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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, March 16		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, March 17	St. Patrick	7 PM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Wed, March 18	St. Cyril of Jerusalem	8 AM - Clara Grabber	No Mass
Thu, March 19	St. Joseph	8 AM - Dale & Kathy Artho	7 PM -
Fri, March 20		8 AM - Marilyn Dudenhoeffer	No Mass
Sat, March 21		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, March 22	The 4th Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher	Gifts
March 22, 2020	Matthew Steffens	Sonora Garrett Brynleigh Crockett Natalee Finke	April Artho Jillian Johnson Landon Finke	CYO & 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

Stations of the Cross: on Friday, March 20th at 6:30 PM. This week will be led by Christian Mothers.

Fruhlingsfest Tickets: Please pick up a pack of tickets to sell for our fundraiser! We would appreciate all help and would love a full house for our Fruhlingsfest! Please contact Suzy Hicks (806) 584-6729.

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.

Easter Flower Collection: Christian Mothers will collect money for Easter flowers on March 29th. This will be the only collection, please be generous. Thank you!

Easter Cleaning: General Church cleaning for Easter will take place Saturday, April 4th at 8:30 AM. Many hands make light work, so please come to help!

St Mary's Prayer Blanket Ministry: If you or a loved one suffers from a serious illness and would like a blanket, please contact Suzy Hicks or Fr Grant.

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

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

Did You Know? *The building fund pays for major improvements to the Church and Hall. The current project is changing all our electric bulbs to LED. The saving to the Church for electricity will be significant and the project will pay for itself in about three years.*

Does reciting the Rosary bore you?

By Father Nicolas Buttet

There are many ways to approach this traditional prayer that will make it meaningful.

Early in his pontificate, St. John Paul II confided that the Rosary was his favorite prayer. "It is marvelous both in its profoundness and its simplicity," he said. This, however this is not how many of us feel about praying the rosary.

Some prefer the intimacy of contemplation or the solemnity of a Mass to a succession of "Hail Marys," but for those who struggle with the Rosary, it's important to know that there is more than one way of reciting this powerful prayer.

Meditating on the mysteries throughout the day

Reciting the Rosary requires calm and concentration. It sets us in motion on a path to Christ with Mary guiding us along the way. As we echo the words, they reveal all of their significance. "Rejoice, highly favored one," said the angel to Mary, and all of Israel, all of mankind, the whole universe rejoiced with her. Salvation began with these words. So, whenever we recite the Rosary, we are always sharing in Mary's joy of receiving the Savior.

To spare us the "mechanical" repetition, St. John Paul II invited us to meditate together with Mary on the mystery that was the life of Christ. We can focus on an image or on a specific passage from the Gospel as we calmly recite the angelic greeting or simply contemplate the various aspects of Christ' life at different times of day.

Mary's favorite prayer

St. Pius X once claimed: "Give me an army to recite a Rosary and I will conquer the world." Reciting rosaries is a wonderfully simple way of interceding on the behalf of all those who have entrusted themselves to us.

This form of prayer is pleasing to the Virgin Mary, who always asks for the Rosary to be said wherever she appears. The profound reasons might escape us, but let us not forget it was the simple act of plunging seven times into Jordan that rid the skeptical Namaan the leper of his disease ... and this is also what reciting the Rosary does.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

What was Lent like in the early Church?

By Philip Kosloski

Lent as we know it today took many centuries to develop.

Was the season of Lent always 40 days long? Were the apostles the ones responsible for establishing it? If not them, who did?

During the first few centuries of the Church, Christians were often persecuted and it was difficult for the bishops of the Church to create an all encompassing liturgical calendar. In general, bishops were entrusted with a local church and it was up to them to lead the Christian people in the worship of God. This resulted in an early disparity in how Christians celebrated Lent.

St. Irenaeus, during the 2nd century, wrote a letter to the pope at the time about the variety of fasts before Easter.

For the controversy is not only concerning the day [of Easter], but also concerning the very manner of the fast. For some think that they should fast one day, others two, yet others more; some, moreover, count their day as consisting of forty hours day and night.

