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# April 2, 2023 HOLY THURSDAY GOOD FRIDAY HOLY SATURDAY EASTER

St. Mary's Cathedral School
Montessori Preschool through 5th Grade

Principal: Lydia O'Rear orear@stmarysamarillo.com

Office: 806.376.9112

School website: <u>www.stmarysamarillo.org</u> www.facebook.com/StMarysCathedralSchool

#### **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

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## 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.

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youtube.com/@StMarysCathedralAmarillo

For Smart Devices and Computers 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 **April 2, 2023**

Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

#### Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

#### Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

#### Thursday:

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

#### Friday:

Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

#### Saturday:

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15— 15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ls 55:1-11/ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

#### **Next Sunday:**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10



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# **Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it.

— Father John Muir

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# Our Rector's Rambling

"The whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." How do we answer this very important guestion? "Who is this?" The apostles Peter tells Him, "You are the Christ the Son of the living God." The crowds think he is a prophet king getting ready to rid the People of Israel from their Roman overlords. The answer to the question holds all the world in the balance. Our answer to the question, "Who is this?" holds sway over our entire lives. Because regardless of how we answer, each answer demands a response. If he is just a teacher, then the response is different than if He is the Son of the Living God. Our lives speak more profoundly our answer than any wordy reply. Let us during this Holy Week reflect deeply on who He is.

~Blessings, Father Tony

#### **GREAT NEWS!**

St Mary's Cathedral has partnered with the Amarillo Art Institute to bring the Sistine Chapel exhibit to the City of Amarillo. The SEE Global Entertainment Sistine Chapel exhibit will be open to the public beginning June 9, 2023, through July 23, 2023.

The exhibit should generate a profit, which will be split between Amarillo Art Institute and St Mary's Cathedral. However, St Mary's portion of the profit will be equally distributed to Downtown Women's Center (DWC), Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle and Amarillo Cultural District of the Texas Commission on the Arts.

We need your help! In order to maximize the profits, the exhibit will be staffed by volunteers. DWC is responsible for the volunteers from July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup>. Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle is responsible for volunteers from June 9<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is responsible for volunteers from June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>. St Thomas is responsible for the volunteers from June 20<sup>th</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup>. St Joseph's is responsible for volunteers from July 18th to July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Knights of Columbus are responsible for volunteers from June 13<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, St Mary's is responsible for volunteers from July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>. However, you can volunteer for any time you are available. Linda McCurdy is St Mary's volunteer coordinator. To sign up, please call her at 806 282 0972 or email her at lindamccurdy@suddenlink.net.

Thanks, and God Bless!

# Peek at the week

#### Monday, April 3

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel 6:30 pm: Faith and Action

7:00 pm: Hearts Afire—Reception Room

#### Tuesday, April 4

8:00 am: Garden Ministry—Garden Beds 6:00 pm: Sycamore—Reception Room 6:00 pm: Sycamore Prayer Group—Chapel 7:00 pm: Chrism Mass (Diocesan) - Church

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

#### Wednesday, April 5

7:00 am: Mass-Chapel

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

5:30 pm: Confession—Chapel 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal—Church

#### Thursday, April 6

No 5:30 pm Mass

6:00 pm: Divine Mercy-St. Joseph's Room

7:00 pm: Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Friday, April 7

12:00 pm: Seven Sorrows Rosary—Chapel 12:00 pm: Stations of the Cross—Church

3:00 pm : Stations of the Cross—St. Mary's Cathedral

7:00 pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

#### Saturday, April 8

9:00am: Abide With Him Women's Group-

San Juan Padilla Room

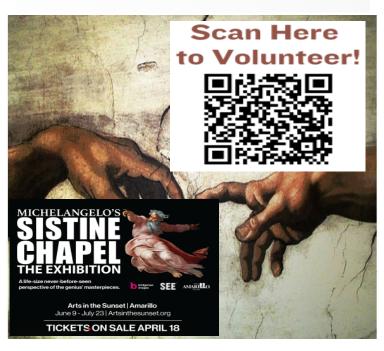
3:00 pm: Confessions—Church

No 5:30 Mass

8:30 pm: Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday

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



# 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, April 3

7:00 am —+Gaynell Monroe by Richard & Lucy Jalbert

Tuesday, April 4

7:00 pm — †Cory Connelly by

Family of John Connelly, Sr

Wednesday, April 5

7:00 am — +James Periotti by

The Pesce Family

Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm — For the People (Parish Family)

Friday, April 7

7:00 pm — For the People (Parish Family)

Saturday, April 8

8:30 pm — For the People (Parish Family)

