

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



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| Mass Schedule | | | |
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| | | Umbarger | Happy |
| Mon, Aug 13 | Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus | No Mass | No Mass |
| Tue, Aug 14 | Vigil of the Assumption | 7 PM - Knights of Columbus | No Mass |
| Wed, Aug 15 | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) | 8 AM - Gaylord Malecha | 7 PM - Galviz Families |
| Thu, Aug 16 | St. Stephen of Hungary | 8 AM - Misty Blevins | 7 PM - No Mass |
| Fri, Aug 17 | | 8 AM - Catholic Life Insurance | No Mass |
| Sat, Aug 18 | | No Mass | 5:30 PM - Parish Family |
| Sun, Aug 19 | 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 9:00 AM - Parish Family | No Mass |

ST. MARY'S

| Date | Lector | Servers | Eucharistic Ministers | Usher |
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| August 19, 2018 | Rick Auckerman | Jillian Johnson Charles Russell Caden Dorman | Rachel Batenhorst Suzy Hicks | Marvin Hartman |

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 Erin Keller and Heidi Dorman have agreed to fill the two open spots on the Parish Council. Please thank them for agreeing to take on these positions and the giving of their time.

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

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 August 21st.

Breakfast Sundays will resume August 19th.

CCD Registration August 19th after Mass. First Day of CCD Classes begins August 26th.

Masses for the Feast of the Assumption.
Holy Day of Obligation

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| Umbarger | Happy |
| Tue, August 14 at 7pm | Wed, August 15 at 7pm |
| Wed, August 15 at 8am | |

What is a holy day of obligation? When are they?

By Philip Kosloski

Throughout the liturgical year there are various feast days that do not fall on Sunday, but which the Church asks the faithful to celebrate with attendance at Mass. These days are called holy days of obligation and the Church equates the importance of these days to a Sunday.

A precept of the Church explains, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass." One of the chief reasons behind these holy days is to highlight a specific aspect of the life of Christ or to give honor to the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the communion of saints. These days are for the spiritual benefit of Christ's flock and are opportunities to receive grace.

Holy days of obligation are currently governed by the local bishops' conferences and can vary from country to country.

In 1991 the USCCB issued new norms regarding holy days of obligation and listed the following:
January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, the Solemnity of the Ascension
August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints
December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 25, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Whenever January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.

Since the proclamation of these norms, the Solemnity of the Ascension has been transferred to a Sunday in most dioceses in the United States. These days can be changed or added to according to local custom. For example, in Malta the Church celebrates the Shipwreck of St. Paul in Malta on February 10 as a holy day of obligation and Ireland celebrates (not surprisingly) the feast of St. Patrick as a holy day.

Holy Name of Jesus

Parish Finances August 4, 2018

Regular Collection: \$550

Why the Assumption makes the “holy day” cut

By Meg Hunter-Kilmer

According to the Code of Canon Law, there are 10 holy days of obligation in the universal Church, though very few countries or dioceses actually require the faithful to observe all 10. Certain areas have holy days other than those on the Canon Law list.

In most of the U.S. there are only five (in addition to every Sunday, of course): Mary the Mother of God, the Assumption, All Saints, the Immaculate Conception, and Christmas. Catholics in England and Wales are off the hook for Mary the Mother of God and the Immaculate Conception, but expected at Mass for Epiphany, the Ascension, and the Solemnity and Saints Peter and Paul.

For most of the English-speaking world, though, this Wednesday is a holy day of obligation: the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when we celebrate the fact that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

What is a holy day of obligation? When are they? At first glance, it seems an odd celebration to have made the cut. We aren't obliged to attend Mass on Mary's birthday, which might seem just as important as the day she was assumed, or on such powerful solemnities as the Sacred Heart or the Nativity of John the Baptist. So why get ourselves to church just to remember that 2,000 years ago Jesus took his mom to heaven?

As with every mystery regarding the Blessed Mother, it's not ultimately about her. When we celebrate the Immaculate Conception, it's primarily because the Virgin Mary's conception was the beginning of our salvation, the first step in the series of events that would defeat sin and death and open the kingdom of heaven. But all that culminated at Jesus' Ascension into heaven, his return to the Father. After that, wasn't the story over?

The story of our salvation being won was over, yes. It was all accomplished during the Paschal Mystery, during the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus. But Mary's Assumption is a sign that teaches us who we are and what our destiny is now that Christ has won the victory. The Assumption isn't just evidence

You and I will not be assumed bodily into heaven when we die; death (the separation of body and soul) is a consequence of the sin handed down from our first parents, and while death will not have the last word for those who cling to Christ, we must pass through it to the other side. And yet we, like Mary, will one day know what it is to worship eternally before the heavenly throne, bowing in our flesh before the crucified and risen flesh of the Son.

When we pray the Creed each Sunday, professing that we look forward to the resurrection of the dead, this is what we're embracing: the truth that one day, the dead will rise. One day, our purified souls will once again be united to our bodies, glorified this time. We will worship body and soul as we were meant to in the beginning.

Why is there a skull beneath my crucifix?

This means that our bodies are no accident. It can be easy to think of ourselves as souls encumbered by bodies here below, imagining that the flesh is evil of itself rather than fallen just as our souls are. In truth, we are a body-soul unity, incarnated souls as much as ensouled bodies.

But the fact that Jesus and Mary sit enthroned in the flesh proclaims to the world that our bodies are not our enemies, that pleasure is not evil. On the Solemnity of the Assumption, we celebrate the fact that a human body—a woman's body—has been exalted as no other creature has. Our bodies are sacred, made in the image and likeness of God. Our wombs are sacred, our wrinkles are sacred.

As important as these theological truths proclaimed by the Assumption are, perhaps nothing matters quite as profoundly as the image that the doctrine presents us with: Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, running to embrace his mother, laughing for joy as he spins her around, taking half a step back to look into her eyes and wipe the tears from her face.

That's what we're looking forward to. That's why we bother with feasts and fasts and Holy Days of Obligation: so that one day, we'll find him running to us just as he ran to her. Mary goes first to show us that it's all worth it, all this striving for holiness in the midst of a world (and a Church) so full of broken, sinful people. We pray and study and serve so that he might make our hearts more like his, so that one day we might be as she is, embraced by the Son in the glory of a body

of God putting everything away when he's done with it, it's a promise of what is to come for each one of us.

and soul made new. Now that's something worth celebrating.

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: Mary Beth Sayers, 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, 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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Upcoming Events Sponsored by Diocese of Amarillo Office of Family Life

Spanish Engaged Encounter - September 1-2

This is our very first Spanish engaged encounter, for quite some time now our people have sought and asked and here we are, please be sure to let all your newly engaged couples know!

Beginning Experience Retreat - October 26-28.

New to our Diocese, a retreat for all those who have lost a loved one either by death, divorce, or separation. This experience is designed to help one cope with grief, loss, and pain.

Sunday, August 12, 2018

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time