

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



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<b>Mass Schedule</b>			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, Mar 19	St Joseph spouse of Mary	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, Mar 20		No Mass (Penance Service Nazareth)	No Mass
Wed, Mar 21		8 AM + Marvin Batenhorst	No Mass
Thu, Mar 22		8 AM + Vincent and Rose Mary Ramaekers	No Mass (Penance Service Friona)
Fri, Mar 23	St Turibius of Mogrovejo	8 AM - Walt & Marla Davis 6 PM - Confessions 7 PM - Stations of the Cross	No Mass
Sat, Mar 24	St Patrick	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, Mar 25	Palm Sunday	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

# ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday	Heath Henderson Brandon Finke	Landon Finke Natalee Finke Tatum Keller	Dustin Artho Mike Wegman Kelley Wegman	Volunteers

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10 AM  
**Anointing of the Sick:** 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend after mass  
**Question and Answers w/ Fr Christopher:**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the hall  
**CYO** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall  
**CCD:** Sundays at 10:15-11:30

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**CYO News** There will not be a CYO breakfast on Mar 18 due to spring break.

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**Stations of the Cross** will be every Friday at 7 PM. If your Family or Parish organization would like to lead the station, contact Fr. Christopher to be placed on the calendar.

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**A new list of liturgy ministers** and their phone numbers is available in the sacristy. If you are scheduled and unable to serve, please call a name on the list to serve for you.

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**Donation Statements** If you need a donation statement for you 2017 taxes please contact Valerie Kuhnert at vckuhnert@suddenlink.net or contact Fr. Christopher

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**St. John the Evangelist in Borger** will host their annual spaghetti dinner on March 25 from 11 am to 5 pm. Tickets are \$11 at the door and takeouts are available. Please support the parishes of our diocese.

**Fruhlingsfest** will be on May 5. Tickets are already on sale and available from Suzy Hicks. If each family sells at least 4 tickets we could sell out this year!

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**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 Christopher.

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**Vocations Chalice:** Sign-up to take the chalice home on the parish website (Liturgy/ Vocations Chalice tab) or by filling out one of the cards found in the narthex and placing it in the collection.

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**Parish Finances March 11**  
 Regular: \$800  
 Children's: \$8

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**St. Mary's Christian Mothers** will be collecting items for a baby Layette to be given to the Amarillo Agency for Women. Bring Items to the parish hall after Mass.

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**Bible Study** and fellowship at Frances and Bill Dorsey's home every Thursday at 7:00 PM. All are welcomed. 23360 Brown Rd, Canyon, 806.290.0734. The group is now studying "History of the Catholic Church", by James Hitchcock. They would love for you to join them.

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**Christian Mothers: March 20, meeting after 7PM Mass**  
**Easter Flower Collection:** The Christian Mothers will be taking up an Easter flower collection after Masses on March 11 & 18  
**March 25th Breakfast Sunday.** Ladies that have volunteered to bring food are Terri Branum, Mindi Wieck, Joan Stocker, Tina Finke, and Karen Artho. Thank you ladies for the wonderful food.

**Holy Name of Jesus**

**Parish Finances March 10**

Regular Collection: Not Available

**Donation Statements** If you need a donation statement for your 2017 taxes please contact Fr. Christopher.

**Declaraciones de donación** Si necesita una declaración de donación para sus impuestos de 2017, póngase en contacto con el Padre. Christopher.

**Free Books:** The Catholic Historical Society has an excess of books that have been donated from the collection of Fr. Ken Keller, the Benedictine Monastery, and some from the collection of Bishop FitzSimons. These books will be given away Monday - Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM until March 1.

**Libros gratis:** The Catholic Historical Society tiene un exceso de libros que han sido donados de la colección del p. Ken Keller, el monasterio benedictino, y algunos de la colección del obispo FitzSimons. Estos libros serán entregados el lunes a viernes, de 9 AM a 3 PM hasta el 1 de marzo.

**Question:** Recently during a Saturday evening Mass, our priest held a ceremony called “scrutinies” for six people. There are to be two more. Can you explain what these scrutinies are?

— Paul Dupraw, Vancouver, Wash.

**Answer:** The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration of the adult catechumenate, that is, an extended process of Christian formation for those preparing for entry into the Christian faith. In 1974, the Holy See promulgated the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which contained a series of rites in preparation for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist. In 1988, a second edition was published.

The baptism and confirmation of adults, and their first reception of the Eucharist, normally takes place at the Easter Vigil. In preparation for these sacraments, a series of preparatory rites are prescribed, among them scrutinies, which normally take place during Mass, after the homily, on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. The scrutinies are usually celebrated during the same Mass each week; so, it is possible that those who attend other Masses may never have observed them.

The ritual book for the RCIA describes the scrutinies as follows: “The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect [those preparing for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist]; to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all” (No. 141).

Essentially these rites are composed of prayers of intercession and the laying on of hands so that the Holy Spirit may be invoked and the spirit of evil cast out. They are celebrated purposefully at Mass, so that the whole congregation is given the opportunity to pray for and support those preparing for the Easter sacraments and to make the point that conversion is not only a personal matter but a communal commitment.

The scrutinies are not merely modern developments, but have their origin in the early Church. In the earlier centuries there were three scrutinies, but eventually the number was increased to seven. From the Middle Ages on, owing to the fact that most of those who received baptism were infants, the scrutinies were reduced in number and scope and were only revived after Vatican II.

# 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:** 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. 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:** Emma Weid, 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, Patsy Huseman, Mike Smith, Oscar Olvera, Collier Friemel, Marcella Brandt, Tuffy Schenk, Lusi Ortiz, Gaylord Malecha, Willie Wieck, John Kreighauser, Sean Schenk, Misty Blevins, Darrol Adams, Chris Adams, Misty Vasquez

**Holy Name of Jesus:** Larry Simons, Pedra Soto



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**Christopher West** noted speaker on the St John Paul II’s Theology of the Body will be making a presentation at St. Mary’s Cathedral on March 22. Tickets are \$20/person. See Fr. Christopher or Heath Henderson for more information.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, April 27 – 29**

Happily ever after doesn't have to be a fairy tale. A great marriage can lead to true happiness. On a Marriage Encounter Weekend you'll develop the tools you need to improve communication, renew your commitment and rekindle your romance. See for yourself, by attending the April 27-29 Weekend at Amarillo’s Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center. Apply at <http://www.meAmarillo.org> by April 1 to receive a \$25 discount off your \$100 application fee (use Promo Code: Easter). For more information, contact Tung & Nanette Nguyen at (505) 400-0617, (505) 463-0261, or [applywwmeAmarillo@gmail.com](mailto:applywwmeAmarillo@gmail.com).