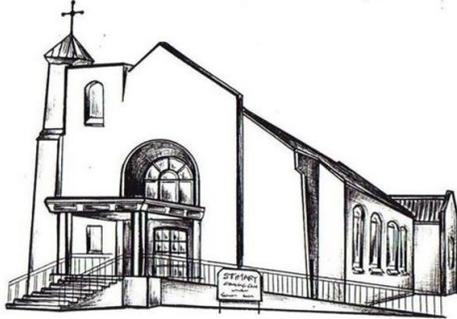


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<b>Mass Schedule</b>			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, July 19		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, July 20	St. Apollinaris	7 PM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Wed, July 21	St. Lawrence of Brindisi	8 AM - Clara Grabber	No Mass
Thu, July 22	St. Mary Magdalene	8 AM - Joe Godfrey	7 PM -
Fri, July 23	St. Bridget	8 AM - John Grabber	No Mass
Sat, July 24		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, July 25	The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

# ST. MARY'S

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10:30 AM

**Anointing of the Sick:** By Request

**CYO** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall

**CCD:** Sundays at 10:15-11:30

**Liturgy Sign-up Sheet:** is located in the back of the Church. Please sign up for Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Altar Servers!

**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 do priests wash their hands during Mass?

By Philip Kosloski

The priest does not wash his hands because they are dirty, but to signify a spiritual meaning.

When attending a Catholic Mass, you may notice that the priest washes his hands immediately before reciting the Eucharistic prayer at the altar.

At first glance it may seem as though the priest is washing his hands because of dirt, but if that were the only reason, why not wash his hands before Mass?

The reason is spiritual, as St. Cyril of Jerusalem notes in his Catechetical Lectures.

You have seen then the Deacon who gives to the Priest water to wash, and to the Presbyters who stand round God's altar. He gave it not at all because of bodily defilement; it is not that; for we did not enter the Church at first with defiled bodies. But the washing of hands is a symbol that you ought to be pure from all sinful and unlawful deeds; for since the hands are a symbol of action, by washing them, it is evident, we represent the purity and blamelessness of our conduct. Did you not hear the blessed David opening this very mystery, and saying, I will wash my hands in innocency, and so will compass Your Altar, O Lord? The washing therefore of hands is a symbol of immunity from sin.

The priest says a quiet prayer at this point in the liturgy that reinforces this reality.

"Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."

It is a simple gesture, but one that has profound spiritual meaning.

The ritual is meant to remind the priest that he is called to live purely and devoutly, avoiding all sin.

Everything in the liturgy has a meaning, though it may not be clearly evident.

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

### **The sign of peace at Mass began as a solemn act of forgiveness**

By Philip Kosloski

*It was a more intimate affair, ensuring that any grudges were forgiven before receiving the Eucharist.*

While many Catholics are familiar with the sign of peace at Mass, few know the origins of this liturgical action.

The sign of peace was not created to be a casual exchange, but a profound plea for forgiveness.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem explains the spiritual meaning of this action in his Catechetical Lectures.

Then the Deacon cries aloud, "Receive ye one another; and let us kiss one another." Think not that this kiss is of the same character with those given in public by common friends. It is not such: but this kiss blends souls one with another, and courts entire forgiveness for them. The kiss therefore is the sign that our souls are mingled together, and banish all remembrance of wrongs. For this cause Christ said, "If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remembers that your brother has anything against him, leave there your gift upon the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. The kiss therefore is reconciliation, and for this reason holy: as the blessed Paul somewhere cried, saying, Greet ye one another with a holy kiss 1 Corinthians 16:20; and Peter, with a kiss of charity 1 Peter 5:14 .

Ancient cultures had a custom of a "kiss of peace," which was much more meaningful than the simple handshake or waving that has replaced it in the modern Church.

Furthermore, since churches were relatively small at the time, everyone knew everyone else, making this "kiss" more meaningful, as you likely held grudges against people you saw on a regular basis.

This is much different than modern-day parishes, where the congregation is constantly changing and you don't even know the person standing next to you.

Nevertheless, the spiritual meaning behind the sign of peace remains, urging all of us to reconcile with our brothers and sisters before approaching the altar.

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### **Frustrated with people, St. Anthony preached to the fish instead**

By Philip Kosloski

The people wouldn't listen to the Gospel, so St. Anthony of Padua preached to the fish and found a more willing audience

There are many legends and stories from the life of St. Anthony that are meant to highlight his sanctity and union with God. One such story is the legend of St. Anthony of Padua preaching to the fish.

It is recounted in the book *The Little Flowers of St. Francis of Assisi* and displays what happens when a saint gets frustrated with people.

St. Anthony being at one time at Rimini, where there were a great number of heretics, and wishing to lead them by the light of faith into the way of truth, preached to them for several days, and reasoned with them on the faith of Christ and on the Holy Scriptures. They not only resisted his words, but were hardened and obstinate, refusing to listen to him.

This shows that even a saint's preaching can fall on deaf ears when the people are not willing to receive the Gospel message.

Fed up with the hard hearts of the people, St. Anthony went to a more willing audience.

At last St. Anthony, inspired by God, went down to the sea-shore, where the river runs into the sea, and having placed himself on a bank between the river and the sea, he began to speak to the fishes as if the Lord had sent him to preach to them, and said: "Listen to the word of God, O ye fishes of the sea and of the river, seeing that the faithless heretics refuse to do so."

No sooner had he spoken these words than suddenly so great a multitude of fishes, both small and great, approached the bank on which he stood, that never before had so many been seen in the sea or the river. All kept their heads out of the water, and seemed to be looking attentively on St. Anthony's face; all were ranged in perfect order and most peacefully, the smaller ones in front near the bank, after them came those a little bigger, and last of all, where the water was deeper, the largest.

A massive amount of fish began to pop up everywhere, and it didn't take long for word to get out among the people that there was a miracle occurring at the sea.

And the people of the city hearing of the miracle, made haste to go and witness it. With them also came the heretics of whom we have spoken above, who, seeing so wonderful and manifest a miracle, were touched in their hearts; and threw themselves at the feet of St. Anthony to hear his words. The saint then began to expound to them the Catholic faith. He preached so eloquently, that all those heretics were converted, and returned to the true faith of Christ; the faithful also were filled with joy, and greatly comforted, being strengthened in the faith.

Sometimes it takes preaching to a different group entirely for others to be attracted to the faith and see the error of their ways.

God certainly works in mysterious ways!

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

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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 the Parish Office 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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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](http://ACTSamarillo.org)

**Fun, Fellowship & Learning at Ceta Canyon** with the Panhandle Franciscans & other local families on July 23-25 is open to registrants! For more information and to register online,

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