

**St. Mary's
&
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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, August 9	St. Teresa Benedicta	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, August 10	St. Lawrence	7 PM - Clara Grabber	No Mass
Wed, August 11	St. Clare	8 AM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Thu, August 12	St. Jane Frances de Chantal	8 AM - John Grabber	7 PM -
Fri, August 13	Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus	8 AM - Patsy Gomez	No Mass
Sat, August 14	St. Maximilian Kolbe	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, August 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	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

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

Christian Mothers Meeting: will be on after mass on Tuesday, August 17th. All women are welcome to celebrate mass, fellowship and share ideas to better our faith community!

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.

What is a "major" basilica?

By Philip Kosloski

The word "major" does not refer to its size, but to the church's historical importance in the city of Rome.

Throughout the liturgical calendar, there are a handful of feasts for the dedication of various "major" basilicas.

These basilicas are located in Rome and have been celebrated by the Church for many centuries.

The word "major," doesn't distinguish its size or architectural beauty, but it's historical importance.

The Catholic Encyclopedia gives a brief explanation.

To the former class belong primarily those four great churches of Rome (St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul-without-the-Walls), which among other distinctions have a special "holy door" and to which a visit is always prescribed as one of the conditions for gaining the Roman Jubilee. They are also called patriarchal basilicas, seemingly as representative of the great ecclesiastical provinces of the world thus symbolically united in the heart of Christendom.

St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the pope, the Patriarch of the West.

St. Peter's is assigned to the Patriarch of Constantinople,

St. Paul's to the Patriarch of Alexandria,

St. Mary Major to the Patriarch of Antioch.

St. Lawrence-outside-the-Walls is also reckoned as a greater basilica because it is specially attributed to the Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Furthermore, since they are so closely tied to the pope, "they possess a papal throne and an altar at which none may say Mass except by the pope's permission."

These major basilicas are also some of the oldest churches in Rome, dating back to the 4th and 5th centuries.

There exists no other major basilicas outside Rome, though there are many "minor" basilicas scattered on nearly every continent.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Catholic prayers for students and teachers for the school year

By Philip Kosloski

Surround your students and teachers with the love of God with these prayers.

Each new school year brings many challenges as well as many blessings. It provides an opportunity for children of all ages to deepen their God-given intellect, propelling them on the path God has marked out for them.

Here is a compilation of many of the Catholic prayers for students and teachers Aleteia has published.

Prayer to send angels to protect the school

Lord Jesus Christ, who bade your apostles to pray that peace might come on any house they entered, we entreat you to bless this building dedicated for the education of the young. Bestow your peace and blessing on it in full measure, so that its teachers and pupils may experience your saving grace, as did Zaccheus when you came into his home. Bid your angels to keep guard here and to drive away all power of the enemy. Inspire the teachers with knowledge, wisdom, and holy fear. Foster their pupils with grace from on high, so that they may grasp, retain, and put into practice the lessons they are taught. May teachers and pupils alike so please you by a truly virtuous life that they may finally deserve to be received into your everlasting home in heaven; through you, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our God, who live and reign forever and ever.

Prayer for students to Mary, Seat of Wisdom

Under your patronage, dear Mother, and calling on the mystery of your Immaculate Conception, I desire to pursue my studies and my literary labors: I hereby solemnly declare that I am giving myself to these studies chiefly to the following end: that I may the better contribute to the glory of God and to the promotion of your veneration among all people.

I ask you, therefore, most loving Mother, who are the Seat of Wisdom, to bless my labors in your loving-kindness. Moreover I promise with true affection and a willing spirit, as it is right that I should do, to ascribe all the good that shall come to me therefrom, wholly to your intercession for me in God's holy presence. Amen.

Prayer for teachers, students and protection from diseases

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.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

Grant, O merciful God, that I may ardently desire, prudently examine, truthfully acknowledge, and perfectly accomplish what is pleasing to Thee for the praise and glory of Thy name. Amen.

Catholic prayer for passing a test from St. Thomas Aquinas

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding.

Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance.

Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally.

Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm.

Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion. I ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for final exams

O holy Joseph of Cupertino, who loves to bestow your favors upon all in need of your assistance, I implore your help with my studies and upcoming examinations. Despite my hard work and good will, I am anxious about these tests, and how I will perform. Remember, Saint Joseph, that you too endured a similar difficulty and that through obedience and the powerful protection of your spiritual father, you were providentially helped toward your calling and vocation.

Remember that you found yourself in the same difficulty and that through obedience and the powerful protection of your spiritual father you came out providentially well.

I beg your assistance now; help me to be confident in my testing, and prompt and alert in all of my answers. I ask your prayers for my intention, in the name of Jesus, and also with a special supplication to Mary and Saint Francis, your Holy Father.

O patron saint of academic examinations, I am convinced that my hope in your prayerful assistance will not be disappointed. Amen

Prayer to St. John Bosco, Patron of School Children

St. John Bosco Friend of the young, Teacher in the ways of God, Your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still. Help me to work for a better world, where the young are given the chance to flourish, where the poor's dream for justice can come true, and where God's compassion is shown to be real. Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you and to our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians. Amen.

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:
Umberger: 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

ST. MARY’S: Servero Gomez, Jeremy Koch, Charles Russell

Holy Name of Jesus: Lucy Armendariz, Ricardo Brionez Sr., Ricardo Brionez Jr., Joe Frausto, Susana Garza, Ralph Galaviz, Betty Gonzales, Martina Mendez, Martin Montoya, Santos Perez, Mario Quzada, Joaguin Saenz, Stephaney Saenz, Sergio Saenz Jr, Griselda Saenz, Felix Silva, Pedra Soto, Betty Sosa, Leonel Sosa, Mary Ann Sosa, Paula Sosa

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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

Holy Family Church Labor Day Picnic
Sept. 5 - Nazareth
Parade: 10 AM
Roast Beef Dinner - 11 AM
Adults - \$12 10yrs & younger - \$6
Bake Shoppe, Adult Raffle, Cow Patty Bingo, Children’s Games and Water Events available
Auction - 1:30 PM
Cornhole Tournament & Live Music
Hamburger Supper - 5 PM