



# St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral & School



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**March 5, 2023**



**2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

His face shone like the sun and his clothes  
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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## **Celebration of the Mass**

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am (livestreamed),  
12:00 pm (interpreted for the Deaf)

## **Daily Mass (In the Chapel)**

Monday and Wednesday: 7:00 am  
Tuesday and Thursday: 5:30 pm  
Friday (School Mass): 8:15 am

## **Sacrament of Penance**

Saturday: 3:00—5:00 pm  
Wednesday: 5:30-7:00 pm

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

Please contact parish office. Couple must speak with  
Deacon Robert Smith at least six (6) months before the wedding.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Parents must be a member of St. Mary's for at least six (6)  
months. Baptismal preparation program is required.

## **Sacrament of Anointing of The Sick**

Please contact the parish office.

## **Homebound and Hospital Visits**

Please contact the Parish Office.

## **Vocation Crucifix**



Crucifix & sign-up sheet are on the podium in the Narthex.  
Each week an individual or family takes home the Crucifix  
and puts it in a place of honor. Our Diocesan Vocations  
prayer is attached. It may be prayed, along with other  
prayers, each day the Crucifix is in your home.

Please return it the following weekend to the  
podium.

## **Our Mission Statement**

**St. Mary's Cathedral Parish is a diverse Catholic family, united in faith, centered in the Eucharist, mindful of our rich history, dedicated to evangelization and formation, and active in proclaiming and practicing the welcoming love and mercy of Jesus the Christ.**

# WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

## Pastoral Staff

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Maintenance/Parish Family Center-Robert Salazar

## **St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Masses**

*Facial Masks are optional. A section of pews on the far left facing the altar is reserved for those who wish to wear masks.*

## **Confessions/Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions are in the Church.

Please park in the West Parking lot.

## **Reminder: Livestream of the 9:30 am Sunday Mass**

- The Stream starts 2:00 mins before Mass starts.
- The links do change from week to week.
- Don't forget to sign up for Online Giving.

Please Subscribe to the YouTube Channel

For your Smart TV's and Devices

[youtube.com/@StMarysCathedralAmarillo](https://youtube.com/@StMarysCathedralAmarillo)

For Smart Devices and Computers

[venue.streamspot.com/e...](https://venue.streamspot.com/e...)

## **Sacrament Information**

### **Sacrament of Baptism at St. Mary's**

1. Complete a registration form available online/Hospitality Desk (Narthex) or the Parish Office.
2. Parents who have completed the form must be active members of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish for at least six months. Godparents must be active in a Catholic Parish. Parents/Godparents are required to attend Baptism Saturday Orientation. Orientations will be held in November, February, May, and September.

**Deacon Ron and Levina Herr, Ext. 3036**  
**herr@stmarysamarillo.com**



**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults  
Interested in Becoming Catholic?  
Or do you know someone who is?**

The process is known as the  
*Catechumenate*, or

*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*

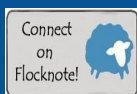
**Contact the church office for more information.**  
**806-376-7204**

### **WEDDINGS**

Contact the office at least six months in advance of the date you have chosen. Please call the office to set up an appointment with Father Tony.

### **QUINCEAÑERAS (not a sacrament)**

Must have attended Faith Formation for 2 consecutive years prior to celebration and contact office at least 6 months in advance. Please call the office to set up an appointment with Father Tony.



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# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of March 5, 2023

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

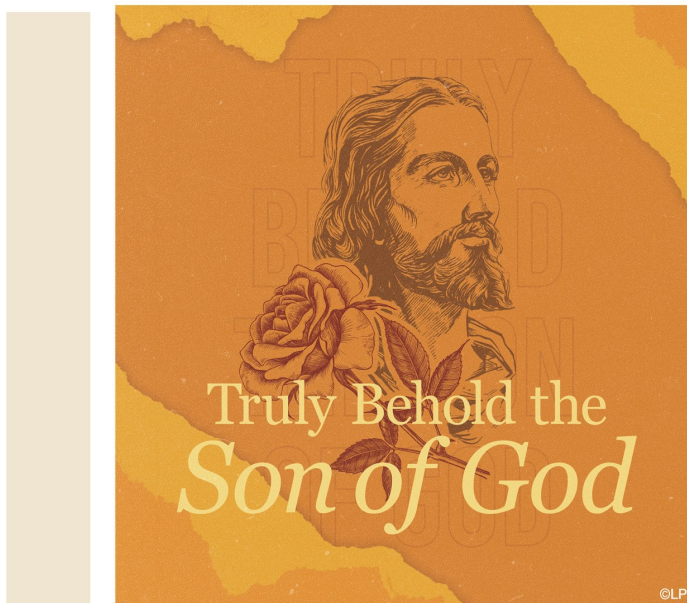
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5 42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a kid I remember looking at my sister and thinking, “No man is ever going to marry her. She is way too...my *sister!*” I couldn’t see her as anything except my goofy, emotional, cooties-laden sister. Years later, on her wedding day, I remember seeing how her husband looked at her, he was totally in love with her, his watery eyes full of overwhelmed joy, drinking in her beauty and grace. He was the one who actually saw her. Blinded by familiarity, I had not been able to see her until now. She was glorious. I finally saw how beautiful my sister really was.

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. His face shone like the sun and his clothes dazzle with heavenly light. If it’s a miracle, it is so related to the apostles’ perception of the glory of Jesus. The physical spectacle reveals how the Father perceives the Son, so to speak: **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him.”** The Son is *a/ways* bathed in the Father’s love. It’s only just now that they finally perceive it.

Who could possibly give his or her heart totally to Jesus? If we perceive him to be just another teacher, symbol, or moral example, we can’t. But if the Holy Spirit gives us eyes to see that he is the Beloved Son of God, who makes our humanity not just pleasing to God but filled with glory ... then who can resist him? Perhaps only the lovers are the ones who properly see.

— *Father John Muir*

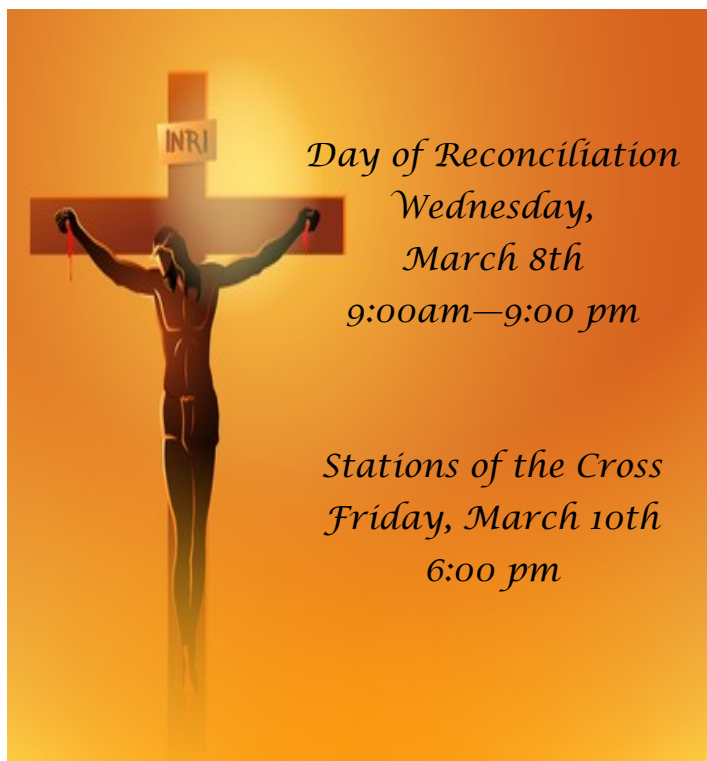
## Our Rector's Rambling

How difficult it is to leave! Some leavings are exciting and life giving. It is difficult to leave the confines and comforts of home to move out to college into the dorm or into an apartment and work 9-5 in a boring job that we are sure our skills are greatly undervalued. The life of the newly married is full of excitement and challenge. These transitions are way makers along pilgrimage of life. There are other more difficult leavings. The first funeral when we understand just what has happened in a very real and tangible way. Or the loss of our first puppy eyed love. The experience of losing a job is traumatic. Or the moving from the small house to the larger, it is difficult to leave old memories behind in order to make new ones. Sometimes a leaving is as gut-wrenching as it is life giving and grace filled.

"Hey you Abram, leave everything you know and love for a land that you have heard of in a prophecy. I will make you a great nation, but I won't do it here. Get out and get moving, the time for leave taking is upon you." Abram and Sarai leave all behind except for a couple of servants and go on a journey. The promise of this wonderful land is not realized until they are old and wizened, and they really only get a glimpse of the promise in one son, Isaac.

What are leaving behind? In Jesus Christ we are invited to leave all behind. He desires us to be concerned with only one thing, Him. Let us cast all our worldly cares upon the one who saves us from our sins.

~Blessings, Fr. Tony~



## Peek at the week

### Monday, March 6

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

8:00 am: Garden Ministry—Garden Beds

7:00 pm: Lenten Mission—Church

### Tuesday, March 7

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

6:00 pm: Sycamore—Reception Room

7:00 pm: Lenten Mission—Church

7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Council Meeting—KC Room

### Wednesday, March 8

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

9:00 am—9:00 pm: Day of Reconciliation (Confession)

9:30 am: St. Anne's Sewing Circle—KC Room

5:30 pm: Confession—Chapel

### Thursday, March 9

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

6:30 pm: EDGE—Reception Room

### Friday, March 10

8:15 am : School Mass—Church (Parishioners are welcome)

12:00 pm: Seven Sorrows Rosary—Chapel

6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross—Church

### Saturday, March 11

8:00 am: Marriage in the Lord—Reception Room

8:30 am: Abide With Him Women's Group—  
San Juan Padilla Room

3:00 pm: Confessions—Church

5:30 pm: Mass —Church

### Sunday, March 12

Mass Schedule: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:00 pm

10-45 am: Religious Education—CR 4 and 7

10:45 am: RCIA - CR 1 and 3

10:45 am: Divorce Survival— CR 5

10:45 am: GIFT—Gym

6:00 pm : Life Team—Reception Room





## Around our Parish/Diocese

**Daily Mass** at St. Mary's Cathedral is celebrated by our priests.

Please request Mass Intentions for loved ones, both living and deceased.

### Monday, March 6

7:00 am — † C.L. and Karolina Duniven by  
Vianna LaRue

### Tuesday, March 7

5:30 pm — † Shirley Mager by  
Don and Margaret Rettenmaier

### Wednesday, March 8

7:00 am — Rhonda Coleman by  
The John Connelly, Sr. Family

### Thursday, March 9

5:30 pm — † James Pierotti by  
The Pesce Family

### Friday, March 10

8:15 am — † Shirley Mager by  
George and Marge Kenney

### Saturday, March 11

5:30 pm — Dolores Austin by  
Iris Upchurch

### Sunday, March 12

8:00 am — Davlyn Duesterhaus by  
George and Marge Kenney

9:30 am — † Don Grodecte by  
Timothy and Lana Butler

12:00 pm — For the People (Parish Family)

**Mass Stipends are \$5**

**Contact the Parish Office 806.376.7204**

Join us at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center for a Passover Seder Dinner, Wednesday March 29, 2023 at 6:00pm. Experience the ritual of a traditional Seder Dinner with delicious Passover food and wine from Israel. **We will dive** into the Israelites escape from Egypt and discover how Jesus is the fulfillment of the Passover Lamb. Reserve a table of 8 or buy individual tickets for \$125.00. Please visit our website: [bdcrc.org/passover-seder-dinner](http://bdcrc.org/passover-seder-dinner) or call 806-383-1811.

**Peace in Christ Jesus,  
Sister Stella Maris, DLIC  
Executive Director  
806-383-1811**



### **RICE BOWL CAMPAIGN (2023)**

The Annual **"Rice Bowl Campaign"** for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) will begin on Ash Wednesday (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) and end on Good Friday (April 7<sup>th</sup>). Please pick up a **Rice Bowl** and a **Little Black Book** from the table located in the Narthex. The Little Black Book contains 40 Days of Lenten Season Reflections for you and your family.

For more than 75 years, CRS has been providing compassionate service to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries.

***Your donations helps provide services to those in need around the world.***

### *Kids Can't Learn When They're Hungry...*

#### **Parish Lenten Neighborhood Outreach:**

Sponsor a Wolfelin Elementary student's weekly Snack Pak. \$20.00 provides a student with Snack Paks for a month; \$240 for a year.

100% of donations buys food.

Envelopes available, until Holy Thursday, at the Faith and Action Apostolate table.

### *Kids Can Change The World When They're Full*



**Socials with the Saints** are opportunities to learn from role models of faith and from one another. These gatherings are also for fellowship and prayer. The purpose is to inspire individuals in their daily pilgrimage by introducing them to companions on the journey, in the Communion of Saints. Join us every 3rd Thursday of every month at Pilgrim Center of Hope 7680 Joe Newton in San Antonio from 2-3:30pm. On March 16th, we will discuss St. Casimir, a prince of Poland who realized at an early age that his life belonged to a King much higher than his own father. For more information, please call Pilgrim Center of Hope at 210-521-3377.

