

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



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<b>Mass Schedule</b>			
		<b>Umbarger</b>	<b>Happy</b>
Mon, September 13	St. John Chrysostom	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, September 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	7 PM - John Grabber	No Mass
Wed, September 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	8 AM - Kenny Hicks	No Mass
Thu, September 16	Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian	8 AM - Christian Mothers	7 PM -
Fri, September 17	St. Robert Bellarmine	8 AM - Dale & Kathy Artho	No Mass
Sat, September 18		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, September 19	The 25th 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!

**Want to change the world!?** Please prayerfully consider serving the parish as a catechist. We are looking for a teacher for our confirmation class (7-8 grade). We are also searching for helpers/substitutes in PreK-K, 1-3, 4-6, and 7-8. We appreciate your time in helping form faith for our future! Contact Bridget Guerrero at 806-654-0823.

**Next Sunday:** Sept. 19th there will be a short Christian Mothers meeting in the hall to gather information on when best to set the meetings and to gather ideas for the society. All women are welcome!

**Christian Mothers Meeting:** this Tuesday, Sept 21 after mass. We will discuss information and vote on new plans. We invite all women to attend!

**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.

## **When weary and worried, call on St. Joseph with these prayers from a saint**

By Kathleen N. Hattrup

St. Joseph could find joy in the midst of toil and trials because he had Jesus with him. So can we.

Pope St. John XXIII had a deep devotion to St. Joseph. He wrote various prayers to the Spouse of Mary. He particularly understood that St. Joseph can come to our aid when life has us down.

Here are adapted excerpts from his prayers that we can use to turn to St. Joseph today.

*St. Joseph, kindly protect me as I trustingly come to you. You know my aspirations, my hardships, my hopes. I look to you because I know you will understand and protect me.*

*You too knew trial, labor, and weariness. But amid the worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you, and, with Mary, his tender Mother.*

*Keep me aware that I do not labor alone. Teach me to find Jesus near me and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.*

### **Jesus is at my side**

For Pope St. John XXIII, the key element of Joseph's joy in the midst of his work and worries was his closeness to Jesus. We can't see Jesus with our eyes as Joseph could, but in some sense, we can be even closer to him, as he dwells within us. St. Joseph can help us to remember Christ's presence.

Here is another short prayer from Pope John:

*O glorious Saint Joseph,  
 remind all who work  
 that they are not alone in their labor,  
 their joy,  
 or their sufferings,  
 because Jesus is by our side,  
 with Mary, his mother and ours,  
 supporting them,  
 wiping sweat from their brow,  
 and setting a value on their toil.*

*Teach them to use their labor,  
 as you did,  
 as a supreme means of attaining holiness. Amen.*

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

### The one word summary of the mission of Christ

By Fr. Patrick Briscoe, OP

Ephphatha: Christ opens more than the ears of the deaf and the mouths of the mute in the Scriptures.

Among the many accounts of the miracles Jesus worked which are recorded in the New Testament, the healing of the deaf man in Mark 7 is particularly memorable. By commanding “ephphatha”—that is, “be opened”—Jesus summarizes his saving mission.

The Gospel recounts the episode, saying, “He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “Ephphatha!”— that is, “Be opened!” — And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly” (Mark 7:34-35).

Our Lord’s actions are so deliberate. First, see how Jesus pulls the man aside. There is an intimacy to their encounter. This healing is a moment where the Lord is present just to this one man alone.

In addition, the episode is very physical. Christ puts his finger in the man’s ears, and spitting, touches his tongue. The contactus, the physical contact of the Lord and another, recalls the gentle touch of a physician. Christ acts directly upon those he heals.

Finally—and this is perhaps the reason the episode is so memorable—Christ gives a clear command.

“Ephphatha,” says the Lord; “Be opened,” Jesus commands. This distinct Syriac (or, according to some scholars, perhaps Aramaic) word, ephphatha, summarizes the work of Christ’s ministry. He came to open.

Christ opens the heavens

In the Gospel accounts of the Lord’s baptism, we read: “After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him” (Matthew 3:16). By the grace of baptism, the Lord pours forth the gifts of heaven. Jesus, by initiating the sacraments opens the gates of heaven for us.

Jesus opens the scroll

Following his baptism, the Lord began his public ministry. Luke’s Gospel states, “He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah” (Luke 4:16-17). Christ opened the scroll, and fulfilled the teaching of the prophecy he read. Later in Luke’s Gospel, while walking with disciples on the road

to Emmaus on the day of the resurrection, Jesus opens the scriptures. the life and ministry of Christ fulfill all the prophecies and wonders of Israel’s history.

Our blessed Lord opens eyes

In a miraculous healing recorded in John’s Gospel, a miracle not unlike the opening of the ears of the deaf man in Mark, Jesus gives sight to a blind man. “He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, ‘Go wash in the Pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see” (John 9:6-7).

The man born blind was able to see. By working this miracle, Our Lord opened the eyes of witnesses of the miracle to see the Son of God. The opening of eyes to the person of Christ starkly contrasts with those who cannot see who Christ is.

Jesus opens the tomb

When his friend Lazarus dies, Jesus arrives and commands those gathered to open the tomb. “He cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, with his face wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, ‘Untie him and let him go’” (John 11:43-44). This astonishing miracle foreshadowed Christ’s own resurrection; his victory over death. Christ opened his grave and fulfilled the prophecy of Ezekiel, “Thus says the Lord God: Look! I am going to open your graves; I will make you come up out of your graves, my people, and bring you back to the land of Israel” (Ezekiel 37:12).

The opening of minds and hearts

Physical isolation, the separation no doubt caused by closure of the deaf man’s ears, is symbolic of a deeper closure, a greater suffering. Pope Benedict XVI says, “There is an inner closing, which covers the deepest core of the person, what the Bible calls the ‘heart.’ That is what Jesus came to “open,” to liberate, to enable us to fully live our relationship with God and with others.” Jesus’ intervention changes the horizon of our destiny, opening us to the heights of God’s love.

Pope Benedict explains, “This little word, ‘Ephphatha – Be opened,’ sums up Christ’s entire mission. He became man so that man, made inwardly deaf and dumb by sin, would become able to hear the voice of God, the voice of love speaking to his heart, and learn to speak in the language of love, to communicate with God and with others.” Christ frees us from the chains of sin, from slavery to darkness, and makes us free to hear and speak of the glory of God’s grace.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

**FOR BULLETIN NOTICES** – Bulletin Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant by email: [frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com](mailto:frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com) or Christina Wegman by email: [cwegman696@yahoo.com](mailto: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 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 Jr., Selia Diaz, Susana Garza, Ralph Galaviz, Betty Gonzales, Martina Mendez, Martin Montoya, Santos Perez, Mario Quzada, Cruz & Lisa Rodriquez, Joaguin Saenz, Stephaney Saenz, Sergio Saenz Jr, Griselda Saenz, Felix Silva, Pedra Soto, Alexis Sosa, 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](http://ACTSamarillo.org)

**Respect Life Banquet:**

September 19  
Amarillo Civic Center  
Keynote Speaker: Trent Horn - Catholic Answers apologist, author, speaker & blogger  
4:30 - social hour 5:30 - Prime Rib Dinner  
Live & Silent Auctions  
For more information or to purchase tickets, go to: [www.amarillodiocese.org/rfm-banquet](http://www.amarillodiocese.org/rfm-banquet)  
Or call the Family Life Office at 806-414-1059