

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



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| Mass Schedule | | | |
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| | | Umbarger | Happy |
| Mon, Dec 10 | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Tue, Dec 11 | St. Damasus I | 7 PM - Patsy Huseman | No Mass |
| Wed, Dec 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe | 8 AM - Marilyn Dudenhoeffer | No Mass |
| Thu, Dec 13 | St. Lucy | 8 AM - Gaylord Malecha | 7 PM - Rev. Father John Baptist Bui Duc Duong |
| Fri, Dec 14 | St. John of the Cross | 8 AM - Rebecca Johnson | No Mass |
| Sat, Dec 15 | | | 5:30 PM - Parish Family |
| Sun, Dec 16 | 3rd Sunday of Advent | 9:00 AM - Parish Family | No Mass |

ST. MARY'S

| Date | Lector | Servers | Eucharistic Ministers | Usher |
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| December 16, 2018 | Kristi Batenhorst | Raynee Robinson Davis Wieck Caden Dorman | Denise Schenk Kevin Schenk Robert Friemel | Dustin Artho |

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

Upcoming Important Dates:

December 9th - Knights of Columbus Meeting After Mass
 December 9th - Christmas Pageant 6pm
 December 14th - 7pm Advent Penance Service - Umbarger

Christmas

December 24th - 7pm - Happy & 11pm - Umbarger
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CCD News:

The Christmas Pageant will be on December 9th starting with pot luck at 6pm.

Christian Mothers will be collecting money for Christmas Flowers after Mass on December 9th & 16th.

No Breakfast December 23rd and 30th.

Parish Cookbook: Keep gathering your great recipes, give recipes to LeaAnn or email laurieartho@gmail.com.

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 beautiful Advent hymn written by St. Ambrose to prepare for Christmas

By Philip Kosloski

St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan in the 4th century, was a spiritual giant in his day and has always been regarded as a Doctor of the Church. Among his many theological writings, Ambrose is also credited with various hymns and poems that were used in a liturgical setting.

St. Augustine relates his thoughts on one of Ambrose's hymns in a sermon on the Incarnation, "Blessed Ambrose has sung of this departure of our giant most briefly and beautifully in the hymn which you sang a little earlier. For speaking about the Lord Christ, he speaks as follows: 'His departure from the Father, his return to the Father; his journey down to hell, his journey back to the seat of God.'"

Below is this beautiful poem by St. Ambrose, that speaks eloquently of "Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness breathe a newer light."

*O COME, Redeemer of the earth,
 and manifest thy virgin-birth.
 Let every age in wonder fall:
 such birth befits the God of all.*

*Begotten of no human will
 but of the Spirit, Thou art still
 the Word of God in flesh arrayed,
 the promised fruit to man displayed.*

*The Virgin's womb that burden gained,
 its virgin honor still unstained.
 The banners there of virtue glow;
 God in his temple dwells below.*

*Proceeding from His chamber free
 that royal home of purity
 a giant in twofold substance one,
 rejoicing now His course to run.*

*O equal to the Father, Thou!
 gird on Thy fleshly mantle now;
 the weakness of our mortal state
 with deathless might invigorate.*

*Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
 and darkness breathe a newer light
 where endless faith shall shine serene
 and twilight never intervene.*

*All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,
 whose advent sets Thy people free,
 whom, with the Father, we adore,
 and Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen.*

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Parish Finances December 1, 2018

Regular Collection: \$562.00

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How to have a fruitful Advent, according to St. John Paul II

By Philip Kosloski

At times, Advent can be a difficult season to remain focused in. We may be distracted by a flurry of obligations or simply by the commercial nature of the Christmas season. The good news is that the Church has a rich treasury of resources that can help you keep the spirit of Advent alive in your heart.

One such treasure is the vast number of homilies and audiences of St. John Paul II. He spoke eloquently each year about the Advent season and left us many insightful reflections to guide us on our Advent journey. Here is a short collection of his insights that teach us how to have a fruitful Advent season.

1. Devote yourself to prayer

Preparing ourselves to receive him requires first and foremost an attitude of intense and trusting prayer. Making room for him in our hearts demands a serious commitment to convert to his love.

2. Work for peace in your heart and in the world

We should be converted to peace; we should be converted to Christ, our peace, certain that his disarming love in the crib overcomes every dire threat and plan for violence. With confidence we need to continue to ask the Child, born of the Virgin Mary for us, that the enormous energy of his peace might drive out the hatred and revenge that lurk in the human soul. Let us ask God that the good and our love might overcome evil.

3. Recognize the dignity of all human persons

Christmas is the privileged occasion to highlight one of the most influential Christian values: with the birth of Jesus, in the simplicity and poverty of Bethlehem, God gave back dignity to every human being's existence. He offered to all people the possibility to participate in his same divine life. May this immeasurable gift always find hearts ready to receive it!

4. Look to Mary's example of faithful obedience. Mary, who in this novena of preparation for Christmas, guides us towards Bethlehem. Mary is the Woman of the "yes" who, contrary to Eve, makes the plan of God her own without reservation. Thus she becomes a clear light for our steps and the highest model for our inspiration.

5. Open your heart to an encounter with Jesus Christ "Open the door to Christ, your Savior!" This is the invitation at the heart of the City Mission, but it must first echo in our own hearts. We ourselves must first open the doors of our conscience and our life to Christ the Savior, making ourselves docile to the Spirit's action, so that we are more and more conformed to the Lord. Indeed, he cannot be proclaimed unless his image is reflected and brought to life in us by the grace and action of the Spirit.

6. Look forward with hope to Christ's Second Coming. The exhortation to be watchful resounds many times in the liturgy, especially in Advent, a season of preparation not only for Christmas, but also for Christ's definitive and glorious coming at the end of time. It therefore has a distinctly eschatological meaning and invites the believer to spend every day and every moment in the presence of the One "who is and who was and who is come" (Rv 1:4), to whom the future of the world and of man belongs. This is Christian hope! Without this prospect, our existence would be reduced to living for death.

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Dios omnipotente y misericordioso, haz que ninguna ocupación terrena sirva de obstáculo a quienes van presurosos al encuentro de tu Hijo, antes bien, que el aprendizaje de la sabiduría celestial, nos lleve a gozar de su presencia. Él, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

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

**The Office of the Victim’s assistance
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Natural Family Planning (NFP). Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home Study Course** from NFP International, 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