**Catholic Men's Conference! (CMC)** – Early Bird Discount available thru Dec. 30, 2022: Set your compass at this half-day event for men! SAT., APR. 29, 2023 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in San Antonio. Get direction from Auxiliary Bishop Gary Janak & Fr. Ken Geraci (Fathers of Mercy) and find brotherhood with other men like you. Visit [CMCSanAntonio.com](http://CMCSanAntonio.com) or call Pilgrim Center of Hope: 210-521-



**You're Invited!**

Join Us ONLINE!

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**Knights of Columbus**



**St. Mary's KofC Room**  
**Tues, Feb. 28 | 8:30PM**

**Jim Ruta** Bestselling Author,  
Speaker, & Insurance Advisor

**"The Power of Life Insurance"**

## Holy Cross



### Announcing the winners for the 2023 Catholic School Sweepstakes

**Grand prize winner** – Chad Hughes from  
St. Joseph Catholic School in Waxahachie, TX

#### Local \$1,000 prize winners:

Holy Cross Catholic Academy – Cory Fletcher  
St. Joseph Catholic Elementary & Montessori Pre-school – Sven Brunjes

St. Anthony Catholic School – Libby Matthews  
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School - Batenhorst

Thank you for all who purchased tickets to support Catholic school education!



We Believe. We Desire. We Do.

## Youth



Edge: will not meet on March 15<sup>th</sup>

Life Teen: will not meet on March 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

All silent auction basket items are due on March 8<sup>th</sup>. They can be turned into Andrea or Yvonne, or in the church front office. Thanks!!

Calling all 2023 High school Seniors! If you would like to feature your high school graduate in the West Texas Catholic Graduation Issue please email Andrea on or before February 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Faith Formation/Youth



*GIFT*

*March 5th*

*March 26th*

*10:50-11:50 am in the gym*



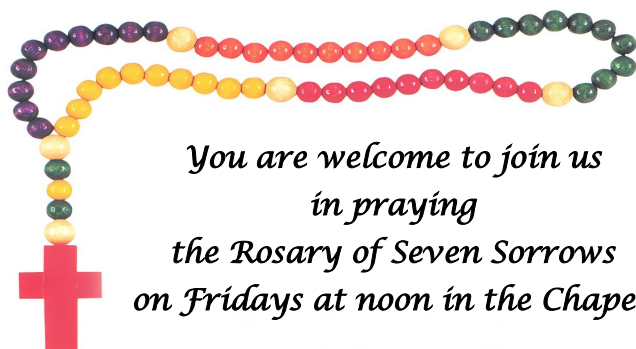
## Misc.

### Bulletin Reminder

**Submissions Due NO LATER than Friday at Noon, (9) nine days prior to the Sunday you wish to have your announcement included.**

Bulletin editor reserves the right to adjust all submissions due to print space available. Email requests to:

**[sjones@stmarysamarillo.com](mailto:sjones@stmarysamarillo.com)**



*You are welcome to join us  
in praying  
the Rosary of Seven Sorrows  
on Fridays at noon in the Chapel.*



**Saturday, March 25 • 6:30 PM**

**St. Mary's Cathedral**

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(806) 376-7204



Reverse Raffle Wins

**\$10,000 VISA Card**



All Proceeds Benefit Our Growing St. Mary's Cathedral Youth Programs

**CONTRIBUTIONS — GENERAL 2.26.2023****7.01.2022—2.26.2023**

Weekly Collection (Including holy days/ building)	\$	22,585.88	\$	903,852.45
Other Receipts	\$	115.00	\$	52,567.59
Weekly Total	\$	22,700.88	\$	956,420.04
Weekly Goal	\$	28,483.88	\$	996,935.96
Over/Under (Not including special collections)	\$	(5,783.00)	\$	(40,415.92)
Annual Expense Budget	\$	1,481,162.00		

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP**

The **easiest and most efficient**  
way to support

**St. Mary's Cathedral Church** is  
to

go to Online Giving at:

[www.stmarysamarillo.com](http://www.stmarysamarillo.com)

Your generosity helps with the  
Cathedral's everyday bills.

**Attendance: 1,073   Black Bag: \$2,548.98   DWC/Catholic Charities: \$7,771.46**



An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it.

So, when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, call 806-350-2930. Someone will contact you.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!