

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



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<b>Mass Schedule</b>			
		<b>Umbarger</b>	<b>Happy</b>
Mon, Nov 26		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, Nov 27		7 PM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Wed, Nov 28		8 AM - Frank Cady	No Mass
Thu, Nov 29		8 AM - Marilyn Dudenhoeffer	7 PM - Ben Barrera
Fri, Nov 30	St. Andrew	8 AM - Gaylord Malecha	No Mass
Sat, Dec 1		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, Dec 2	1st Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

# ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher
December 2, 2018	Robert Friemel	Kyle Guerrero Paityn Wieck Brynleigh Crockett	Dustin Dorman Rick Auckerman Mike Wegman	Walt Davis

**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

**Thank you** to each and everyone who made this years German Sausage Festival a success!! From the oldest to the youngest thanks for all the hard work! Sincerely, 2018 Chairman Tim and Monica Wilhelm and Co-Chair Kevin and Denise Schenk

**CCD News:**

There will be no CCD on November 25th  
 We will be having a meeting with the high school parents during the CCD time on December 2.  
 We will be having Christmas pageant practice on December 4th and 6th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm and on December 9th during CCD. The Christmas Pageant will be on December 9th starting with pot luck at 6pm.

**Christian Mothers** will have their last meeting of the year on Tuesday, November 27th after Mass. Please bring a wrapped ornament for the Christmas exchange. Also bring your favorite snack food.

**Parish Cookbook:** Give recipes to Lea Ann or email [laurieartho@gmail.com](mailto:laurieartho@gmail.com) until Dec 2, so we will know how many we will have for a book.

**St Mary's Prayer Blanket Ministry** If you or a loved one suffers from a serious illness and would like a blanket, please contact Laurie Wegman or Fr Grant.

**Bible Study,** our Bible Study Group is studying "A Concise History of the Catholic Church" On Thursday evenings at 7pm at Bill and Frances Dorsey's home.  
 23400 Brown Rd., Canyon, **806-290-0734.**

**A powerful prayer to St. Joseph for the conversion of a family member**

By Philip Kosloski

*When someone we love has lost their way and needs a little spiritual help.*

As hard as we try to have a positive influence on our family members, there will be occasions when a loved one drifts away from God and pursues a life contrary to the Gospel. It can be difficult to watch and often we will feel helpless, not knowing what to do.

Besides being a faithful witness of love and charity, we can also extend to them our spiritual help, praying that they turn back and embrace the loving arms of God.

That's exactly what St. Monica did with her rebellious son, St. Augustine, and he became one of the greatest saints of all time.

Below is a prayer to St. Joseph for the intention of someone's conversion. It is a powerful prayer, as St. Joseph is known as a great intercessor in times of need.

*Oh glorious patriarch St. Joseph, who merited to be called "just" by the Holy Spirit, I urgently recommend to the soul of [Name], which Jesus redeemed at the price of his precious blood.*

*Thou knowest how deplorable is the state and how unhappy the life of those who have banished this loving savior from their hearts, and how greatly they are exposed to the danger of losing him eternally. Permit not, I beseech thee, that a soul so dear to me should continue any longer in its evil ways; preserve it from the danger that threatens it; touch the heart of the prodigal child and conduct him back to the bosom of the fondest of fathers. Abandon him not, I implore thee, till thou hast opened to him the gates of the heavenly city, where he will praise and bless thee throughout eternity for the happiness which he will owe to thy powerful intercession.*

*Amen.*

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

### Parish Finances November 17, 2018

Regular Collection: \$51

#### Why do we celebrate “Christ the King”?

By Brother Silas Henderson, SDS

*“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”*

—Luke 23:42

Although the annual celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King has been part of the life and prayer of the Church for many years, two years ago I had an opportunity to experience this celebration in a very different context: with a Protestant community celebrating “Reign of Christ” Sunday. Their observance of this day provided me with a new perspective on this feast and for what it can mean for all, particularly in these post-election days when our nation, communities, and families seem more divided than ever before.

And so, to help us have a better sense of what this Sunday’s celebration is all about, I think it’s important for us to consider the history of the feast and the reasons that we have a special day dedicated to the Universal Sovereignty of Christ as part of our liturgical calendar.

When Pope Pius XI instituted a special feast honoring Christ “the King” in 1925, he grieved for a world that had been ravaged by the First World War and which had begun to bow down before the “lords” of exploitative consumerism, nationalism, secularism, and new forms of injustice. The old power structures in Europe and the Middle East were fading into memory (including the colonial system that allowed European nations to claim lands in Africa, Southeast Asia, and South America). A new and uncertain world was rising in their place.

