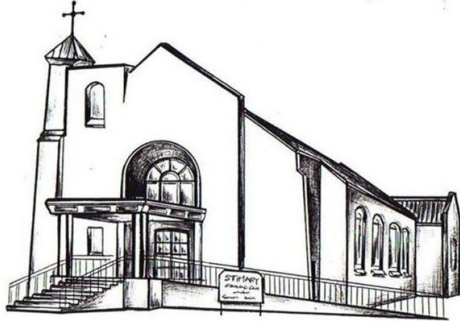


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| Mass Schedule | | | |
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| | | Umbarger | Happy |
| Mon, March 23 | St. Turibuius | No Mass | No Mass |
| Tue, March 24 | | 7 PM - Jim Grabber | No Mass |
| Wed, March 25 | The Annunciation of the Lord | 8 AM - Knights of Columbus | No Mass |
| Thu, March 26 | | 8 AM - Elsie Batenhorst | 7 PM - |
| Fri, March 27 | | 8 AM - Patricia Adrian | No Mass |
| Sat, March 28 | | No Mass | 5:30 PM - Parish Family |
| Sun, March 29 | The 5th Sunday of Lent | 9:00 AM - Amy Marshall | No Mass |

ST. MARY'S

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

Fruhlingsfest Tickets: St. Mary's Parish Council met on March 20th, and it was unanimously decided to cancel Fruhlingsfest for this year. All tickets **sold and unsold** must be turned in by **April 1st**.

Please mail tickets and money to the parish office @ PO BOX 105, Umbarger, TX 79091. Please direct any questions to Father Grant.

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.

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.

A spiritual communion prayer when you can't attend Mass

By Philip Kosloski

If you are not able to attend Mass on Sunday, you can still participate in it with a spiritual communion prayer.

It can be difficult for someone who is homebound, in quarantine, or in a hospital to miss Mass on Sunday. You greatly desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, but you are physically unable to attend Mass.

The good news is that people unable to receive the Eucharist can still participate in it by offering a prayer of "spiritual communion." It is a way to express your heartfelt desire to be in union with God, while not able to receive him sacramentally at Mass.

Here is a brief prayer from the Golden Manual that reflects that desire and unites yourself to God in a special way.

O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive your sacred body! Oh, come now into my soul, at least, by a spiritual communion! O Jesus, my divine Savior, save me. O my God, hiding myself with a humble confidence in your dear wounds, I give up my soul into your divine hands. Oh, receive it into the bosom of your mercy. Amen.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Diocese of Amarillo has decided to **suspend all Public Masses throughout our Diocese for the next eight weeks**, until Sunday, May 10th. The decree can be found on the Diocese of Amarillo's website at

<https://www.amarillodiocese.org/protocols-regarding-coronavirus-english>.

Effective immediately all of the lay faithful of the Diocese of Amarillo are dispensed from the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance by decree of Bishop Patrick Zurek. Further, by the same decree we will be canceling all daily and weekend public celebrations of the Eucharist, faith formation classes, and all other parish events, as will all other parishes in the Diocese of Amarillo.

At this time, unfortunately, this does include all of Holy Week and Easter services. All Holy Week and Easter services will be live-streamed from the Cathedral with the Bishop. Our First Communion and Confirmation Masses will be rescheduled to a later date.

Parishioners are encouraged to pray at home as a family: Read the Sunday Readings together, meditate upon their teachings and pray for your needs and those of the diocese and our country, pray the rosary, or take advantage of the broadcast of the Mass on television, radio, or via the Internet.

On St. Mary's Website, <https://stmarysumbarger.com/>, there is a link to watch Daily Mass With Bishop Robert Barron. Other resources will be made available on the Diocesan website: <https://www.amarillodiocese.org/>.

In case of an emergency, if you or your loved one are in need of Anointing of the Sick, please call Fr. Grant at the parish office at (806)499-3531.

God Bless,

Fr. Grant Spinhirne

Parochial Administrator

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Stuck at home with your family? Try praying together!

By Philip Koslosk

Time spent with family is supposed to be a positive experience, and while we don't always experience peace in our homes, there is a proven remedy that unites families together. Prayer has a central role in keeping families together and has been praised by countless saints throughout the centuries.

Ven. Patrick Peyton, an Irish-American priest of the 20th century, became well-known for a phrase he helped coin, "The family that prays together, stays together." It is a phrase that is known around the world and continually proves itself to be true, as families grow stronger through a devoted prayer life.

St. John Paul II was similarly an advocate for family prayer. He wrote about it extensively, highlighting it in his apostolic exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*.

