

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



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, October 14	St. Callistus I	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, October 15	St. Theresa of Jesus	7 PM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Wed, October 16	St. Hedwig	8 AM - Jim Grabber	No Mass
Thu, October 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch	8 AM - Carl Hartman Family	7 PM -
Fri, October 18	St. Luke	8 AM - Clara Grabber	No Mass
Sat, October 19	Sts. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, October 20	29th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

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Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher	Gifts
October 20, 2019	Suzy Hicks	Caden Ramaekers Presli Dorman Jillian Johnson	Dustin Artho Rick Auckerman Danny Hicks	Roger Batenhorst Tim Steffens	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.

Umbarger Sausage Festival

Sign-Up Sheets: Please come to the Hall after mass to sign up for a job for the day of the festival. It’s a big day and we need everyone’s help!

Raffle Items & Donations: Jacob & Rachel Batenhorst are collecting donations to raffle off at the festival. Please let them know if you have something for this. Both goods and services are welcome! We can pick things up or arrange a drop off. Call Rachel, (970) 481-1830 or Jacob, (970) 481-1831.

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.

Sausage Pre-Orders: Parishioners are now able to pre-order sausage, the order forms are in the back of church. Please take one and fill it out and return it by October 26th to Stan or Yvonne Wieck. 2 Lb bags will be sold for \$12.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to defray the cost of making sausage, please contact Yvonne Wieck at 499-3561

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.

Christian Mothers: Meet on October 22nd after mass. Please bring items to donate to the CSC Food Bank. They are in need of canned vegetables, peanut butter and tuna.

Increase your trust in God with this prayer to Our Lady of Mercy By Philip Kosloski

At times we may be tempted to doubt the love of God, thinking that he could never forgive us because of the terrible way we have conducted our lives. Our sins appear to cover us and we think that God could never love a “wretch like me.”

Yet, we seem to always forget that God’s mercy is endless and that it isn’t difficult for God to forgive us. Instead, it is more difficult to forgive ourselves and to allow God’s mercy to wash over us.

One person who can increase our trust in God is the Virgin Mary. If we feel unworthy to approach God, then go to Mary and ask for her intercession before his heavenly throne. She can soften our hearts and lead us back to our loving Father, who is ready to receive us with open arms.

Below is one prayer, from a Novena to Our Lady of Mercy (Ransom), that can help form our thoughts and reassure us of God’s goodness.

Mary, Mother of God, I turn to you in all my pressing needs and difficulties as to a most sure refuge. I implore the help of your protection and choose you as my advocate. I entrust my cause to you who are the Mother of Mercy, and I wish to offer you day by day my most reverent love. But that my devotion may be pleasing to you, help me to maintain my soul and body in the spotlessness of your purity, help me to try as best I can to walk in your footsteps, humbly seeking to be like you.

Even if I have committed all possible sins, let me never lose confidence in you, for I know I shall always find your Heart filled with mercy The Son of God has His justice, but you, the Mother, have only your mercy. You desire more to do good to me than I can desire to receive favors from you, for your Heart is all love and mercy.

Mary, My Mother, how shall I stand before my Judge at the day of judgment? How shall I answer for the wasted days and years which God has given me to serve Him alone? I look to you, Mother of Mercy. You are all-merciful that you may obtain for me pardon and mercy. You are kind and loving for you have a mother’s heart, full of pity for the erring. You are a Mother of Mercy to the sinner and the fallen; have pity on me!

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

How silence can radically change your spiritual life

By Philip Kosloski

St. Bruno believed that silence was the key to unlocking an interior peace that could not be disturbed.

In the book of Ecclesiastes it is written, there is “a time to keep silence, and a time to speak” (Ecclesiastes 3:7). Unfortunately, we often skip the first part of that passage and heavily indulge in the second.

In a world filled with noise, silence is rare. We put on our earbuds, turn on the radio or endlessly search on YouTube for something that will make us laugh. In many ways noise is a coping mechanism, designed so that we don’t have to deal with our interior problems.

Yet, noise will not solve anything, and we will increasingly feel anxiety and never find lasting peace.

St. Bruno, a solitary monk of the 11th century, believed that silence was the key, and founded the Carthusian religious order where silence was the rule, not the exception. He wrote in a letter, “Only those who have experienced the solitude and silence of the wilderness can know what benefit and divine joy they bring to those who love them.”

A Carthusian spends his day in silence, only speaking when necessary, which is rare. Much of a Carthusian’s daily activities can be done in silence, with little interaction with his fellow monks.

While most of us are not called to such a radical life, we can learn from St. Bruno and value silence, giving it an important place in our daily life.

In the statutes of the Carthusian order, it reads, “Keeping silent is not a spontaneous or natural attitude. It demands a decision and a purpose. To enter into silence, we must want it, and we must know why we want it. If we intend to become men of silence, we must assume responsibility for our quest.”

This is especially relevant in our world today. We must want silence and seek it out. It requires a deliberate choice to turn everything off, our computer, TV, and smartphone, in order to be truly silent.

God is most present in silence, as can be seen in the life of the prophet Elijah.

And [God] said, “Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake;

and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. (1 Kings 19:11-13)

Carthusians similarly believe that silence is the key to listening to God and hearing his voice.

In reality silence is “a tranquil listening of the heart that allows God to enter through all its doors and passages.” Silence is a kind of listening: not a feverish waiting for some word that would come and knock on our ear or fill our heart, but a peaceful waiting, in a state of availability for the One who is present and who works in our most intimate selves.

If you want God to enter into your life, spend time every day in silence.

Try it now. Stop everything and pause for 60 seconds in silence, not looking at your phone, but simply listening to God. The peace a person can receive from silence is only the beginning.

This prayer can help reignite your love of God

By Philip Kosloski

Many people experience an initial intense conversion where they feel a deep love of God. However, those feelings of love can quickly die out, and we can begin questioning our own faith, wondering whether it is worth it.

St. Therese of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun of the 19th century, felt similar feelings of doubt. During her life she had many feelings of love for God, but often those feelings would fade away and she would nearly plunge into despair.

The good news is that she recognized the danger she was in and took a different approach to rekindle her love of God. In this passage below, she prays to God and asks him for help. It is a prayer that can help form our own spiritual life, helping us to realize that we can do little things every day that can help reconnect us with God. In many ways it is the little things that matter in life and can help us persevere during a dry spell, keeping our eyes fixed on God in the midst of a spiritual drought.

O Lord, when I feel nothing, when I am incapable of praying or practicing virtue, then is the moment to look for small occasions, nothings, to give You pleasure. For example, a smile, a friendly word, when I should much prefer to say nothing at all or look bored ...When I find no occasions, at least I want to keep telling You that I love You; it is not difficult and it keeps the fire of love going; even if that fire were to seem wholly out, I should throw little bits of straw on the ashes, little acts of virtue and of charity; and I am sure that, with Your help, the fire would be enkindled again.

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: Jesse Armedia, 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.

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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**

POW Stories & Journals Needed: As part of her thesis, Michaela Wegman is conducting research on the Italian POW’s in Umbarger. She is looking for stories from the community of Umbarger about the POWs and the St. Mary’s Project. If you or a member of your family have anything at all to share; or if you know stories or journals from people who have passed on please contact mjwegman1@buffs.watmu.edu or call (806) 206-0453. Please consider contributing to this project, to keep the history of our beautiful church and the parish’s contribution alive!