

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



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<b>Mass Schedule</b>			
		<b>Umbarger</b>	<b>Happy</b>
Mon, March 2		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, March 3	St. Katharine Drexel	No Mass	No Mass
Wed, March 4	St. Casimir	8 AM - Marilyn Dudenhoeffer	No Mass
Thu, March 5		8 AM - Patricia Adrian	7 PM -
Fri, March 6	First Friday of the Month	8 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Sat, March 7	Sts. Perpetua & Felicity	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, March 8	The 2nd Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

# ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher	Gifts
March 8, 2020	Suzy Hicks	April Artho Presli Dorman Caden Ramaekers	Karen Artho Terri Branum Denise Schenk	Christian Mothers & KC Usher	Volunteers

**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

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**KC Breakfast:** Join the KC Council 2808 this Sunday, March 1, for breakfast casseroles, fun and fellowship.  
**KC Meeting:** March 8 at the KC Hall after CCD begins. We are open to all Catholic Men!  
**Annual Lenten Fish Fry:** March 13 at the parish hall from 6 - 8 PM. Come and join us!

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**Fruhlingsfest Pre-Planning:** If anyone is interested in helping in the kitchen, with live auction items or in any way for our fundraiser, please contact Debbie Batenhorst (806)499-3543.

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**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.

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**2019 Contribution Statements:** If you would like this statement, please contact Christina Wegman (806)236-8730.

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**Christian Mothers "FunRaiser":** Sunday, March 8th. We will serve super nachos at 5pm and play bingo at 6pm. There will be no charge but you can bring bingo prizes if you wish. Come and share our joy.

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The Parish is continuing to collect non-perishable food for the Buff-A Food Pantry.

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***Did You Know?** God loves each of us as if there were only one of us - St. Augustine*

**Resolve to make this Lent better than your last**  
 By Philip Kosloski

Here is a prayer by St. Claude de la Colombière to begin your Lent on the right foot.

Lent comes and goes each year, but we don't always utilize this season to the best of our ability. We have grand plans, but in the end, fail by the second week!

The good news is that we can begin again and renew our practice of Lent, even if we have failed in the past. We can't control the past or future, but we can "seize the day" and do what we can to improve our spiritual life.

St. Claude de la Colombière wrote a little prayer that takes this viewpoint, pledging to God that this Lent will be different, looking forward in hope to what we can accomplish with him at our side.

*My God, forgive me my past faults; I have never yet observed Lent like a true Christian; perhaps I never rightly understood what it was, nor to what the honor of being a child of your holy Church obliges me, but I am determined this year to begin to do my duty. Were I to stand alone, you would have one faithful servant; I will not be ashamed of doing what I ought, and it shall not be by my example that negligence shall creep in. Too long have I lived the life of a sinner, I will this Lent begin to lead that of a penitent. Perhaps my life may end with this penance of forty days, and that they are all that remain to me.*

*I hope that when you behold both heart and body thus humbled and afflicted, you will have compassion on me and will pardon me. Render this season still greater than I hope, O my God! You to whom be all the glory. Amen!*

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

### How to turn Lent into a joyful season

By Philip Kosloski

What is your view of Lent? Do you think of it as a long, torturous season, full of sacrifices? While it is relatively easy to embrace the Advent season, for many Lent is a struggle to endure.

Nineteenth-century writer Frederick Charles Woodhouse perfectly summarizes the prevailing mood of Lent in his Manual for Lent.

*There is a shadowy gloom that broods over the whole season, partly the darkness that for those three hours, and ever since, hangs about the Cross; partly the solitary darkness that all penitents instinctively seek, as they hide themselves from the world's eyes, and all alone gaze down into the forbidding secret places of their own hearts.*

It is often a painful season of sacrifice, and for this reason, "The season of Lent is to many more or less repulsive and unwelcome." However, does Lent have to be such a burden?

First of all, Lent is meant to be a season of spiritual renewal and freedom. It presents a special opportunity to rid ourselves all that prevents us from an intimate relationship with God, so that we can experience the peace and freedom of a child of God. This is one reason why Lent is embraced by many people, as they look forward to the chance to start fresh and renew their commitment to Jesus Christ.

