Tradition of the Church and has its foundations in the words of Scripture. What may surprise many is that this celebration is shared with Orthodox Christians throughout the world, while many members of the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Church also honor Mary on this day.

This feast, which celebrates the truth that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven, evolved from a liturgical celebration of the “Day of Mary, Mother of God,” in Jerusalem in the 5th century. Although it was originally a more general celebration of Mary, it soon became a commemoration of Mary’s Natale, her “birthday” into heaven. Within 200 years, it was being celebrated in Rome. Under Pope Sergius I (d. 701), this day in honor of Mary came to be celebrated as a memorial of Mary’s passing from this life and included a midnight procession (during the night of August 14) from Rome’s church of St. Adrian to the Basilica of St. Mary Major. By the end of the century, it had come to be known as the “Assumption of Holy Mary.”

The fact that there was a celebration of Mary’s entrance into Heaven tells us that early Christians believed that there was something special about the end of Mary’s time on earth (called her Dormition (“falling asleep” in Latin) and that they saw particular meaning in this mystery.

Among the earliest set of prayers we have for this Feast (from the 8th-century Gregorian Sacramentary), is a prayer that reads: “God, turning your gaze to the humility of the Virgin, you raised her to the sublime dignity of the Mother of your Son and crowned her with incomparable glory.” This theologically ripe sentence tells us what is at the heart of the celebration of Mary’s Assumption: Because of Mary’s humble and unique cooperation in the mysteries of salvation, she enjoys a privileged place in Heaven.

In his *Genesee Diary*, Henri Nouwen expresses this truth in this way:

Mary is the most pure contemplative. Luke describes

her as contemplating the mysteries of the redemption. After telling about the visit of the shepherds to the Child, he writes, “As for Mary, she treasured all these things in her heart” (2:19), and after describing how she found Jesus in the temple among the doctors of the Law, he adds: “His mother stored up all these things in her heart ...”

The doctrine of the Assumption affirms the fulfillment of this contemplative life in heaven. There the most redeemed human being, the woman in whom God touched us in the most intimate way, the mother of Jesus and all who believe in him—there she stands in the presence of God, enjoying forever the beatific vision that is the hope of all Christians.

The glory and grace that Mary enjoys now in Heaven is also promised to each of us. We are reminded of this in the Second Reading for the Mass for the Assumption:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ.” (Colossians 15:20-23)

The special grace that preserved Mary from the decay of death (cf. Genesis 3:19; Romans 6:23) contains a promise of restored life for each of us. But, in order to really appreciate the gift and promise of the Assumption, we have to recognize that the grace and call God extended to Mary were received, by her, with an open heart. She did not allow those gifts to remain idle within her heart and soul. This is Mary as the woman of faith and this is Mary as a model for all of us who follow her Son.

Mary’s active and living faith inspired her to place her trust in God’s promises and to give herself completely to the will of the Father: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). Even Jesus himself praised his mother’s faith. When a woman called out to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you,” he replied, “Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it” (Luke 11:27-28). Mary was called blessed not simply because she happened to be the mother of Jesus. Mary is blessed because of faith and obedience.

So, on this Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us take a moment to offer a two-fold prayer of thanks. First, for the gift we have received because of Mary’s obedience and faith which are at the heart of this celebration and, second, for the promise of new and eternal life that God has made to each of us, in Christ, when we faithfully and lovingly respond to the movements of the Holy Spirit, as did Mary.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant by email: frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com or Christina Wegman by email: cwegman696@yahoo.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

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Next Retreat: **October 17-20, 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**

Save the Date:

The 22nd Annual Respect Life Banquet at 5 PM CT on September 15, 2019 in the Amarillo Civic Center. Tim Staples Director of Apologetics and Evangelization for Catholic Answers will be our keynote speaker. For more information, please call the Family Life Office at 806-414-1059.

Labor Day Picnic - Holy Family, Nazareth: Sept. 1 Nazareth Community Hall

10 AM Parade

11 AM Roast Beef Dinner: Adults \$10 Children up to 10: \$5

Bake Shoppe, Cow Patty Bingo, Adult Raffle

12 PM Children’s Games & Water Events

All Day Wristbands: 8+ \$10, 7 & younger \$5

1 PM Auction

Cornhole Tournament: Register by 5:30, starts at 6:30

5 PM Hamburger Supper: \$5 each

Live Music after Auction