

**St. Mary's
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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, August 3		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, August 4	St. John Vianney	7 PM - Marilyn Dudenhoeffer	No Mass
Wed, August 5	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major	8 AM - Kirsten Simons	No Mass
Thu, August 6	Transfiguration of the Lord	8 AM - Marcella Brandt	7 PM
Fri, August 7	St. Sixtus II	8 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Sat, August 8	St. Dominic	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, August 9	The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	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

Until further notice: We will not have a liturgy list, but ask for volunteers to lector.

Live Mass Streaming: We will continue to live-stream mass for the time being. To access, follow our Facebook Page: StMarys Umbarger.

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.

Prayer for an increase in patience

By Philip Kosloski

If you struggle with patience, turn to God and ask him to increase this virtue in your life.

Patience is one of the most difficult virtues to attain in our modern, fast-paced society. Everything is expected to be lightning fast, and when it isn't, we can get easily frustrated.

Unfortunately, a lack of patience can easily lead us to grow in anger and even lash out at people. This is not spiritually healthy and distances us from God.

If you want to grow in patience, the best thing to do is ask God for help. Often he will give you many opportunities to be patient and when he does, we must be ready.

Below is a brief prayer adapted from the Golden Manual that can be part of our daily prayer routine, asking God to increase patience in our lives.

O Merciful Redeemer, and God of infinite patience. I am astonished and confounded at your unwearied patience, always waiting for us to turn back to you. Help me to imitate you and grant me an increase in patience and conformity to your blessed will in all the adversities of this life. I offer you all my exterior and interior sufferings for this intention. Strengthen my weakness, confirm this my resolution of patiently waiting for all things. I place all of this inside your most Patient Heart.

Prayer for protection against storms

By Philip Kosloski

The next time a storm passes by, pray this short and powerful prayer.

Storms can often be frightening to endure, especially when they are severe and life-threatening. Even the apostles were afraid of a storm at sea.

While we may not know why God allows such a destructive event to occur, we can always place our trust in him and ask for protection from any storm.

Here is a prayer adapted from a 19th-century prayer book that asks God to protect us and come to our aid in the midst of a fierce storm.

Prayer for protection against storms

Protect, we ask you, O Lord, this house against the assaults of our spiritual enemies; and cause the present dreadful disorder of the air to cease. We offer you, O Lord, our praises and sacrifices in thanksgiving for the favors we have already received.

Lord, please hear our humble prayers; that we may rejoice in the ceasing of this storm, and always make a good use of the grant of your favors.

Amen.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

¿Por qué los católicos tienen santos?

By Edifa

¡Las personas que están en el cielo son mucho más útiles de lo que pensamos a menudo!

“Hay un solo Dios y un solo mediador entre Dios y los hombres: Jesucristo, hombre él también, que se entregó a sí mismo para rescatar a todos” (1 Tm 2,5-6).

Es a causa de estas palabras de Pablo que a los protestantes no les gusta escuchar decir que los santos rezan por nosotros en el Cielo. Jesús es el “solo mediador” que tenemos ante el Padre.

“Él es el Sumo Sacerdote que necesitábamos: santo, inocente, sin mancha, separado de los pecadores y elevado por encima del cielo” (Heb 7,26).

Toda la Biblia, no obstante, proclama que Dios tiene en cuenta hasta la más mínima súplica que Le dirigen sus hijos (Sal 32,22; Lc 11,9).

Por eso el Apóstol no duda en pedir a los fieles que recen por las otras comunidades y por él mismo (Ef 6,18-20; Co 4,3-4).

Y en el cielo, un ángel ofrece a Dios “la oración de todos los santos” (Ap 8,3).

Evidentemente, los católicos no olvidan nunca que es a través de Cristo y en Él que esas oraciones pueden tener valor.

Sin embargo, ¿cómo podemos representar la fecundidad de la oración de todos los que ya están en el paraíso, cuando ya no pueden tener el “mérito” de rezar como lo habían hecho en la tierra?