Secondly, while Lent does involve much sacrifice and penance, we are invited to approach the crosses we carry with joy, in imitation of Jesus and the many saints who have gone before us. They did not focus on the sufferings they would endure, but on the joy to be experienced in Heaven.

Woodhouse explains how the cross is indeed painful, but nothing compared to the joy we will experience in Heaven.

*The Cross is always painful. The repugnance that Lent arouses within us is but human nature shrinking from the Cross ... What is said to have sustained [Jesus] even when human nature cried out at the terrible prospect and under the more intolerable reality? It was the joy of the end; "for the joy that was set before Him" ... It is this that has made many a martyr's heart calm and joyous when the people's cry rose like thunder or the sound of many waters, "The Christians to the lions!" and taught them to forgive, and even love and bless their persecutors, who were the agents to bring them to "the joy set before them."*

It is not always easy to see the good in suffering, but when we have a proper perspective, we can look forward to depriving ourselves of a little temporal

happiness in order to attain a much greater happiness that endures.

*Let us look at our sins as so many obstacles and barriers in the way of our happiness; and shall we not hasten to embrace all means that may do away with them, and fit our souls to be with God ... Let us pray ever and strive after this faith of God's saints, so will Lent be to us no more dull and repulsive, but wholesome, welcome, fruitful of peace and joy.*

### Cuaresma es tiempo de "sí"

By Oleada Joven

*Ayunos, caras largas, privaciones... ¿por qué tenemos tan mala imagen de la Cuaresma?*

Comenzamos la Cuaresma, estos 40 días de preparación para la Pascua. Muchas veces asociamos este tiempo con renunciaciones, con pesares, con caras tristes y muchos "no". Sin embargo la Cuaresma es el tiempo de los "SÍ".

SÍ a la esperanza, de que mi vida puede ser diferente si me dejo trabajar por Dios.

SÍ a salir de la pereza y el aburrimiento, y ponerse a trabajar por un mundo mejor.

SÍ a la oración, al encuentro cercano y personal con Dios que prueba las miles de formas para llevarnos a ese lugar de encuentro con su amor. Te ama y quiere que lo ames así como eres (al respecto: Ámame tal como eres de Charles de Foucauld).

SÍ a la conversión. "Convertir" viene de transformar... crecer es parte de la vida e implica una conversión.

SÍ al perdón. A perdonar a los demás, pero por sobre todas las cosas animarme a ver cuánto Dios me perdona y desde ahí perdonarme a mí mismo.

SÍ a la ofrenda de la vida, sabiendo que sólo entregando la vida la ganamos y la vivimos con pasión.

SÍ a conocer el valor de tu vida, que mereció la entrega del mismo hijo de Dios en la cruz por vos. "Me amó y se entregó por mí" Gal 2, 20.

SÍ al entusiasmo, a prepararnos con alegría para vivir en plenitud la Semana Santa.

SÍ al dejarnos sorprender. Mirar alrededor y descubrir cuánta belleza en la creación, en las personas. Dios nos habla en todas las cosas.

SÍ a las búsquedas. Cualquiera que sean, este es un buen tiempo para dejarte interpelar por ellas.

SÍ al amor. Amar y amar mucho, en eso consiste la vida, en dejarnos amar y aprender a amar. La Semana Santa es la semana del amor... amor incomprensible e inabarcable de Dios por la humanidad toda y por cada uno de nosotros.

Y muchos más tantos SÍ. La Cuaresma es tiempo de "SÍ". ¡Anímate a dar el gran SÍ".

# 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 Christina Wegman by email: [cwegman696@yahoo.com](mailto: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:** Jeremy Koch, Shirley Skarke Richardson, Marie Wieck

**Holy Name of Jesus:** Lucy Armendariz, Ricardo Brionez Sr., Ricardo Brionez Jr., Joe Frausto, Susana Garza, Martina Mendez, Martin Montoya, Mario Quzada, Felix Silva, Pedra Soto, Betty Sosa, Leonel Sosa, Mary Ann Sosa, Paula Sosa

**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 11-14, 2020**

**Women’s Retreat**

**June 25-28, 2020**

**Teen’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**

**Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Grant Spinhirne, Fr.**

*Taylor Elzner & Christopher Cross KHS*

10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

October 4-15, 2020

\$4650 per person double occupancy

Will visit: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Tomb of Christ and much more.

Please contact Fr. Grant for more information.