

St. Mary's
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Catholic Churches



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, January 6	St. Andre Bessette	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, January 7	St. Raymond of Penafort	7 PM - Clara Grabber	No Mass
Wed, January 8	Christmas Weekday	8 AM - Patricia Adrian	No Mass
Thu, January 9	Christmas Weekday	8 AM - Elsie Batenhorst	7 PM -
Fri, January 10	Christmas Weekday	8 AM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Sat, January 11	Christmas Weekday	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, January 12	The Baptism of the Lord	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

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Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher	Gifts
January 12, 2020	Kristi Batenhorst	Caden Ramaekers Presli Dorman April Artho	Karen Artho Suzy Hicks Denise Schenk	Christian Mothers & KC 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

Christmas Decorations: please stay after church on January 12 to help us take down the Christmas Decorations.

KC Breakfast: will be on January 5th. We will be having bacon & eggs with biscuits and gravy, so please join us.

KC Meeting: will be January 12 after Christmas Decorations are taken down. KC's will be making final preparations for the Champion Game.

Champion Game Tickets for Sale: Our annual Champion Game tickets are now for sale, so please contact your favorite K-C member for details.

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.

POW Pictures & Stories Needed: As part of her thesis, Michaela Wegman is conducting research on the Italian POW's in Umbarger. She is looking for pictures 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 of pictures, 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!

Prayer for Putting Away Christmas Decorations

By Tom Hoopes

May we live the grace of Christmas every day, only without all the trappings ...

Catholics have different strategies for putting Christmas decorations away, but it is always a bittersweet day.

Some choose the Octave Day of Christmas, January 1. Some choose the 12th day of Christmas, the eve of the Epiphany, or January 6, the feast of the Epiphany.

Others wait all the way until the last feast of the infancy of Christ — the Presentation, February 2.

As our house returns to normal — for us on the last day of the liturgical Christmas Season, the feast of the Baptism of Christ (January 13 this year) — we pray this prayer. I have printed it out and hung it on the attic door as a reminder all year long.

Prayer for Putting Away Christmas Decorations

Lord Jesus, today we have put all of our Christmas decorations away. We are entering into Ordinary Time, and our house looks "ordinary" again, too.

But Lord, you know and we know that our house has a secret. Deep inside it, all of our Christmas decorations are still here. The blessing of Christmas is always with us, kept in the deep, quiet places of the house.

And Lord, our lives will become ordinary again, too, but you know that each of us has the grace of baptism. The grace you gave us is always with us, in the deep, quiet places of our soul.

May we live the grace of Christmas every day, only without all the trappings: May we always give generously, receive gifts gratefully, welcome others, and study your life.

Make our house be a home with Christmas at its core, and our souls a home where Jesus always dwells.

Amen.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

¿Cuál es la única oración que todos los cristianos pueden rezar juntos?

By Carlos Padilla Esteban

Si los cristianos pueden no estar de acuerdo en todo, pueden al menos recitarla juntos

Cuando Jesús instituyó una Iglesia en esta tierra, no quería, por supuesto, que fuese una casa dividida. Como escribió Juan Pablo II en su encíclica *Ut unum sint*, “La unidad de toda la humanidad herida es voluntad de Dios. Por esto Dios envió a su Hijo para que, muriendo y resucitando por nosotros, nos diese su Espíritu de amor. La víspera del sacrificio de la Cruz, Jesús mismo ruega al Padre por sus discípulos y por todos los que crearán en Él para que sean una sola cosa, una comunión viviente”.

Por desgracia, viviendo en un mundo caído, debemos aún realizar este deseo, y según el Center for the Study of Global Christianity (CSGC) del Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, en el mundo hay casi 41.000 confesiones cristianas!

Aunque hay aún mucho que divide a los cristianos en el mundo, una actividad en la que todos los cristianos pueden unirse es la oración.

Es la oración lo que une y supera las divisiones de las controversias teológicas y de las opiniones discordantes sobre las enseñanzas de Cristo.

En particular, hay una oración compartida de la gran mayoría de las denominaciones cristianas: la Oración del Señor.

Es una oración enseñada por el propio Jesús, y como afirma el Catecismo “es verdaderamente la síntesis de todo el Evangelio, ‘la oración perfectísima’. Esa está en el centro de las Escrituras” (CCC 2774).

Si los cristianos pueden no estar de acuerdo en todo, pueden al menos recitar juntos la oración enseñada por la persona a la que aman con todo el corazón.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo

santificado sea Tu nombre

venga a nosotros Tu Reino

hágase Tu voluntad

en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día

perdona nuestras ofensas

como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden

no nos dejes caer en la tentación

y líbranos del mal

Amén.

Why the Baptism of the Lord is a “Christmas” feast

By Philip Kosloski

You may still see Christmas decorations in Catholic churches on this liturgical celebration.

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the Baptism of the Lord has been celebrated on a separate feast for many centuries. Originally it was the primary mystery celebrated on January 6 (Feast of Epiphany), but over time it was separated and assigned a different day.

In 1955 it was assigned the octave day of Epiphany, January 13, but soon after the Second Vatican Council was moved to the Sunday after Epiphany.

In this context it has always been a “Christmas” feast, celebrated within the Christmas cycle. However, it may seem a little strange to still have the baby Jesus in the manger and celebrate a moment during his adult life.

Yet, it is entirely fitting when reflecting on the central mystery being commemorated.

Both the feast of the Nativity and Baptism of the Lord highlight the humility of Jesus Christ. In both instances Jesus clearly displayed his desire to become one with us, so that he can raise us up with him.

Pope Benedict XVI explains this eloquently in his homily on the Baptism of the Lord in 2013.

Jesus shows his solidarity with us, with our efforts to convert and to be rid of our selfishness, to break away from our sins in order to tell us that if we accept him in our life he can uplift us and lead us to the heights of God the Father. And Jesus’ solidarity is not, as it were, a mere exercise of mind and will. Jesus truly immersed himself in our human condition, lived it to the end, in all things save sin, and was able to understand our weakness and frailty. For this reason he was moved to compassion, he chose to “suffer with” men and women, to become a penitent with us. This is God’s work which Jesus wanted to carry out: the divine mission to heal those who are wounded and give medicine to the sick, to take upon himself the sin of the world.

Jesus not only assumed our flesh at the Nativity, but became like us in all things except sin. He even was baptized by his cousin St. John the Baptist, even though he had no need for baptism. The incarnation of Jesus is a marvelous mystery, one that reminds us of the love God has for humanity. St. Paul summarized it best in his letter to the Philippians.

Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-8)

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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Would you Like to attend an ACTS Retreat Weekend?

Next Retreat: **February 27- March 1, 2020**
Men'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**