

St. Mary's
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Catholic Churches



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, March 30		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, March 31		7 PM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Wed, April 1		8 AM - Marcella Brandt	No Mass
Thu, April 2	St. Francis of Paola	8 AM - Clara Grabber	7 PM -
Fri, April 3	First Friday of the Month	8 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Sat, April 4	St. Isidore	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, April 5	The 6th Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM - Parish Family	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.

K-C Council 2808 would like to thank everyone who came to eat fish with us on 3-13. We appreciate your support! We look forward to continuing our service to our parish, when all this passes. We will be praying for wisdom and guidance during these difficult times.

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.

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

7 Free spiritual resources during the COVID-19 crisis

By Philip Kosloski

Many Catholic companies are offering free resources to help keep your spirits at peace during this crisis.

Catholics around the world are experiencing spiritual anxiety as they are denied access to the sacraments. It has been a distressing time for many, and to help keep our spirits focused on God, many Catholic companies are offering free resources during this crisis.

Below is a small selection of seven companies who are doing what they can to provide spiritual nourishment to the world.

1 ALETEIA

In the days and weeks to come, many of us will be legitimately prevented from participating in Sunday Mass and other liturgical services. Therefore, Aleteia is bringing you, with the help of Magnificat, an aid to keep spiritually engaged, healthy, and active during these exceptional times. Click here for access to this free spiritual resource.

2 MAGNIFICAT

Announced on their website, "During this challenging time, many of the faithful are unable to attend Mass. Magnificat is honored to provide complimentary access to our online version to help people pray from home." This includes daily Mass readings as well as other spiritual resources.

3 OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

Our Sunday Visitor is providing a free newsletter, "Keeping the Faith Amid COVID-19." After signing-up, "Every day, you'll get a list of stories from OSV and beyond to help keep you mentally and spiritually grounded during this time of uncertainty."

4 FORMED

A digital platform featuring movies, audiobooks and faith formation studies, the Augustine Institute recently announced a free 40-day trial of their content. It is often dubbed, "Catholic Netflix," and the free trial can be accessed here.

5 ASCENSION

The Catholic publisher is providing "Spiritual Guidance & Resources During COVID-19." Their website states, "Ascension is here to walk with you during this difficult time. Please view our offerings below and check back often for latest updates."

6 GIVE US THIS DAY

Featuring daily Mass readings and other spiritual content, Give Us This Day is providing "free access to the March and April issues" and 60 days free access to their Give Us This Day app.

7 MY CATHOLIC KIDS

A resource aimed at families, My Catholic Kids states, "During the coronavirus national emergency, we are making our library of Mass videos for the Children's Missalette available free to all!"

Cómo el cristianismo nació en las casas particulares

By Félix María Arocena

En los primeros siglos, a los cristianos no se les permitía celebrar su fe públicamente y se los obligaba a "guardar el domingo" en casa

Si bien el cristianismo se asocia más comúnmente con iglesias grandes y hermosas donde la liturgia se celebra regularmente, al principio era una historia muy diferente.

Los cristianos fueron minoría durante los primeros siglos, y fueron perseguidos por casi todos los demás. Además, no tenían recursos para erigir iglesias grandes y grandiosas. En cambio, mantuvieron la fe y se reunieron en casas particulares.

La Enciclopedia Católica afirma "que los primeros lugares dedicados al culto cristiano fueron las habitaciones en viviendas privadas se admite en todas las fuentes ... la afirmación en sí misma apenas necesita pruebas".

La evidencia de esto se encuentra incluso en el Nuevo Testamento, especialmente en los Hechos de los Apóstoles.

Íntimamente unidos, frecuentaban a diario el Templo, partían el pan en sus casas, y comían juntos con alegría y sencillez de corazón (Hechos 2,46)

Se cree que las cartas de san Pablo están dirigidas a congregaciones de cristianos que se reunían en las casas de los demás para la Eucaristía.

"Las Iglesias de la provincia de Asia les envían saludos. También los saludan en el Señor, Aquila y Priscila, junto con los hermanos que se congregan en su casa". (1 Corintios 16,19)

Estas reuniones generalmente se llevaban a cabo en casas más grandes, pero estas casas solo podían acomodar alrededor de 40-50 personas.

Esto significa que estas "iglesias" eran bastante pequeñas y los pastores locales atendían las necesidades de solo un puñado de familias.

Sin embargo, una vez que el cristianismo ya no estuvo bajo persecución, la Iglesia creciente necesitaba construir edificios mucho más grandes para albergar a todos los fieles. Ya no se necesitaban casas particulares y la misa se podía celebrar abiertamente sin ninguna amenaza.

Curiosamente, este no ha sido un episodio aislado: durante la historia, cada vez que el cristianismo no se podía practicar en público, los cristianos volvían a reunirse en las casas, sobreviviendo así la Iglesia a muchas pruebas.

¿Podría suceder lo mismo durante la epidemia de coronavirus, haciendo de cada hogar cristiano una pequeña iglesia?

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

The Office of the Victim’s Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Amarillo

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Natural Family Planning (NFP). Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home Study Course** from NFP International, www.nfpandmore.org. Includes Ecological Breastfeeding (it really *can* space babies), a double-check system of fertility awareness, and Catholic teaching that’s easy to understand. Work with a live instructor by email. Completion certificate. Only \$70.

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.