

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



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<b>Mass Schedule</b>			
		<b>Umbarger</b>	<b>Happy</b>
Mon, Nov 12	St. Josaphat	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, Nov 13	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini	7 PM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Wed, Nov 14		8 AM - In Thanksgiving for Bruce & Sherri Hartman	No Mass
Thu, Nov 15	St. Albert the Great	8 AM - Nolan Artho	7 PM - Ben Barrera
Fri, Nov 16	St. Margaret of Scotland	8 AM - Lesann Hartman	No Mass
Sat, Nov 17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, Nov 18	33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

# ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher
November 18, 2018	Melvin Wieck	Jillian Johnson Heidi Wieck Paytyn Wieck	Harold Artho Dustin Artho Kristi Powell	Danny Hicks

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10:30 AM  
**Anointing of the Sick:** By Request  
**CYO** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall  
**CCD:** Sundays at 10:15-11:30

**Christian Mothers** will have their last meeting of the year on Tuesday, November 27th after Mass. Please bring a wrapped ornament for the Christmas exchange. Also bring your favorite snack food.

**Parish Cookbook:** Give recipes to Lea Ann or email [laurieartho@gmail.com](mailto:laurieartho@gmail.com) until Dec 2, so we will know how many we will have for a book.

**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.

**Bible Study,** our Bible Study Group is studying "A Concise History of the Catholic Church" On Thursday evenings at 7pm at Bill and Frances Dorsey's home.  
 23400 Brown Rd., Canyon, **806-290-0734.**

### 8 Beloved saints who were also veterans

By Cerith Gardiner

*Looking at these remarkable men and women, we can see it takes courage to be a soldier -- and a saint.*

With Veterans Day fast approaching, we have an opportune moment to reflect on some remarkable holy men and women who not only picked up their sword to serve their country, but who often did so for a higher purpose: their Christian faith.

Some of these saints felt impelled to sign up to military service after receiving spiritual visions, while others joined the forces to help spread the Word of God. Most, however, found their spiritual calling during, or after, their years as a soldier. Nonetheless, the lives of these eight saints reveal that the courage they displayed as soldiers would prepare them for the persecution and various challenges they would later face as Christians.

*St. Joan of Arc*

The French heroine went into battle against the English after receiving visions from three saints, including Archangel Michael. After a resounding victory, she was later captured by English allies in France and eventually burned at the stake at

the age of 19.

*St. Francis of Assisi*

In his youth, the founder of the Franciscan Order served a couple of tours fighting in the army, and was even held captive for a year. Eventually he reevaluated his life, losing the taste for his past lifestyle, and decided to answer a higher calling from God.

*St. Thomas Becket*

The English cleric fought the French on behalf of King Henry II, along with hundreds of his own men by his side. Donning the regular soldier's armor, he even engaged in single combat. Once he became Archbishop of Canterbury, he broke with Henry over the State's power, and was eventually murdered while praying.

*St. George*

As imperial guard for the Roman Emperor Diocletian, George disobeyed the ruler's demands to worship Roman gods. Not only did he profess his own faith, he also converted other soldiers, for which he was tortured and executed.

*St. Maurice*

As a Christian leader of over 1,000 men in the Theban legion, Maurice encouraged his men to disobey orders from Emperor Maximian to harass Christians. After a decimation, where 1 in 10 of his soldiers were executed, he and his men continued to ignore the orders and eventually his whole legion was executed.

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

The Spanish Catholic priest began a career in the army at age 17 looking for glory. When he was 30, after being injured in a battle, he began to read and reflect on his life purpose and who God is, deciding to join the priesthood. He founded the Society of Jesus in 1540.

*St. Sebastian*

The early Roman Christian joined the Praetorian Guards under Emperor Diocletian to aid fellow Christians. As a Captain, he converted many prominent figures but was finally discovered and shot full of arrows. Miraculously he survived and went to confront the emperor, who had him clubbed to death.

*St. Martin of Tours*

Growing up in 4th-century Rome, Martin decided at the age of 10 to become a Christian. A few years after joining the army he became a conscientious objector, refusing to fight, and offered to go into battle unarmed. Released from the army, he started his religious journey to become a bishop, then saint.