Pope Pius recognized that, for the Christian, those passing empires and colonies did not define who or whose they were. Instead, he reflected that the kingdom to which Christians belong is “spiritual and concerned with spiritual things... it demands of its subjects a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things, and a spirit of gentleness. They must hunger and thirst after justice and more than this, they must deny themselves and carry the cross” (from the Encyclical *Quas primas*, 15). Pope Pius envisioned “a dominion by a King of Peace who came to reconcile all things, who came not to be served but to serve” (20). As the Second Reading this Sunday reminds us, the reign of Christ embraces all people.

violence, uncertainty, and questions about what we owe to those who are the victims of terror and oppression.

The idea of a “king” is very foreign to most of us. In fact, there are only 29 sovereign monarchs in the world today. (This number would be 30, if we include Pope Francis as the sovereign head of Vatican City.) And yet, in our communities, many of us will sing great hymns like “To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King” and “Crown Him with Many Crowns.” By limiting the focus of this feast to the kingship of Christ, we risk losing the broader view of what we are really celebrating today: our citizenship in the Kingdom of God. And the message that we hear today is that we can no longer identify simply ourselves as “American,” “Navajo,” “Italian,” “Dutch,” “Sudanese,” or “Thai.” We have been claimed by and for Christ in our baptism and our true home is in the Reign of Christ—a reality that surpasses the limits of boundaries, ethnicities, and even time itself. We are co-citizens of God’s Kingdom, with all the Communion of Saints.

In the end, this Sunday’s celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe reminds us that the Kingdom of Christ isn’t some far-off reality. We are living in that Kingdom now. After all, Jesus tells the dying thief “Today you will be with me in Paradise.” But this feast also reminds us that while we should honor Jesus as our “Sovereign King,” we must also emulate his total gift of himself, perfectly embodied in his sacrifice on the Cross. It is only by imitating our thorn-crowned King that we can help bring relief to those who suffer and God’s healing mercy to those who long for forgiveness, helping to proclaim the Good News of the Reign of Christ in the world today.

*What does it mean for you to be a citizen in the Kingdom of Christ?*

*How are you being called to promote Pope Pius’ vision of the Reign of Christ in the world today?*

*How have you experienced God’s boundless love and tenderness in?*

Words of Wisdom: “Jesus in Galilee was not teaching a religious doctrine for his listeners to learn and follow. He was proclaiming an event, so could accept it joyfully and faithfully. No one saw him as a teacher devoted to explaining the religious traditions of Israel. They knew a prophet with a passion for a fuller life for everyone, who only wanted people to embrace God, so that God’s reign of justice and mercy would become ever wider and more joyful. His goal was... to hasten the coming of the long-awaited reign of God, which meant life, justice and peace.”—José A. Pagola, *Jesus: An Historical*

This is certainly a timely reminder as we confront

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

**FOR BULLETIN NOTICES** – Bulletin Deadline: Thursday @ noon. For St Mary’s please contact Lana Bracken cell: 806.640.4672; email: LanaSueBracken@gmail.com. For Holy Name of Jesus please contact Fr. Grant email: frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com.

**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 call Fr. Grant or leave the intention in the collection basket.

**Please pray for all the sick in our parishes**

**ST. MARY’S:** Anita Adams, Sawyer Lane, Mary Beth Sayers, Jeanie Bartley, Dianna Donathon, Jeremy Koch, Bill Stocker, John Grabber, April Artho, Mary Kolac, Gene Schenk, John Wilson, Kyle Henderson, Jose Sanchez, Ashlee Trevino, Audree Rose Gomez, Mike Smith, Oscar Olvera, Collier Friemel, Marcella Brandt, Tuffy Schenk, Lusi Ortiz, John Kreighauser, Sean Schenk, Misty Blevins, Darrol Adams, Chris Adams

**Holy Name of Jesus:** Silvia Silva, Rosa Villa, Astrid Perez, Santos Perez, Gloria Rodin, Larry Simons, Mario Soto, Pedra Soto, Louis Castellon, Lionel Sosa, Maryann Sosa, Martina Martin

**Natural Family Planning (NFP).** Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home Study Course** from NFP International, [www.nfpandmore.org](http://www.nfpandmore.org). Includes Ecological Breastfeeding (it really *can* space babies), a double-check system of fertility awareness, and Catholic teaching that’s easy to understand. Work with a live instructor by email. Completion certificate. Only \$70.

**Would you Like to attend an ACTS Retreat Weekend?**

Next Retreat: ***Teen’s Retreat December 27-30, 2018***

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)**

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe