

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



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, Mar 25	The Annunciation of the Lord	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, Mar 26		7 PM - Lenten Penance Service	No Mass
Wed, Mar 27		8 AM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Thu, Mar 28		8 AM - Doug Artho	7 PM -
Fri, Mar 29		8 AM - Joe Spinhirne	No Mass
Sat, Mar 30		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, Mar 31	4th Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

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Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher
March 31, 2019	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

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

Lenten Penance Service: Tuesday, March 26th at 7PM

Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 29th lead by Christian Mothers at 6pm.

Lenten Fish Fry: The KofC will be having their 1st annual fish fry on Friday, March 29th at the KofC Hall. We will be severing from 6-9 pm. Cost: \$10 for adults 5 and under eat free. We would appreciate your support!! Thanks Council No 2808

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

Christian Mothers: Next Meeting Tuesday, April 29th after Mass.

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

Parish Cookbook: Deadline for recipes to be placed in the new cookbook has passed. Give recipes to LeaAnn or email laurieartho@gmail.com ASAP to have your recipes included in the cookbook.

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, apologetics and fellowship at Bill and Frances Dorsey's home every Thursday at 7:00 PM. 23400 Brown Rd., Canyon, **806-290-0734.**

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.

This prayer of St. Ephrem perfectly summarizes the spirit of Lent

By Philip Kosloski

Many Christians around the world pray this prayer every day of Lent.

For Eastern Christians, the liturgical season of "Great Lent" is punctuated throughout with the ancient prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian. Ephrem was a holy and devoted hermit who lived in the 4th century and composed a variety of prayers and hymns to God.

One of them has been used by Orthodox and Byzantine Christians for many centuries during penitential liturgies. In particular, it is used during weekday liturgical services of Lent, and many believe it perfectly summarizes the spirit of Lent.

The prayer begins by asking God to take away various sins, replacing them with corresponding virtues. This is a very important part of Lent, as Lent is not a season entirely focused on purging oneself of sins, but should also bring a person closer to practicing virtue.

St. Ephrem also asks God to reveal his own sins, while not judging the sins of others. Lent is a time for interior renewal, when we do not seek to change others, but only to change ourselves.

Below is a popular English translation of the prayer, which was originally written in the Syriac language.

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen

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Parish Finances March 16, 2019

Regular Collection: \$71.25

¿Qué criterio se utiliza para asignar un día concreto a los santos?

By Julio de la Vega-Hazas

Normalmente se celebra la fiesta el día de su "nacimiento", pero no te confundas de nacimiento

Empecemos por hacer un poco de historia. Hace muchos, muchos siglos, cuando el cristianismo estaba en sus comienzos y no estaba en la cabeza de nadie un concepto como el de calendario litúrgico, se comenzó a celebrar la Eucaristía sobre la sepultura de los mártires, y a venerar su memoria. Al principio, eran los considerados santos de un modo público. Para venerar su memoria, se escogía, con bastante lógica, el aniversario de su martirio. Lo llamaban dies natalis. Literalmente significa el día del nacimiento, el cumpleaños. Pero el "nacimiento" era aquí en realidad el nacimiento a la vida eterna, a la gloria.

El dies natalis –el aniversario del fallecimiento- siguió siendo a lo largo de los siglos, y es todavía, el criterio principal para asignar un día concreto a cada santo.

Sin embargo, no siempre es posible utilizarlo. En algún caso no se conoce con exactitud esa fecha. En otros, coincide con fechas de especial solemnidad, que conviene despejar de otras celebraciones.

Lo que se hace entonces es buscar una fecha apropiada, atendiendo a varias circunstancias. La principal son los calendarios locales. Me explicaré. Muchos santos han sido venerados en ámbitos reducidos –una diócesis, un país- antes de ser considerados santos por la Iglesia universal. Y en esos casos se traslada al calendario universal la fecha que se utilizaba localmente.

Otros criterios se pueden referir a efemérides, a sucesos de particular importancia en la vida del santo en cuestión. Por ejemplo, si se trata de un Papa, puede ser el aniversario del día de su elección. Éste es el caso de san Juan Pablo II, ya que el 2 de abril, fecha en que falleció, es una fecha en la que la mayoría de los años habría que trasladar varios días la celebración, por coincidir con Semana santa o la semana de Pascua.

Lo que no se hace es elegir el día del cumpleaños, pues se considera que lo celebrado no es la llegada a este mundo, sino su triunfo final al acabar esta vida.

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

By Philip Kosloski

Throughout the centuries, one of the most popular devotions that has stood the test of time has been the Stations of the Cross (also known as the Way of the Cross or, in Latin, the Via Crucis). It consists of a number of "stations" along which an individual can retrace the footsteps of Jesus Christ during his Passion and death.

According to an ancient tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary visited the sites of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection on a daily basis after his ascension into Heaven. Many other traditions also claim that Mary followed Jesus along the road to Calvary.

However, in performing this practice, the Blessed Mother did not create a popular devotion with prayers and specific "stations" to follow. She simply was trying to relive the powerful events of Jesus' passion and hold them "in her heart," contemplating the great sacrifice he made.

It wasn't until a few centuries later, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia, that "a group of connected chapels were constructed as early as the fifth century, by St. Petronius, Bishop of Bologna, which were intended to represent the more important shrines of Jerusalem ... These may perhaps be regarded as the germ from which the Stations afterwards developed, though it is tolerably certain that nothing that we have before about the fifteenth century can strictly be called a Way of the Cross in the modern sense."

By the Middle Ages, the Holy Land became a volatile area and pilgrims were not given easy access to the shrines of Jesus' Passion. As a result, Franciscans and others throughout Europe began building chapels and shrines that replicated these sites in Jerusalem. In particular, Dominican priest Blessed Álvaro of Córdoba spread the devotion in Europe, beginning in Cordoba, where he erected small oratories similar in style to modern day stations.

According to Fr. William Saunders, "William Wey, an English pilgrim, visited the Holy Land in 1462, and is credited with the term 'stations.' He described the manner in which a pilgrim followed the steps of Christ." The term became popular in the English language and eventually was applied to those scenes that were set up in churches.

By the 17th century the Franciscans wanted to begin erecting these "stations" within the church walls and asked Rome for permission. Additionally, they wanted the faithful to be granted the same indulgences that would have been given to those who traveled to Jerusalem. Pope Innocent XI recognized the need and granted their request, paving the way for the Stations of the Cross as we know them today.

As a result, historians can't say there was one person in particular who was responsible for the Stations of the Cross. Various holy individuals throughout the centuries, beginning with the Blessed Virgin Mary, walked in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, contemplating his Passion and death. It is a beautiful tradition, one that has grown organically over the years.

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:

Umberger: 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, 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.

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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