

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



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, Dec 24	Christmas Eve	11 PM - Christian Mothers	7 PM - Marilyn Dudenhoeffer
Tue, Dec 25	Christmas	10 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Wed, Dec 26	St. Stephen	No Mass	No Mass
Thu, Dec 27	St. John	No Mass	No Mass
Fri, Dec 28	The Holy Innocents	No Mass	No Mass
Sat, Dec 29			5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, Dec 30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher
December 24, 2018	Bill Dorsey	Braylee Crockett Jacie Guerrero Tatum Keller	Alex Butcher Mike Wegman Jason Garrett	Marvin Hartman
December 25, 2018	Roger Bathehorst	Alex Butcher Matthew Steffans Sonora Garrett	Jason Garrett Suzy Hicks Danny Hicks	Tim Steffans

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:

Christmas

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 December 25th - 10am - Umbarger

Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 31st - 7pm Happy
 January 1st - 9am - Umbarger

CCD News:

No CCD December 23rd and 30th.

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**.

Why you should sing "Happy Birthday" on Christmas day

By Philip Kosloski

It might seem silly at first, but the custom can deepen a child's understanding of Christmas.

A custom that many families are familiar with is singing the song "Happy Birthday" on Christmas Day. While not your traditional Christmas hymn, its straightforward lyrics help children understand the true meaning of Christmas.

For children, it's easy to wake up on Christmas Day and go straight for the presents underneath the tree or raid the stockings hanging by the fireplace. They soon forget about Jesus and immediately turn their thoughts to the many gifts before them.

However, one way to interrupt this process is by having the children sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus. You might even bake a birthday cake that features an image of the baby Jesus. Some families even have the children create "birthday presents" to Jesus that they drop off at the manger scene in church.

These things are simple and may even seem strange to do at first, but it's a helpful reminder that Christmas is in fact a birth-day.

In English this is more difficult to remember as our word for December 25 has no reference to "birth." However, in other languages, the word for Christmas recalls the meaning of the day.

In Spanish and Italian, Christmas is called "Navidad" and "Natale," both coming from the Latin word "nativitas," meaning "birth."

Whatever family traditions you choose, try to remember the "reason for the season" and consider adding traditions that emphasize the religious aspect of Christmas, a day that is known as Jesus' birthday.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Parish Finances December 15, 2018

Regular Collection: \$65.00

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Don't put that Christmas tree away! The Christmas season has just begun

By Philip Kosloski

The liturgical season of Christmas starts on December 25 and lasts through January.

It can be a little confusing. In secular society, Christmas is celebrated around the time of Halloween up until Christmas Day. On the day after Christmas all the decorations are put away and Christmas trees are put on the curb.

However, in the Roman Catholic Church, the liturgical season of Christmas does not start until December 25 (including the vigil celebrated on December 24) and lasts through January.

The USCCB explains how, "The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us."

This is where it can get a little more confusing as the Baptism of the Lord is a moveable feast, depending on the day when Epiphany falls in the Roman calendar.

For those dioceses that celebrate Epiphany on January 6, the Baptism of the Lord falls on the Sunday after it. In other places where Epiphany is celebrated on the first Sunday that falls from January 2 through January 8, then the Baptism of the Lord could occur either on the following Sunday, or on a Monday (this happens if Epiphany is celebrated on January 7 or 8).

The latest that the Baptism of the Lord can occur is January 13. Ordinary Time starts on the day after this feast.

This means that during certain years, Christmas lasts from December 25 – January 13!

If you want to celebrate the historical Christmas cycle, it extends even past the Baptism of the Lord. Traditionally the feast of Candlemas (the Presentation

of the Lord) occurs on February 2 and marked the final conclusion of the Christmas cycle.

This is because Candlemas celebrates an event that occurred 40 days after Jesus' birth and was his first introduction to the Temple. In other words, it is the final "baby Jesus" feast day on the Church's liturgical calendar.

In some places people did keep up Christmas decorations like the creche until February 2, though it is probably not advisable to keep your Christmas tree up for that long (it may be a fire hazard at that point).

Technically speaking, if you truly want to celebrate Christmas like Christians in ages past, you wouldn't decorate the house until Christmas Eve and then keep everything up until February 2.

This is very different from Christmas celebrations today!

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

Next Retreat: **January 17-20, 2019**
Men’s Retreat

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

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend,
February 22-24**

As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God’s love for us is reflected in our love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 22-24, at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo. Apply online (<http://www.meAmarillo.org>) before January 20 to receive \$25 discount off your \$100/couple application fee (use promo code: EarlyFeb). For more information, contact Rick & Bev Feller at 405-323-9119 or applywwmeAmarillo@gmail.com.