

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



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<b>Mass Schedule</b>			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, Mar 26		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, Mar 27	Chrism Mass (Cathedral)	7 PM - Walt & Marla Davis	No Mass
Wed, Mar 28		8 AM + Deceased Priests and Sisters	No Mass
Thu, Mar 29	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7 PM - Sr Stephanie	No Mass
Fri, Mar 30	Veneration of the Cross	3 PM	No Mass
Sat, Mar 31	Easter Vigil	8:30 PM	No Mass
Sun, Apr 1	Easter Sunday	8:30 AM - Parish Family	11:30 AM - Parish Family

# ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
March 29, 2018 Holy Thursday	Rick Auckerman	Charles Russell Alex Butcher Jillian Johnson	Rachel Batenhorst Jamie Pender Bill Dorsey	Volunteers
March 30, 2018 Good Friday Veneration/Crosses	Melvin Wieck Robert Friemel	Volunteers	Kathy Wieck	N/A
March 31, 2018 Easter Vigil	Roger Batenhorst	Landon Finke Natalee Finke Tatum Keller	Kristi Batenhorst Tina Finke Brandon Finke	RCIA Candidates

**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

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

**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.

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

**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!

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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**

Regular Collection March 10: \$156  
 March Grant: \$500  
 March 17: \$367

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

**Palm Sunday**

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt (Jn 12:13-15)!"

Today we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In the old calendar before Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in Heaven

**Liturgy for Palm Sunday**

The priests and deacons wear red vestments for Mass. There is a special entrance at the beginning of each

Mass, either simple or solemn. This includes a blessing of the palms and the gospel reading of the entrance into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; John 12:12-16; Luke 19:28-40). The introduction by the priest explains the solemnity of Holy Week, and invites the faithful to take full part in the celebration:

Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered in triumph into his own city, to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began his saving work and follow him with a lively faith. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

The palms are blessed with the following prayer: Almighty God, we pray you bless these branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. May we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following him who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

As the faithful, we remember and dramatize Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. In Jesus' time, a huge crowd assembled, put their cloaks or branches on the ground, and waved palm branches, acclaiming Christ as the King of Israel, the Son of David. We now wave our palm branches and sing as the priest enters the church: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

These words of praise are echoed every day at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Sanctus (Holy, Holy). Our joy is quickly subdued. We are jolted to reality and see the purpose of Christ coming to Jerusalem by the reading of the Passion at the Gospel. (Written by Jennifer Gregory Miller)

# 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:** Jeanie Bartley, 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



**Natural Family Planning (NFP).** Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home Study Course** from NFP International, [www.nfpandmore.org](http://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.



**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).