

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



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, July 2	13th Week of Ordinary Time	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, July 3	St. Thomas	7 PM -	No Mass
Wed, July 4		8 AM -	No Mass
Thu, July 5	St. Irenaeus	8 AM - Holy Souls in Purgatory	7 PM - R/B J. Michels
Fri, July 6	St. Maria Goretti	8 AM - Vocations to the Priesthood	No Mass
Sat, July 7		No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, July 8	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts	Usher
Sunday July 8, 2018	Suzy Hicks	Jacie Guerrero Kyle Guerrero Jillian Johnson	Kathy Wieck Kristi Batenhorst Rachel Batenhorst	Christian Mothers	Jerry Broman

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

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!

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.

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.

Parish Swim Party sponsored by Catholic Life Insurance will be on **August 5th** from 3-5pm at the High Plains Retreat Center. You are welcome to bring your lawn chairs, snacks and drinks(No Alcohol). Please join us for some fun and fellowship.

Practical advice on how to discern God's will
By Philip Kosloski

Discerning God's will can be a challenging process. It's not easy knowing what God is calling us to do and often we lack the confidence that enables us to make a firm decision. The good news is that many who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith similarly struggled with God's will. They encourage us onward and have left rich words of wisdom that can aid us in our journey.

Mother Angelica was known for her down-to-earth wisdom, and discernment of God's will was one area that she was an expert at. In a collection of her thoughts, Mother Angelica's Little Book of Life Lessons and Everyday Spirituality, she notes how often she was asked for advice on the topic.

People often ask me, "How do you know whether something is God's Will in your life?" I say, "Ask me next year, and then we'll know whether it was God's Will." The Lord isn't going to come down and say, "Now, look sweetie, I want you to do this little thing for me." He's not going to do that. He gave you a brain. He gave you a memory, an intellect, a will. Do you realize if you're a Christian, you have Sanctifying Grace in you? The Holy Spirit is in you. Pray. Move forward in His grace, and you will discover His will for you"

She firmly believed that you shouldn't wait for an "earthquake" to make a decision, but to prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do and then act on it, using your gifts and talents to make a prudent decision. In addition to this wisdom, Mother Angelica also listed a short list of criteria to use when discerning God's will.

*Does it violate any of the Commandments? Is it against the precepts of the Church?
 Will it give God honor and glory?
 Will it benefit my family and my spiritual life?*

If it is in accord with this criteria, then it is a decision that is in accord with God's designs. There will always be times when we reach a "gray area," when we it is too close to call and we are afraid of making the wrong choice. The good news, according to Mother Angelica, is that God will still be with us, even if our decisions aren't the greatest. She said, "If somehow along the way we miss it, He will make good out of your mistakes. You can depend on that." God knows what he is doing. We just have to trust in him and his plan for us.

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Parish Finances June 17, 2018

Regular Collection: \$49

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

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

Sufro por seres queridos que no creen, ¿puedo hacer algo más?

By Lorena Moscoso

Vengo de una familia católica donde algunos son no practicantes y otros no creyentes. Por alguna razón Dios quiso que yo anduviera por esta vida con la mirada puesta en el cielo, con la inquietud de saber qué pasa del otro lado, cuál es el gran misterio de mi alma y de la vida misma.

Tiendo a querer cambiar el mundo y estando rodeada de no creyentes, procuro ponerme en el lugar del otro para ver de qué manera reciben mis mensajes.

Tengo la sensación de que, si hablo de Jesús, ellos piensan en una fábula, si hablo del Espíritu Santo, en un cuento de hadas, y si hablo sobre Dios encuentro cuestionamientos sobre un Dios que permite el sufrimiento de sus hijos.

Nada más lejos de la realidad.

Me he dado cuenta de que por mucho que ame a estas personas, mis palabras probablemente nunca lleguen a tocar su corazón.

He aprendido a aceptar que solo Dios es capaz de darles la gracia de creer, y que lo único que puedo ofrecerles es la voz silenciosa de mi propia vida, procurando ser lo contrario a lo que se ve en el mundo: la imagen de Cristo.

Desde luego es algo en lo que fallo todos los días.

Pero gracias a Dios tengo un esposo que tiene la habilidad de hacerme notar con amor cuándo estoy en un error y por sobre todo tengo la cercanía de Dios en la oración continua, a través de la cual Él puede cambiar mi corazón y juntos podemos conseguir lo imposible.

Imagino que Dios nos hizo algo cortos de palabras cuando se trata de hablar sobre la experiencia de Dios.

Cómo quisiera poder explicar la certeza, la presencia ininterrumpida y perpetua, el consuelo de saberme contenida. Quisiera hablarles sobre las caricias y la delicadeza con la que interviene en mi vida; pero es imposible hallar las palabras justas para explicar todo esto.

Creo que Dios quiere que la experiencia de Dios sea absolutamente personal y, por lo tanto, las palabras no fluyen con precisión y con solidez hacia aquellas personas que no han abierto su corazón.

Qué diferencia existe en el discurso con aquellos que son más dóciles, con una disposición y entusiasmo diferentes. Ahí si podemos ver la presencia del espíritu que llena de colores cada mensaje.

En un sinfín de ocasiones creo que lo mejor es dejar las cosas como son. Muchísima gente vive con la certeza de sus palabras y no hay mucho que se pueda hacer por ellos excepto orar.

Un sacerdote decía que para aquel que no quiere escuchar no hay mensaje que le alcance y no hay nada más triste y más cierto.

Me viene a la mente la historia de Lázaro y el rico en la que ambos mueren, yendo el rico al "lugar de los muertos" y Lázaro al cielo.

Entre ambos lugares existía un abismo infranqueable, el rico no podía salvarse por haber estado siempre tan apartado de Dios y pide insistentemente a Abraham que por favor envíe a Lázaro a la tierra para que pueda advertirle a su padre y a su familia que cambien sus maneras de vivir.

Abraham le responde: "Hijo mío, si no escuchan a los profetas, aunque resucite alguno de entre los muertos tampoco se convencerán". (Lc. 16, 19-31) Para estas personas, ni el mensaje de Cristo muerto y resucitado es suficiente.

Con frecuencia me cuesta comprender que es Dios quien se dejará ver a su tiempo y a su manera, que no debo ser yo quien fuerce este encuentro.

Pido todos los días que abra el corazón de mis seres queridos no creyentes dándoles la gracia de creer y que yo pueda ser un rico testimonio para alimentar su fe.

Sueño con el día en que todos podamos entrar en el cielo, que podamos pisar nuevamente la tierra prometida de la que un día salimos y que finalmente escuchemos las palabras de este Padre extraordinario que nos dirá a cada uno: "te estaba esperando".

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

Holy Name of Jesus: Rosa Villa, Astrid Perez, Santos Perez, Gloria Rodin, Larry Simons, Pedra Soto, Louis Castellon, Lionel Sosa



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Men's ACTS Retreat - August 9 - 12, 2018
2 Timothy 2:15

"Be eager to present yourself as acceptable to God, a workman who causes no disgrace, imparting the word of truth without deviation"

Director - Robert (Bob) Schrock
Co-Director Greg Venhaus

REGISTRATION CLOSES July 30th
(limited space available)

actsamarillo.org

ForTwo Overnight Stays – The Family Life Office and Bishop De Falco Retreat center have teamed up to bring you more of what you want, just the right enough time to focus on your love and union; **ForTwo Overnight Stays!**

July 13-14th, 806-414-1059

www.amarillodiocese.org/for-two