Los santos, modelos para todos los cristianos

Hay que decir, para empezar, que Dios valora ciertamente la humildad y la confianza con la que nos dirigimos a nuestros mayores.

Sin duda es la razón por la cual, durante un exorcismo, Él no ejerce su poder sino hasta después de haber escuchado al sacerdote y a quienes lo acompañan suplicar largamente a los santos y a los ángeles que intervengan en favor del desafortunado atacado por un demonio.

Además, al pedir la intercesión de los santos, elevamos necesariamente los ojos hacia ellos y nos disponemos a admirar su generosidad, su amor al Señor.

Y aquí Dios se complace al ver que, en vez de tenerles envidia, nos regocijamos en su santidad.

Al pensar en ellos, nos dan ganas de parecernos a ellos: la caridad crece en nuestro pobre corazón de pecadores y, por el mismo hecho, “merecemos” un poco más ser satisfechos, aunque los dones del Señor son siempre absolutamente gratuitos.

Nuestras oraciones permiten una eventual beatificación o canonización

aún tenemos que realizar para conseguir unirnos a ellos: una nueva victoria contra nuestro orgullo.

Una victoria también contra nuestro desaliento, porque el Espíritu nos susurra en la oreja: “¡Tú también puedes hacer lo mismo!”.

Al final, cuando hacemos una novena de oraciones para pedir una curación a través de la intercesión de una persona fallecida “en olor de santidad”, permitimos a la Iglesia proceder eventualmente a su beatificación o su canonización, en el caso que la curación sucediera después de esta novena.

Todo sabiendo que Dios satisface siempre la más humilde oración del más pequeño de sus hijos... pero según su calendario, incesantemente diferente del nuestro!

7 Bible verses for encouragement

By Philip Kosloski

These Bible verses can inspire and encourage you when you need it most.

When life events and current news leave us in a depressing mood, one of the best places to turn to for encouragement is the Bible.

The Bible has hundreds of verses that are meant to encourage us and lift our spirits up when we are feeling down.

Below is a short selection of seven encouraging Bible verses that can lift up your day.

1 THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION; WHOM SHOULD I FEAR? THE LORD IS MY LIFE'S REFUGE; OF WHOM SHOULD I BE AFRAID? (PSALM 27:1-2)

2 MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING, SO THAT YOU MAY ABOUND IN HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. (ROMANS 15:13)

3 THE VALIANT ONE WHOSE STEPS ARE GUIDED BY THE LORD, WHO WILL DELIGHT IN HIS WAY, MAY STUMBLE, BUT HE WILL NEVER FALL, FOR THE LORD HOLDS HIS HAND. (PSALM 37:23-24)

4 BE STRONG AND STEADFAST; HAVE NO FEAR OR DREAD OF THEM, FOR IT IS THE LORD, YOUR GOD, WHO MARCHES WITH YOU; HE WILL NEVER FAIL YOU OR FORSAKE YOU. (DEUTERONOMY 31:6)

5 CAST ALL YOUR WORRIES UPON HIM BECAUSE HE CARES FOR YOU. (1 PETER 5:7)

6 I HAVE THE STRENGTH FOR EVERYTHING THROUGH HIM WHO EMPOWERS ME. (PHILIPPIANS 4:13)

7 FOR I KNOW WELL THE PLANS I HAVE IN MIND FOR YOU, PLANS FOR YOUR WELFARE AND NOT FOR WOE, SO AS TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE OF HOPE. (JEREMIAH 29:11)

También se instala en nosotros una mayor humildad, porque nos damos cuenta de los enormes progresos que

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?

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

Respect Life Banquet
Sunday, Sept. 27
Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room
Keynote Speaker: Kathryn Whitaker - Catholic author, blogger, speaker, freelance graphic designer and Panhandle native.
 Live & Silent Auctions Available
 4:30 - Social Hour
 5:30 - Prime Rib Dinner
 For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.amarillodiocese.org/r/m-banquet or call the Family Life Office (806-414-1059)