

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



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, Mar 4		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, Mar 5		6 PM - Patsy Huseman	No Mass
Wed, Mar 6	Ash Wednesday	8 AM & 6 PM	8 PM - Carmen Saenz
Thu, Mar 7		8 AM - Gaylord Malecha	No Mass
Fri, Mar 8		8 AM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Sat, Mar 9		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, Mar 10	1st Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher
March 6, 2019 6:00 pm	Melvin Wieck	Natalee Finke Tatum Keller Caden Dorman	Dustin Artho Rick Auckerman Dustin Dorman	Heath Henderson
March 10, 2019	Laurie Wegman	April Artho Braylee Crockett Johnna Finke	Karen Artho Denise Schenk Kathy Wieck	Mike Wegman

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

Ash Wednesday, March 6th, Mass Schedule:
 8 AM & 6 PM - Umbarger
 6:30 PM - Catholic Student Center
 8 PM- Happy

Sunday, March 3: Christian Mothers will provide a Soup and Chili supper at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Bingo to follow. Please bring a dessert and bingo prize. Everyone is invited.

No breakfast after mass on March 10th

Fat Tuesday: March 5th at 6:30pm. The KCs will be serving breakfast. We will be serving pancakes, bacon, eggs, ham for only \$5 bucks. Please come and enjoy this great deal. Thanks for your support!!

Saturday, March 30th at 8:30 am: Everyone is invited to help deep clean the church before Easter.

Easter Flowers: Christian Mothers will take a collection for Easter flowers on April 7 after Mass.

Parish Cookbook: Keep gathering your great recipes, give recipes to LeaAnn or email laurieartho@gmail.com. Deadline for recipes to be placed in the new cookbook is March 1st.

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 with Bill and Frances Dorsey will resume March 10th.

Fruhlingsfest Tickets are available to sell. Contact Suzy Hicks to pick-up tickets to sell.

Parish Secretary: We are still looking for an new parish secretary. If you are interested please talk to Fr Grant.

Pray for spiritual protection during Lent with this prayer

By Philip Kosloski

Lent is a battlefield, one where we follow Jesus into the desert to wage a spiritual war against the temptations of the devil. It's not easy and opens us up to spiritual attacks that try to lure us away from the practice of our faith.

As the season of Lent approaches, it's most appropriate to "put on the armor of God" and ask for divine protection in this regard. The saints and angels that surround us are ready to come to our aid and shield us from the buffets of this world.

Below is a traditional prayer that can be prayed for this particular intention.

Defend us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all dangers of mind and body. And through the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of God, of St. Joseph, of Thy Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the saints, in Thy loving kindness grant us safety and peace; that, all adversities and errors being overcome, Thy Church may serve Thee in security and freedom.

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Parish Finances February 23, 2019

Regular Collection: \$148.00

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Learn to see joy this Lent

By Tom Hoopes

The traditional Lenten practices are tailor-made to help us to grow not in the appearance of holiness, but actual holiness.

We are going through the motions of life and headed for disaster. But Lent is coming, just in time. That's the message of the readings on this last Sunday before Lent, the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C. We can be blind to so much.

The Gospel starts with an image from Jesus that has become a cliché, so that we hardly think of it anymore. "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" But Jesus is addressing this to each of us — he sees a real problem he wants to warn us about it. The problem is spiritual blindness.

We are at risk of becoming blind to our faults. We have so often indulged and excused the small luxuries and indiscretions we allow ourselves that we hardly notice the extent to which we have embraced a consumerist lifestyle that is morally lax.

We are at risk of becoming blind to the worth of others. We have enjoyed so much violence, sexuality, and ridicule of others in our entertainments and online that we hardly notice that this has changed the way we think of the people we meet.

We are at risk of becoming blind to the needs of those around us. We have so often rehearsed our excuses for not serving the material and spiritual needs of others that we often don't even bother to rationalize it anymore.

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" asks Jesus. It is because we have deadened and darkened our conscience, the voice of God in our hearts, but it refuses to be silenced. The alarm of our conscience still goes off — but often, we only hear it when it registers others' faults, not our own.

Lent is uniquely designed to address blindness — first of all, by showing us why we need to. The Second Reading this Sunday, from St. Paul, gives us a preview. After reminding us that we are "mortal" and "corruptible," it reminds us of Christ's triumph. "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

Lent begins when we have an ashen cross smeared on our head and hear the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." It ends when we venerate the cross of Jesus Christ on Good Friday and then celebrate his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Lent is all about confronting the inevitability of our death and doing all that is necessary to align ourselves with the only way out of death, which is in Jesus Christ.

Death has no hold on those who are "firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord." Those people can trade mortality for immortality, corruptibility for incorruptibility. The victory of Easter is not automatic, however. The readings this Sunday makes that clear. The first reading describes how we will be tested like husks in a sieve, like a pot in a furnace.

Jesus says that the evidence of our life will show who we are. "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good," as Jesus says, "but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil." You can't fool God. There is no substitute for actually becoming holy. Lent is the time to do that.

The traditional Lenten practices are tailor-made to help us to grow not in the appearance of holiness, but actual holiness. By fasting from those things we normally indulge in, we can see again all the excesses in our life that we are blind to, and break the bonds of slavery to them. By praying more, we can see our lives from God's point of view, giving us an objective view of our own state and others' worth. And by almsgiving — giving more and doing more for others — we can train ourselves in the generosity we need to get out of ourselves.

As Pope Francis put it, sin "is a blindness of the spirit, which prevents us from seeing what is most important, from fixing our gaze on the love that gives us life. This blindness leads us little by little to dwell on what is superficial, until we are indifferent to others and to what is good."

Lent is the time to do the hard work necessary to rediscover Jesus Christ and the people all around us — and that will be our greatest joy at Easter.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin

Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant by email: frgrantspinhirne@gmail.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 Debbie Batenhorst 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: 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, 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: **June 6-9, 2019**
Women'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**

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will host a Retreat for all women in the Diocese of Amarillo on Saturday, March 16 from 8:00 am to noon at St. Hyacinth Church, 4500 West Hills Trail. The day begins with registration and hospitality from 8:00 to 9:00, followed by presentations from School Sisters of St. Francis Sisters Mary Ana Steele and Mary Michael Huseman on the Lenten season. There is no cost to attend the retreat, but love offerings will be accepted. For additional information about the retreat, please contact Jeanie Burney, DCCW Spirituality Commission Chair, at 371-7131.

Sunday, March 3, 2019

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time