

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



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, August 31		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, September 1		7 PM - Al Peters	No Mass
Wed, September 2		8 AM - Jim Grabber	No Mass
Thu, September 3	St. Gregory the Great	8 AM - Members of Catholic Life Insurance	7 PM
Fri, September 4	First Friday of the Month	8 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Sat, September 5		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, September 6	The 23rd 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.

The Christian Mothers Organization is looking for a president and a secretary. Please prayerfully consider stepping up to serve the parish and connect in this fellowship of women. If you are interested or would like to know more information, please call Debbie Batenhorst at 499-3543.

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 teachers, students and protection from diseases

By Philip Kosloski

This prayer invokes the intercession of St. Joseph Calasanz, patron of schoolchildren and a saint who helped plague victims.

One of the many patrons of education is St. Joseph Calasanz, a holy priest who opened free schools for poor children and established a religious order of teaching priests (known as the Piarist Fathers).

He is also well known for the aid he gave to those suffering from the plague in the 16th century.

Both of these associations make him a powerful intercessor for teachers and students and for protection from viral diseases in an education setting.

Here is an adapted prayer to St. Joseph Calasanz, asking for his aid in the upcoming school year.

St. Joseph Calasanz, protector of youth, great servant of Our Lord, who did work such marvels on their behalf; you who, having made yourself a mirror for them of burning charity, of unwearied patience, of deep humility, of angelic purity and of every other heroic virtue, by a holy example, by words full of the Spirit of God, did inspire them to flee dangerous occasions, to hate sin, to detest vicious courses, and to love piety and devotion, and thus did guide countless souls to Heaven.

Obtain for us, your humble and devoted servants, help in time of danger, protection from all harmful diseases, and a fruitful school year, so that, by placing our trust in God, we may one day be united with you in Heaven. Amen.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

How to enjoy life when everything is uncertain

By Philip Kosloski

The future is often difficult to handle, but God shows us the way to enjoy life without being overwhelmed by uncertainty.

It is a natural desire to want to be in control of your future. When we feel in control, we can predict what will happen and have a sense of security.

However, in reality we have very little control over what will happen next, and when everything fluctuates on a daily basis, it can send us into a deep state of anxiety.

The key to staying sane and enjoying life when the future is no longer in our hands is to focus on today.

Jesus explained to his disciples, “seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil” (Matthew 6:33-34).

Jesus wants us to focus on living the Gospel today, in the present moment.

Fr. Francis Xavier Lasance explains this type of living in his early 20th-century book, *My Prayer Book*.

One secret of a sweet and happy Christian life is learning to live by the day. It is the long stretches that tire us. We think of life as a whole, running on for us ... We can not fight this battle continually for half a century. But really there are no stretches. Life does not come to us all at one time; it comes only a day at a time.

When we think of life, it is easy to think of everything happening at the same time. However, it never does. Each moment passes, and we are to concern ourselves first with that single moment.

It is a blessed secret this, of living by the day. Any one can carry his burden, however heavy, till nightfall. Any one can do his work, however hard, for one day. Any one can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely until the sun goes down. And this is all life ever to us—just one little day.

If we can focus on today, then we can more easily enjoy life. While we certainly need to keep in mind how our actions will affect our future, we need to realize that our life is not in our control and that dwelling on the future too much can be distracting.

Do today's duty, fight today's temptations and do not weaken or distract yourself by looking forward to things you can not see and could not understand if you saw them. God gives us nights to shut down upon our little days. We can not see beyond them. Short horizons make life easier and give us one of the blessed secrets of brave true holy living.

Everything could change tomorrow. The important duty we have is to fulfill today's responsibilities and trust that God will take care of the rest.

When we live our lives trusting God and living in the present moment, we can finally rest peacefully and enjoy what God has given us.

Alaba a Dios por su bondad contigo con esta oración

By Philip Kosloski

Las oraciones de alabanza son importantes, ya que dirigen nuestra atención a Dios y reconocen las muchas bendiciones que nos da

Cuando alabamos a alguien, nuestra atención se enfoca fuera de nosotros mismos, reconociendo la bondad en los demás. Es una práctica buena y saludable para hacer de forma regular. Lo mismo ocurre con la alabanza a Dios.

De hecho, casi todo el libro de Salmos del Antiguo Testamento es una oración de alabanza y agradecimiento a Dios por su bondad y misericordia.

Aquí hay una breve oración adaptada del Libro de oración familiar, que alaba a Dios por su bondad contigo:

Acepta, grandísimo y glorioso Rey, la ofrenda de nuestra alabanza. Enséñanos a glorificarte siempre. Enséñanos a renunciar a nosotros mismos y a hacer todas las cosas para la gloria de Dios. Recordemos siempre las muchas bendiciones que hemos recibido de ti. Recordemos siempre que tú nos creaste; que nos redimiste; que nos llamaste a ti mismo; y nos has dado los medios de salvación. A ti, oh Señor, sea la gloria; a ti sea alabanza y acción de gracias.

Gloria al Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

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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

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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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**