

**St. Mary's
&
Holy Name of Jesus
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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, November 16	St. Margaret of Scotland	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, November 17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	7 PM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Wed, November 18	St. Rose Philippine	8 AM - Marcella Brandt	No Mass
Thu, November 19		8 AM - Clara Grabber	7 PM
Fri, November 20		8 AM - Jim Grabber	No Mass
Sat, November 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Mary	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, November 22	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	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.

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule:
November 25 at 7 PM in Happy
November 26 at 9 AM in Umbarger

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.

Why you should live as if you will die today

By Philip Kosloski

Death is no longer frightening when you live each moment thankful for life, spending the little time you have preparing for eternity.

We know neither the day, nor the hour when we will pass from this life to the next. However, in our modern world it is tempting to forget about that stark reality. We have made so many advancements in healthcare that the average life expectancy is rising every year. Most people will live until at least 80 years of age!

This is unheard of in human history, as in ages past many would only live until their mid-30s.

Nevertheless, even if we will likely live for decades more on this earth, we should live each day as if it were our last.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms this way of living, "The Church encourages us to prepare ourselves for the hour of our death" (CCC 1014). The Catechism then quotes Thomas a Kempis and the following passage from *The Imitation of Christ*.

Every action of yours, every thought, should be those of one who expects to die before the day is out. Death would have no great terrors for you if you had a quiet conscience Then why not keep clear of sin instead of running away from death? If you aren't fit to face death today, it's very unlikely you will be tomorrow.

How often do we try to "run away from death"? We think somehow we will escape its grasp, but nobody has ever succeeded in that endeavor.

Instead, live as though you will die today. It changes everything.

When we are constantly prepared for death, it no longer has a "sting," and contains "no great terrors." Furthermore, we can maintain a spirit of thanksgiving, always mindful that each moment we receive is a gift from God.

If you want to change your life in a positive way, live it expecting to die at any moment, using the time you have to do good on earth.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Why purgatory is a place of hope

By Philip Kosloski

The promise of purgatory can bolster our hope in the future, showing the beauty of God's love for us.

Purgatory isn't always portrayed as a hopeful place. For many, purgatory is depicted as a place of purification, where we experience a great deal of suffering before entering the courts of Heaven.

This description can be misleading, as it can almost make it seem like a type of Hell.

Pope Benedict XVI reiterated that purgatory is meant to be a place of hope, mentioning it in his encyclical on hope, *Spe salvi*.

At the moment of judgment we experience and we absorb the overwhelming power of his love over all the evil in the world and in ourselves. The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy ... The judgement of God is hope, both because it is justice and because it is grace ... If it were merely justice, in the end it could bring only fear to us all ... grace allows us all to hope, and to go trustfully to meet the Judge whom we know as our "advocate."

The existence of purgatory can give us hope during our life on earth, affirming to us that God is a just Judge, an "advocate," rather than an arbitrary dictator. He wants to clothe us with his love, not only in this life, but also in the next. This love spurs us on, giving us hope that all the good we do is not in vain.

Furthermore, purgatory has another dimension that should give us hope. It is a place where we are still united to the Church on earth.

The souls of the departed can, however, receive "solace and refreshment" through the Eucharist, prayer and almsgiving. The belief that love can reach into the afterlife, that reciprocal giving and receiving is possible, in which our affection for one another continues beyond the limits of death—this has been a fundamental conviction of Christianity throughout the ages and it remains a source of comfort today.

Pope Benedict is referring to the ability to pray for the souls of the faithful departed, having a real impact on their experience of purgatory.

In this way we further clarify an important element of the Christian concept of hope. Our hope is always essentially also hope for others; only thus is it truly hope for me too. As Christians we should never limit ourselves to asking: how can I save myself? We should also ask: what can I do in order that others may be saved and that for them too the star of hope may rise? Then I will have done my utmost for my own personal salvation as well.

If we are in need of more hope in our lives, think about purgatory and the great gift Jesus has given us in that middle place.

Cuando Padre Pío rezaba por alguien, decía esta poderosa oración

By Philip Kosloski

Miles de milagros son el resultado de esta sencilla oración dicha por un santo

Normalmente, cuando alguien nos pide que recemos por una intención específica, tenemos nuestra oración de «cabecera». Puede ser el Rosario, un Padre Nuestro, o simplemente un sincero ruego a Dios.

San Pío de Pietrelcina (más comúnmente conocido como «Padre» Pío) tuvo su oración favorita que oró por todos los que pidieron sus oraciones. Cada día muchas personas, ya sea en persona o por carta, le pedían al Padre Pío que orara por una intención específica y muchas veces esta intención fue milagrosamente respondida por Dios.

A continuación se encuentra la oración que el Padre Pío rezaba cada vez que quería interceder por alguien. En realidad, es una oración compuesta por Santa Margarita María Alacoque y comúnmente se llama la «Novena Eficaz del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús». Ella era una santa que vivió en el siglo XVII y durante su vida recibió múltiples visiones de Jesús.

Muchos creen que esta es una oración poderosa porque llama al corazón de Jesús a tener misericordia de nosotros y de nuestras peticiones. El corazón de Jesús está lleno de amor y compasión y esta oración confía en ese amor, creyendo que él es lo suficientemente tierno como para dar generosamente nuestra petición, si es en su santa voluntad.

Por encima de todo, se debe orar con una fe sincera, como el Padre Pío la habría rezado, y no como una fórmula mágica. Dios no es un genio que nos otorga el deseo que pedimos, sino que responde con amor a un niño que pide algo, sabiendo ex

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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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