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

### Parish Finances November 3, 2018

Regular Collection: \$543

Tamale Sales: \$243

### What is a Disciple?

By Chris Mueller

The word disciple is often replaced with student but it is not the same thing. To be a disciple, in the context of ancient Israel meant more than just studying a subject or sitting through a class. To be a disciple of a great teacher was more like being an apprentice learning from a master. The disciple would devote himself to the teacher, seeking to become like him.

#### Who Could Be a Disciple?

After years of studying and memorizing Scripture the best and brightest might go and seek out a rabbi. The rabbi would examine the student's knowledge and understanding of Scripture, trying to discern if the student had what it took to follow him. When a rabbi accepted a student as a disciple what he was saying was "Yes, I think you can be like me."

#### A Disciple of Jesus?

Jesus turned that all on its head. Unlike other teachers, Jesus did not look for the most learned. He did not pick the most likely. He did not pick the best and the brightest. Instead Jesus collected a random assortment of misfits. Take a quick look at the apostles.

John and Andrew appear to fit the classic model. They were followers of John the Baptist, they sought out Jesus and asked to follow. After them, however, Jesus departs from the norm almost immediately. He calls Andrew's brash fisherman brother, Peter. Peter was fishing, not looking for a rabbi. Jesus then goes and sort of starts just collecting people. Phillip is presented as just being there. Jesus even picks up a tax collector, Matthew. Now, tax collectors have never been liked all that much, but for a Jew to be a Roman tax collector, well, the Roman emperor claimed that he was a god so it was essentially as if the Matthew was serving another god. Good Jews would have gone out of their way to avoid Matthew. Jesus took a bunch of misfits, looked them straight in the eye and said, "Yeah, I think you can be like me."

#### What Did Jesus Ask of His Disciples?

The disciples of Jesus gave up everything to follow him. Peter just walked away from his fishing boat.

John and Andrew left John the Baptist. Matthew left his lucrative tax collection business. Jesus lays out what it means to follow him pretty clearly in Matthew 16:24: "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.'"

To "deny" someone at the time of Christ was more like disowning them. When Jesus tells his followers to deny themselves he is saying, "You can't be the center of your universe anymore." Remember, Jesus' cross was not just about suffering. It was about us. Jesus carried the cross for our freedom. In Matthew 16:24 Jesus is telling his followers, "your life has got to be about something greater than you. It is about bringing people to me. The way you do that is by offering yourself. That is how you become like me."

#### Are You Ready to Follow?

Jesus is still calling unlikely disciples. He is calling you. Right now Jesus is looking you in the eye saying, "yeah, I think you can be like me."

It might sound like you will never be able to live up to that call, but remember, Jesus did not call the best and the brightest. He did not call the most qualified. He called the willing. He did not expect us to do it alone. He did something incredible. He sent the Holy Spirit so that you and I could learn from him personally, so that we could become like him.

You can start being his disciple by reading through the Gospels. Immerse yourself in his life and teaching. Ask the Holy Spirit to counsel you and to help you be like Jesus. Ask him to help you start living a life that is offered for the sake of others. You might notice things that are keeping you from following him; old habits or sins. Drop them like Peter dropped fishing. Confession is a good place to do that. God will help you get out of the center of the universe, so that he can take his proper place.

The last thing to remember is that disciples did not become like their master in an instant. They walked with him for years, each day becoming a little more like the one they followed. If you have not already, today you can become his disciple.

## 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.

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**Baptism or Wedding** Please contact Fr. Grant at least 1 month in advance for baptisms and 6 months advance for weddings.

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**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.

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To use or rent the church or parish hall, please contact Fr. Grant or Debbie Batenhorst at least 3 months before the event.

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**FOR MASS INTENTIONS** please call Fr. Grant or leave the intention in the collection basket.

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**Please pray for all the sick in our parishes**

**ST. MARY’S:** Anita Adams, Sawyer Lane, Mary Beth Sayers, Jeanie Bartley, 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, Mike Smith, Oscar Olvera, Collier Friemel, Marcella Brandt, Tuffy Schenk, Lusi Ortiz, John Kreighauser, Sean Schenk, Misty Blevins, Darrol Adams, Chris Adams

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

**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.

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**Would you Like to attend an ACTS Retreat Weekend?**

Next Retreat: ***Teen’s Retreat December 27-30, 2018***

There is more information about the ACTS Retreat online. If you or someone you know would like to attend you can register online at:

**ACTSamarillo.org**