

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



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, May 13	Our Lady of Fatima	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, May 14	St. Matthias	7 PM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Wed, May 15	St. Isidore	8 AM - Mark Handing	No Mass
Thu, May 16		8 AM - Clara Grabber	7 PM -
Fri, May 17		8 AM - Jim Grabber	No Mass
Sat, May 18	St. John I	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, May 19	5th Sunday of Easter	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

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Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher	Gifts
May 19, 2019	Heath Henderson	Caden Dorman Tanner Robinson Raynee Robinson	Denise Schenk Kevin Schenk Kathy Wieck	Harold Artho & K of C Usher	Keller Family

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

Liturgical Minister Training: *Sunday, May 19th.* If you would like to help serve in the different ministries during mass, we will be having a training for all new and current Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers. While CCD classes are going on, we will begin with Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers trainings for Adults. Then, after CCD we will have the training for Altar Servers.

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.

Knights of Columbus News:
 The K-C will be having their last meeting on 5-12-19 before the summer break. We will making the summer plans and activity, so come be part of that!

Upcoming Ordinations:
 Deacon Taylor Elzner and Deacon Victor Hugo Andrade will be ordained to the Priesthood Saturday, June 1 during a 10:30am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 South Washington. Please make plans to join us at the Cathedral for this joyous occasion.



The significance of the Virgin Mary's final words in the Bible
 By Philip Kosloski

The last time we hear from the Blessed Mother in the New Testament, she has a profound lesson to teach us.

While St. Joseph is entirely silent throughout the New Testament, the Virgin Mary speaks on multiple occasions. What's interesting are the final recorded words that she speaks in the entire Bible.

Her words are found in the Gospel of John and are in the context of the "Wedding Feast at Cana." Mary, ever attentive to the needs of others, notices that the wedding couple have run out of wine. She approaches her son, Jesus, and lets him know about the situation. Then she says her final words in scripture.

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)

Mary's words are profound and can provide an entire lifetime of meditation. Her words, "Do whatever he tells you," do not only apply to the waiters at the feast, but to every Christian throughout history.

Her mission has always been to point others to her son, Jesus, and to urge them to follow his commands. Mary leads others to Christ and speaks those words to us today.

Furthermore, these words highlight the need for action in our lives of discipleship. It's not enough to simply profess our faith in Jesus Christ, we must also live it out, following Jesus' every word.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains this reality when discussing the sacrament of confirmation,

Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds (CCC 1316).

If we are to listen to Mary's words, we must examine our own lives and consider how much we have obeyed God's commands in our words and deeds. As the old saying goes, "actions speak louder than words."

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Parish Finances May 5, 2019

Regular Collection: \$550.00

Senior Citizens Luncheon: May, 16th at 12:00pm(Noon). More information to come.

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Who wrote the four Gospels?

By Daniel Esparza

Ancient ideas on "authorship" and "inspiration" might be different from ours.

Tradition attributes the authorship of the Gospels to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the four Evangelists. John and Matthew belonged to the Twelve Apostles of Jesus, while Mark and Luke are known as "apostolic men." Mark is identified with the John Mark we find in the book of Acts (Acts 12:12) and the Mark of the first letter of Peter (1 Pt 5:13).

A letter from Papias, the bishop of Hierapolis around the year 130, refers to Mark as being "Peter's interpreter, who wrote down accurately, although not in order, all that he remembered of what the Lord had said or done." St. Irenaeus and Clement of Alexandria support this identification, as they also support that of Luke as being the physician and beloved disciple of Paul (Colossians 4:14).

Matthew is identified with the tax collector Jesus calls as an apostle (Mt 9:9-13). Some sources claim it was Matthew who first compiled a collection of Jesus' sayings in Aramaic, of which we only have the Greek version. John, on the other hand, was identified as John the Apostle by Irenaeus, following the instructions of his teacher, Polycarp, who was in turn a disciple of John himself.

But are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John the authors of the Gospels? The answer depends on how we understand the notion of "authorship."

The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council makes it clear that the Church "has firmly and with absolute constancy maintained and continues to maintain that the four Gospels, whose historicity she unhesitatingly affirms, faithfully hand on what Jesus, the Son of God, while He live among men, really did and taught for their eternal salvation until the day He was taken up."

After Jesus' Ascension the apostles, enlightened by the Holy Spirit and endowed with a fuller understanding of Jesus' teachings, handed on to others what Jesus himself did and taught. These teachings and acts were written down by the sacred authors, also guided by the Holy Spirit themselves. They described and narrated the events and teachings of Jesus which they might have witnessed themselves, or which had been handed on to them, whether orally or in written form, sometimes synthesizing some of these teachings or events, or maybe adapting them for a specific audience (this being the main reason why the Gospels often describe the same things, but with different nuances).

But are these sacred authors also the saints we know as the Four Evangelists? To answer this question properly, there are at least two things we must keep in mind. The first one, that the Church has always referred to the Gospels as "according to": we have the Gospel according to Matthew, according to Mark, according to Luke, and according to John (katá in the original Greek), not "by" any of these saints.

The second one, which follows from this, is that the ancient understanding of "authorship" was quite different from ours. In the ancient world, authorship might be attributed to the person who actually wrote the text, but also to the one who dictated the text to a scribe or a secretary. For example, we know Jeremiah dictated his words to a scribe named Baruch (Jeremiah 36:4), and Paul himself tells us it was a secretary called Tertius who wrote down his letter to the Romans (Romans 16:22). But also, an individual would still be considered the author of a text even if that person only provided the main ideas, or if the text was written according to that person's thought, even if somebody else did the actual composition. In sum, a given individual was considered to be the author of a text if the work was written in that person's tradition (as in the case of, for instance, David, who is considered the author of the Psalms, or Moses, who is credited with the first five books of the Bible).

It is hard to say whether the Gospels we have are indeed the handwritten work of any of these four saints. But regardless of who the inspired author was in the end, two things are clear: one, that the Gospels were indeed written in the very early days of Christianity — the earliest fragments of the Gospel of Matthew, for instance, have been dated in the year 40, thus indicating the author was indeed an eyewitness to Jesus' public ministry — and, two, that these authors wrote what the Holy Spirit wanted them to write. As the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation reads, "since all that the inspired authors, or sacred writers, affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge that the books of Sacred Scripture firmly, faithfully and without error, teach that truth, which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures."

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: Marie Weick, 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: Juanita of Idaho, 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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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

Rural Life Masses

South Deanery: May 15th 6pm
Hereford, Tx
(Call St. Anthony Church for Farm Mass
location: 806-364-6150)