

**St. Mary's
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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, June 18	11th Week of Ordinary Time	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, June 19		7 PM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Wed, June 20		8 AM - Walt and Marla Davis	No Mass
Thu, June 21	St. Aloysius Gonzaga	8 AM - Ray Gerber	7 PM - R/B J Michels
Fri, June 22		8 AM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Sat, June 23		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, June 24	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

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Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
Sunday June 24, 2018	Heath Henderson	April Artho Brynleigh Crockett Brylee Jesko	Mike Wegman Harold Artho Brandon Finke	Volunteers

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1st Sunday at 10:30 AM
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd weekend after mass
CYO 4th Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall
CCD: Sundays at 10:15-11:30

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

United Catholic Appeal. Please return your UCA Pledge card as soon as possible. You can turn it in either by mail or by placing it in the regular collection.

If anyone is interested in helping or leading the effort on a new Parish Cookbook, please contact Leeann Handing.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 9th- 13th. Mark your calendars and look for more information to come.

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.

Parish Council has two members terms that are expiring. We are looking for people interested in filling the CCD and Liturgy positions. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Fr Grant or Lana Bracken. Also, when you see Cheryl Robinson (CCD) or Lesann Hartman (Liturgy) please thank them for their 6 years of service to our parish. They have been a great blessing to us!

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.

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.

Bible Study, apologetics and fellowship at Bill and Frances Dorsey's home every Thursday at 7:00 PM.

May 10th will be our last Bible Study until after Summer break. Classes will resume September 13th.
 23400 Brown Rd., Canyon, 806-290-0734.

Christian Mothers meetings will resume in August.

There will be not be any breakfast Sundays in July.

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Parish Finances June 10, 2018

Regular Collection: \$68

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

How to make confession easier.

By David Mills

Someone once asked a writer if he liked writing. "I like having written," he said. That's the way I usually feel about confession. I want to go, but I don't want to go. It's not my idea of a good time. I felt that until just the other day I realized I was looking at it wrong. I was looking at one side of confession and not the other.

Once I kneel down and get started, it gets easier as I go along. It's like trudging up the slope and then sledding down. But I really like walking out afterward. That's one of the world's great feelings. I feel clean, of course, but more, I feel light. As if it's now easier to walk and stand up straight. And I feel that the world is brighter, that the sun came out while I was in the box.

So why can it be so hard to go? Why can a trip to the confessional feel like a trip to the dentist? Or a trip to the mechanic when your car has 250,000 miles on it and makes lots of funny noises?

I think many of us think of confession primarily as a cleansing. Which sounds great. The challenge is that it's a cleansing not in the sense of getting rinsed off by a guy spraying warm water on you. It can feel more like being scrubbed down with steel wool. At least for me, and I'm sure others feel the same way.

My friend Fr. David Poeking, for one. He wrote a very good article about confession from the priest's point of view in *Ethika Politika* called "Christ Tears Off Our Scales." He used the story of Eustace being "de-dragoned" from C.S. Lewis's *The Voyage of the 'Dawn Treader.'*

Eustace, he wrote, represents the typical sinner. If you've read the story, you'll remember that he's an exceptionally unpleasant human being. You probably enjoyed seeing him turn into a dragon. Justice had been done. Even as a human being, he'd been a dragon inside. And (alas) that would be you and me. If you're not a dragon, you're a snake or a worm or a virus or an orc or a troll.

Aslan will heal Eustace in a well of magic water. For free. It's all grace, as we would say. But first, Aslan must free Eustace of his dragon scales, "lest the rough, hard skin simply slough off the water. Just so, sin impedes our reception of grace. We may immerse ourselves in Scripture or the sacraments, in prayer or study, in service or sacrifice, but our immersion avails us little if we are too well insulated by the scales of unacknowledged, unrepentant sin."

Of course Aslan's ripping off the scales is all grace, even though, as Eustace says, "it hurt worse than anything I've ever felt." He needs desperately to be skinned alive, but he can't do it himself. And which of us could? He pulls off one layer and just finds another.

Fr. Poeking continues: "To heal us, to perfect us, the Lord Jesus is willing to dig more deeply into us than we would ever dig into ourselves. Where we might gloss, 'At least I didn't murder anyone this week, at least I didn't commit adultery,' he judges our every angry word tantamount to murder, our every lustful thought tantamount to adultery."

So that's a downer. It isn't, really, but it can sure feel like it. I still love the idea of a spiritual and moral cleansing. I just wish it didn't require the de-dragoning first. I don't like seeing the dragon in myself. And then just the other day I realized that I was focusing on only half the thing.

Confession also restores a friendship. It brings me back to Someone I can't live without. "Well, duh," you may say, "it's right there in the prayer of contrition." OK, yes, but people see different things at different stages.

The prayer tells me that I go to confession not just "because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell." That's the part I saw, the de-dragoning part. It reminds me that I go "most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love."

I felt that at the end of confession, but I didn't really think about it going in. I thought mostly about my sins. Of course restoring a friendship isn't easy. But the promise of being close friends again makes the prospect of being skinned alive a lot easier.

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 Lana Bracken cell: 806.640.4672; email: LanaSueBracken@gmail.com.

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 call Fr. Grant or leave the intention in the collection basket.

Please pray for all the sick in our parishes

ST. MARY'S: Marie Wieck, 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

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Pilgrimage to Italy Hosted By: Msgr. Joe Bixenman

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Wednesday, Oct. 31 -- Saturday, Nov. 10

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Sunday, June 17, 2018

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time