

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



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, September 9		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, September 10	St. Peter Claver	7 PM - Parish Council	No Mass
Wed, September 11		8 AM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Thu, September 12	Most Holy Name of Mary	8 AM - Clara Grabber	7 PM -
Fri, September 13	St. John Chrysostom	8 AM - Karen Berry	No Mass
Sat, September 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, September 15	24th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher	Gifts
September 15, 2019	Robert Friemel	Braylee Crockett Matthew Steffens Kaytlyn Garrett	Mike Wegman Denise Schenk Keven Schenk	Tim Steffens & K of C Usher	Volunteers

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

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

CCD: 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.

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

Umbarger Sausage Festival

Sauerkraut Making: Please come to the parish hall on Saturday, September 21, to help us make sauerkraut.

Country Store Items: Please remember your Country Store of the Festival again with canned jellies, hot sauce, pickles and as always baked goods including cinnamon rolls and bread. We usually sell out of bread by 12pm and people appreciate having a chance to by it. Call Jude or Marian Batenhorst @ 806-452-7019 or 806-674-8883 or email to jaydubya89@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.

Women's ACTS Retreat: Please consider deepening your relationship with God by attending the next Women's ACTS Retreat October 17-20. Feel free to contact these parishoners for more information:

Terri Branum: 655-0828
 Kathy Wieck: 655-4017
 Lea Ann Handing: 499-3334

Why is September dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows?

By Philip Kosloski

The tradition dates back as far as the 17th century, when the Servites established a special feast in September.

Over the centuries there grew a custom of devoting certain months of the year to specific spiritual themes. September became known as the month of “Our Lady of Sorrows.”

Initially this might seem like a strange designation, as Our Lady of Sorrows is usually connected to Jesus’ crucifixion, which in the Church’s liturgical year is celebrated in March or April.

However, early on there developed a feast on September 14 named “The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.” The Saint Andrew Daily Missal explains, “Originally this feast celebrated the finding of the Holy Cross by St. Helena and the consecration, on September 14, 335, of the basilicas built by Constantine on the sites of the Holy Sepulchre and Calvary at Jerusalem.”

This brought into September a particular meditation on the cross of Jesus Christ, and by the 17th century there developed a complementary Marian feast on September 15.

In the 17th century the Servites celebrated a solemn feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, which in 1817 was extended to the whole Church by Pius VII as a memorial of his sufferings in exile and captivity and of his deliverance through the Blessed Virgin’s intercession.

Furthermore, “Pope St Pius X transferred this feast from the third Sunday of September to this octave-day of Our Lady’s Nativity (September 8th), in 1912.”

Originally this feast was more concerned with Mary’s sufferings throughout her early life, excluding the Passion of Jesus, her Son, but over time it has come to represent all of Mary’s suffering.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

What are parables and why did Jesus use them?

By Philip Kosloski

Throughout the Gospels Jesus uses parables to teach his disciples. What are they and why did Jesus use them so frequently?

The Catholic Encyclopedia explains, “The word parable (Hebrew *mashal*; Syrian *mathla*, Greek *parabole*) signifies in general a comparison, or a parallel, by which one thing is used to illustrate another. It is a likeness taken from the sphere of real, or sensible, or earthly incidents, in order to convey an ideal, or spiritual, or heavenly meaning. As uttering one thing and signifying something else, it is in the nature of a riddle (Hebrew *khidah*, Gr. *ainigma* or *problema*)...it is intended to stir curiosity and calls for intelligence in the listener.”

The book of Sirach highlights this aspect of parables, “The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man’s desire” (Sirach 3:29).

By their nature, parables have many layers of meaning. Often they do not have one specific interpretation and are open to spiritual pondering, exploring how the parable might reveal some truth in our own lives.

Furthermore, it was clear that Jesus used parables to help us penetrate mysteries that were too deep for us to fully understand. The Kingdom of God was one of the most popular subjects of Jesus’ parables, which reveal to us the impenetrable nature of God’s Kingdom and our inability to fully comprehend it on this earth.

Parables are also perfect examples of how the various senses of scripture are revealed. Each parable has a literal sense (conveyed by the words of Scripture and discovered by exegesis) as well as a spiritual sense. The spiritual sense of parables can further be separated into its allegorical sense (a more profound understanding of events by recognizing their significance in Christ); its moral sense (how they ought to lead us to act justly); and its anagogical sense (in terms of their eternal significance, leading us toward our true homeland).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church adds to this notion, explaining how, “parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received?” (CCC 546)

If Jesus used straight definitions when describing the Kingdom of God, it would make it seem like a person could somehow “control” it and “grasp” for it. Instead, the Kingdom of God must be pondered within one’s

heart, as Mary did with everything that happened in her life. It must be internalized and take on a personal meaning that is unique, further leading that one individual towards a deeper relationship with Christ.

While we may be tempted to want “the straight facts,” Jesus invites us through parables to go embrace the mystery of God and recognize our inability to fully grasp who God is and what his plan is for us.

Una poderosa oración para recordar y rezar toda la vida

By Aleteia

Espíritu Santo, que habitas en mí desde mi bautismo, ilumina mi inteligencia para conocer y valorar más a Jesús. Lléname de tu amor para llevarlo a quienes me rodean, muéstrame la verdad para identificar los verdaderos valores, libérame de toda opresión para seguirte consciente y libremente. Hazme profeta del reino para promover la esperanza y la justicia. Fortifícame ante mis debilidades para vencer la tentación y evitar el pecado, nutre mi espiritualidad para crecer en mi intimidad con Dios, inspírame y corrígeme para seguir mejor a Jesús, háblame, muéveme, motívame para siempre hacer lo que Dios quiere de mí.

Amén.

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

ST. MARY’S: Marie Wieck, 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: Joaquin Saenz, Raul Granados, Matthew Chavez, Janie Ramirez, Betty Gonzales, Juanita of Idaho, 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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Natural Family Planning (NFP). Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home Study Course** from NFP International, www.nfpandmore.org. Includes Ecological Breastfeeding (it really *can* space babies), a double-check system of fertility awareness, and Catholic teaching that’s easy to understand. Work with a live instructor by email. Completion certificate. Only \$70.

Would you Like to attend an ACTS Retreat Weekend?

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.

Art Sale for The Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Saturday, September 14 from 1:00-4:00 pm at the Pastoral Center (4512 NE 24th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79107). You can fellowship with the Sisters, enjoy some refreshments & praise, check out the artwork for sale and, of course, receive prayer. The art sale will range from \$2-\$600 and will include art books, sculptures, fine art along with hundreds of collectible friar figurines. All proceeds will go to help educate and form the Sisters in formation.

Dawn Community Night: Potluck Dinner and Community Fellowship on September 21 at 7PM.