

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



Diocese of Amarillo

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, Jan 2	Sts Basil & Gregory	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, Jan 3		7 PM - Deceased Loved Ones Of Holy Family Parish	No Mass
Wed, Jan 4	St Elizabeth Ann Setn	8 AM - Dennis & Marcella Brandt	No Mass
Thu, Jan 5	St John Neumann	8 AM - Deceased Loved Ones Of Holy Family Parish	7 PM
Fri, Jan 6	First Friday	8 AM - Vocations	No Mass
Sat, Jan 7		5 PM - + Cara Dearing	No Mass
Sun, Jan 8	Epiphany of the Lord	8:30 AM - Parish Family	11:15 - Parish Family

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
Dec 31	Rick Auckerman	Volunteers	Galen Reinart Mary Reinart	Volunteers
Jan 1	Tim Steffens	April Artho Jacie Guererro Brynleigh Crockett	Harold Artho Karen Artho Jason Garrett	Volunteers

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1st Sunday at 10 AM
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd weekend after mass
Question and Answers w/ Fr Christopher:
 2nd Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the hall
CYO 4th Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall

CYO Anyone in grades 7th - 12th is welcome to join St. Mary's Catholic Youth Organization. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Brandon or Tina Finke @ [806-683-7777](tel:806-683-7777) (text or call) or by email finkes5@sbcglobal.net

Parish Finances December 25
 Regular Collection: \$2,449
 Children's Collection: \$31

Food Drive The Christian Mothers are sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Buff-A food pantry at the Catholic Student Center. The food pantry is especially in need of canned protein or other non-perishable "main dish" items. Other items that are appreciated are toilet paper, bars of soap, and shampoo. Items can be dropped off in the narthex or the parish hall.

Weekly Bible Study, Apologetics and Social Group is back. We meet at the Dorsey's home on Thursdays at 7pm. 23360 Brown Rd, Canyon, 806.656.0766.

Flocknotes In case we have to cancel mass due to bad weather, we will notify everyone through Flocknotes. If you have not signed up for Flocknotes, please see the bulletin insert from last week for instructions.

New Year's Eve The parish will be taking a "break" from the New Year's Eve celebration this year. We hope to bring it back next year.

We are currently looking for someone to lead a **meal ministry** in our Parish. We would like to provide meals to families during critical times like the loss of a loved one, birth of a baby, adoption of children, illness, etc. This person would organize meals with the help of an easy to use app. The app lets the family list any food allergies, shows a history of what meals the family has received, and sends reminders to people that signed up to take food. The app allows the chairperson to facilitate meals, even if they are traveling or out of town. If you would like to know more, or are interested, please talk to Fr Christopher or contact Lana Bracken at 806.640.4672.

Blessing of Homes The Christmas Season is the traditional time for blessing homes, especially on the Epiphany. If you would like to have your home blessed please call Fr. Christopher.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Mary, Mother of God

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. A solemnity is a liturgical celebration that is different from feast days and memorials. All three honor the Saints or special aspects of Jesus and Mary, but solemnities are the highest degree of celebration and are reserved for the most important mysteries of the Faith. Some solemnities are also holy days of obligation but these vary from country to country according to the standards set by the bishops' conferences. In the United States, January 1 is a holy day of obligation.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is celebrated on the Octave of Christmas. Octave comes from the Latin word for "eight," and is the name for the ancient Church practice of celebrating Christmas for eight days. The tradition dates back to the Old Testament, when the Hebrew people observed many of their feasts for a period of eight days.

Mother of God, or in Greek Theotokos, is the highest title ever to be given to Mary. She was given this title during the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD. The Council taught that Jesus' humanity and divinity could not be separated, and therefore Mary rightly deserved the title Mother of God. Mary brought Jesus into the world, and so she truly is God's mother, since Jesus is the second person of the Trinity.

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Average Weekly Parish Expenses: \$450

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Bendición de Casas El tiempo de Navidad es el tiempo tradicional para la bendición de la casa, especialmente en la Epifanía. Si desea que su casa sea bendecida, llame al P. Christopher.

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Flocknotes Si tenemos que cancelar la misa debido al mal tiempo, notificaremos a todos a través de Flocknotes. Si no se ha inscrito en Flocknotes, consulte el folleto informativo de la semana pasada para obtener instrucciones.



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. Christopher s.c.schwind@gmail.com

Baptism or Wedding Please contact Fr. Christopher at least 1 month in advance for baptisms and 6 months advance for weddings.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Umbarger: Saturdays at 4:30 pm and Sundays at 8:00 am or by appointment. **Happy:** Sundays at 10:45 a.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. or by appointment.

To use or rent the church or parish hall, please contact Fr. Christopher or Debbie Batenhorst at least 3 months before the event.

FOR MASS INTENTIONS please call Fr Christopher or leave the intention in the collection basket.

Please pray for all the sick in our parishes

ST. MARY'S: Mark Handing, Aline Stocker, Mary Kolac, Gene Schenk, John Wilson, Bill Stocker, Kyle Henderson, Donna Kuhnert, Jose Sanchez, Ashlee Trevino (Jose's & Ali's granddaughter), Audree Rose Gomez (Jeff & Faunette Stocker's granddaughter), Patsy Huseman, Mike Smith, Oscar Olvera, Collier Friemel, Marcella Brandt, Tuffy Schenk, Vince Meyer, Lusi Ortiz (Cheile Ortiz's sister), Severo Gomez

HOLY NAME OF JESUS: Alice Saenz, Serenity Hamer, Alexander & Vicki Hamer

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.

Year of Mercy

There is no better way to end the Year of Mercy than to say yes to being a team member on a Kolbe Retreat. (Version of ACTS in Prison)

Two Kolbe Prison Retreats have been schedule for next year of 2017. The first one, God willing, will be held at the Clements Unit on January 26-28, of 2017 and the 2nd one has been schedule for March 23rd to March 25th at the Neal Unit.

The first retreat held at the Clements Unit will be directed by the Hill Country Kolbe Retreat Prison Ministries from the Archdiocese of San Antonio. These men, are all KC and ACTS team members. The Director for our first Kolbe Retreat will be Jeremy Itz assisted by Larry Reeh.

The Kolbe Retreats were adapted from the ACTS Retreats and from what I hear are pretty similar to the Acts Retreats and directed by ACTS directors.

We are inviting and asking for the support of 30 men (Volunteers) from the ACTS Community, KC, and Cursillo Community to make this retreats possible.

If willing to volunteer please get in contact with:

Deacon Blaine Westlake: Pastoral Center:
[806-383-2243](tel:806-383-2243)

Deacon Jesus (Jessie) Guerrero-Home:
[806-364-8432](tel:806-364-8432)-Cell: [806-346-1502](tel:806-346-1502)

Deacon Andres (Andy) GonzalesCell: [806-463-0262](tel:806-463-0262)

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