And this variety in its observance has not originated in our time; but long before in that of our ancestors. It is likely that they did not hold to strict accuracy, and thus formed a custom for their posterity according to their own simplicity and peculiar mode. Yet all of these lived none the less in peace, and we also live in peace with one another; and the disagreement in regard to the fast confirms the agreement in the faith.

Early Christians were in agreement that a fast should precede the feast of Easter, but a duration of 40 days was not set in stone.

At the same time, scholars have discovered that some Christians in the Egyptian desert held a Post-Theophany fast for 40 days. The feast of the Theophany commemorated the baptism of Jesus and was traditionally held on January 6. Therefore, these Christians began a fast on the day after the Theophany in imitation of Jesus, who went into the wilderness to fast for 40 days immediately after his own baptism. This fast did not end on Easter, but it did end with a baptismal ceremony, initiating new members into the Christian faith.

Some scholars believe that the tradition of the Post-Theophany fast was later merged with other traditions to create the Lenten season as we know it today. It wasn't until after the Council of Nicea in the year 325 that Lent was widely established as a 40-day fast. The legalization of Christianity allowed for a more public celebration of fasting and the bishops were finally able to begin the process of uniting under the Bishop of Rome in all things, including liturgical disciplines.

While Lent has changed since the beginning of the Church, the roots of Lent go deep and the widespread fast for 40 days has ancient origins.

¿Qué es la septuaginta y por qué es importante?

By Philip Kosloski

La traducción griega del Antiguo Testamento tiene una historia única

Aproximadamente 200 años antes del nacimiento de Jesús, se desarrolló una traducción griega de las escrituras hebreas que se convirtió en ampliamente aceptada como una traducción legítima (incluso inspirada).

La tradición relata cómo el rey Ptolomeo II de Egipto estableció una vasta biblioteca en Alejandría. Sin embargo, no estaba completa, y quería tener una copia de las Escrituras hebreas en ella.

Ptolomeo envió a unos representantes a Jerusalén e invitó a los ancianos judíos a preparar una nueva traducción griega del texto. Setenta y dos ancianos, seis de cada una de las 12 tribus de Israel, llegaron a Egipto para cumplir con la solicitud.

Fueron conducidos a la solitaria isla de Pharos, donde al final de 72 días, su trabajo se completó. El rey Ptolomeo se mostró complacido por el resultado y lo colocó en su biblioteca.

Otra tradición añade que todos los traductores fueron puestos en habitaciones separadas y se les dijo que produjeran su propio texto separado. Cuando se completó la tarea, los traductores los compararon todos y se descubrió que cada uno era milagrosamente idéntico a los demás.

El resultado más tarde se conoció como la Septuaginta (de la palabra griega para 70) y fue especialmente popular entre los judíos de habla griega durante los siglos siguientes.

Muchos de estos judíos se convirtieron al cristianismo, y como resultado la Septuaginta se convirtió en una fuente primaria para los escritores evangélicos y muchos otros cristianos tempranos.

Unos siglos más tarde, al formular el canon oficial de la Escritura, la Iglesia católica buscó a la Septuaginta para discernir qué libros conservar.

Si bien la historia anterior de la formación de la Septuaginta es considerada por los eruditos bíblicos modernos como una leyenda sin base histórica real, la ubicación y el marco temporal de la traducción es generalmente considerado como verdadero.

Según la Enciclopedia Católica, lo más probable es esto:

“Los judíos de Alejandría, haciendo uso del Pentateuco traducido en sus reuniones litúrgicas, deseaban leer también los libros restantes y, por lo tanto, gradualmente debieron haberlos traducido todos ellos al griego, que se había convertido en su lengua materna; y esto sería mucho más probable dado que su conocimiento del hebreo disminuía a diario“.

Cualquiera que sea el origen del texto griego, su carácter antiguo todavía es muy valorado, y los traductores bíblicos a menudo consultan la Septuaginta para entender mejor un pasaje en particular.

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: 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

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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.