Family prayer has its own characteristic qualities. It is prayer offered in common, husband and wife together, parents and children together. Communion in prayer is both a consequence of and a requirement for the communion bestowed by the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony. The words with which the Lord Jesus promises His presence can be applied to the members of the Christian family in a special way: "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

God enters into the home in a special way when a family prays together.

Prayer doesn't have to be elaborate, or even very long. The key point is to pray consistently and with the entire family.

The Rosary has always been a favorite of many families, and John Paul II wasn't alone in recommending it.

Among these should be mentioned the recitation of the rosary: "We now desire, as a continuation of the thought of our predecessors, to recommend strongly the recitation of the family rosary There is no doubt that ... the rosary should be considered as one of the best and most efficacious prayers in common that the Christian family is invited to recite ..." In this way authentic devotion to Mary, which finds expression in sincere love and generous imitation of the Blessed Virgin's interior spiritual attitude, constitutes a special instrument for nourishing loving communion in the family and for developing conjugal and family spirituality.

If the Rosary is difficult for your family to recite, try reading a passage from the Bible or saying a few morning prayers.

Whatever you do, know that God will unite your family when praying together in a consistent way.

¿Por qué a la familia le llaman "iglesia doméstica"?

By Julio de la Vega-Hazas

¿Tiene que ver con el concepto de casa? ¿Es porque los cristianos se llaman "hermanos"?

Sobre la familia como iglesia doméstica hay un epígrafe en el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, que abarca los números 1655-1658, con ese mismo título. En estas líneas no repetiremos lo que allí se dice. Se tratará más bien de explicar el fundamento teológico de esta idea, que permite entender su significado.

En primer lugar, conviene notar que la expresión no es una invención teológica. Ya se encuentra en San Pablo: al final de la primera epístola a los Corintios, al enviar saludos, incluye éste: "Aquila y Priscila, con la iglesia que está en su casa, os saludan mucho en el Señor" (16,19). Se trata, pues, no de cuestionar la terminología, sino de saber las razones que permiten hablar de ese modo. Para ello es necesario tener presente las nociones de Iglesia y familia, e introducirse en un mundo de analogías, o sea, de semejanzas. Los términos no se trasladan con significado idéntico, sino semejante.

La Iglesia es el pueblo de Dios, la comunidad que se establece con la comunión en Cristo –o, si se prefiere. En Dios a través de Cristo-. En ella encuentra el hombre los medios de salvación, principalmente la Revelación divina y la gracia, cuya entrada es el Bautismo y sus principales cauces los sacramentos y la oración.

La familia cristiana es una comunidad dentro de esa comunidad, que también forma una comunión particular con Dios desde el momento en que el matrimonio cristiano es un sacramento. Es el cauce ordinario establecido por Dios para que, en su seno, los hombres y mujeres que llegan a este mundo –los hijos- encuentren la gracia y la doctrina cristiana.

Quien bautiza es el sacerdote (o diácono), pero son los padres quienes llevan al niño a bautizar y se comprometen a darle una educación en la fe. Son ellos los responsables primarios de la catequesis de sus hijos, los que enseñan a rezar e introducen a sus hijos en las verdades de la fe. No lo hacen por delegación de la parroquia o el colegio; es al revés: pueden –y con frecuencia conviene hacerlo- hacerse ayudar en esa tarea, cuya responsabilidad es suya en primer lugar. La tarea de los padres es una verdadera misión eclesial: una labor que les encomienda la Iglesia, igual, por ejemplo, que la encomienda de una parroquia a un sacerdote por parte del obispo.

A esto podemos añadir varios rasgos de la Iglesia que se pueden trasladar a la vida de una familia cristiana que viva como tal: la particular comunión en Cristo de sus miembros, que se manifiesta en la acogida incondicional, en la oración en común, y en la proyección apostólica que debe tener de cara al exterior, pues una familia verdaderamente cristiana no se repliega en sí misma. Podemos concluir así que la familia está llamada a ser un lugar privilegiado de encuentro con Cristo.

Si se reflexiona sobre todo esto, enseguida se advierte que cada rasgo enumerado guarda un paralelismo con las señas de identidad de la Iglesia misma. En su conjunto, lo que ponen de manifiesto es que la familia está llamada a ser un reflejo de la Iglesia universal, e incluso de la Santísima Trinidad misma, que es la familia de Dios. En ella se ha de reconocer la vida y la naturaleza de la Iglesia.

Por tanto, como puede verse, el calificativo de iglesia doméstica no obedece a una feliz ocurrencia o a una bella metáfora. Hay razones de peso para utilizar ese término que, por lo demás, permite entender mejor por qué Dios ha querido incluir el matrimonio entre cristianos entre los sacramentos.

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?

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

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10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
October 4-15, 2020

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