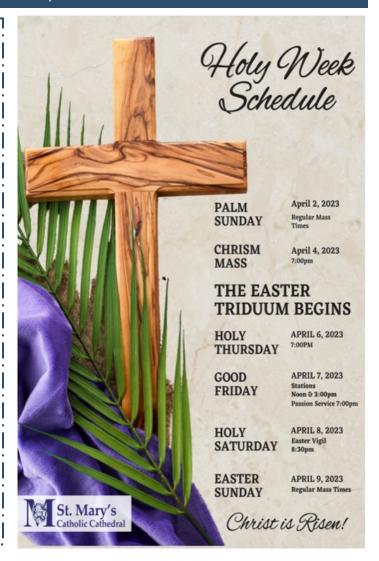
Sunday, April 9

8:00 am — For the People (Parish Family)

9:30 am — For the People (Parish Family)

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

Mass Stipends are \$5 Contact the Parish Office 806.376.7204



# Only Two Weeks to the Greatest Day of Grace

Be Ready Divine Mercy Sunday is the first Sunday after Easter, the greatest day of grace of the year. Official Church teaching states that those who worthily receive the Eucharist\* with trust in God's mercy on this day and are merciful to others will obtain COMPLETE forgiveness of all sin and punishment. It is likened to a second baptism! In addition, Jesus promises, "ALL the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened." On this day, ask the Lord with trust for blessings, healings, reconciliations, etc. Go to mercysundaymomentum.org to learn more. \* To receive communion or Eucharist, in the Roman Catholic Church, one must be in a "state of grace," meaning one has not committed any "mortal sins" since last confessing. This requirement is drawn from an interpretation of 1 Corinthíans 11:27-28 to not partake in an unworthy manner.



# **Holy Cross**



#### **Holy Cross Catholic Academy**

faculty and staff wish everyone a blessed Palm Sunday.

God our Father, you anointed Jesus your Son to bear our sins, to encourage the weary, to raise up and restore a fallen world. May the paschal mystery of Christ's death and Resurrection be a reality in our lives. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is ongoing. Please call the school for questions - 806-355-9367.

# Youth





Edge: will not meet on April 5th. It is Holy week!! Life Teen: will not meet April 9th, Happy Easter!

# Faith Formation/Youth



GIFT

No class on April 9th

# More Parish/Diocesan Information.....



# REMINDER!

If your family took a Rice Bowl for the Lenten Season, please return them by Good Friday, April 7th, 2023. You may place them into the collection Buckets or Baskets on the Faith and Action Apostolate Table in the Narthex.

## **Central Deanery Spring Meeting 2023**

Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023

Location: Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Hall

Theme: Path of Renewed Encounter

Time: Registration 8:30 am

Registration Cost \$30.00—that includes Lunch! Additional Information: Gloria Carlile (806)674-3890

> St. Mary's Cathedral Council of Catholic Women Invites you to join us Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM

Msgr. Smyer Reception Room

We will have light snacks and continue to make plans for our future.

Questions: Call Jeannie Friddell (806) 679-9144

# ITALY & AMALFI PILGRIMAGE

12 DAYS: NOVEMBER 6 - 17, 2023

VISITING: FLORENCE \* ASSISI \* SORRENTO \* AMALFI COASTLINE POMPEII \* MONTE CASSINO \* ROME \* PAPAL AUDIENCE



Hosted by Fr. Tony Neusch

\$3799 FROM DALLAS\*

\*Air/land tour price is \$3279 plus \$520 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

For More Information, Please Contact Fr. Neusch: Tel: (806) 570-5706

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DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!



# PILGRIMAGE TO EMERALD IRELAND

11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 1 - 11, 2023

VISITING: WATERFORD • KILLARNEY • CLIFFS OF MOHER GALWAY • CONNEMARA • KNOCK• SLIGO • DUBLIN



#### HOSTED BY MSGR. JOSEPH BIXENMAN & Mr. NICK FLORES

# \$3579 FROM DALLAS\*

\*Air/land tour price is \$3079 plus \$500 gov't taxes/ airline surcharges

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CONTRIBUTIONS — GENERAL 3.19.2023			7.01.2022—3.19.2023		THANK YOU FOR YOUR
Weekly Collection (Including holy days/ building)	\$	24,634.09	\$	973,533.32	THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP
Other Receipts	\$	1,479.93	\$	58,682.62	The easiest and most efficient way to support
Weekly Total	\$	26,114.02	\$	1,032,215.94	St. Mary's Cathedral Church is
Weekly Goal	\$	28,483.88	\$	1,082,387.62	to go to Online Giving at:
Over/Under (Not including special collections)	\$	(2,369.87)	\$	(50,171.68)	www.stmarysamarillo.com
Annual Expense Budget	\$	1,481,162.00			Your generosity helps with the Cathedral's everyday bills.

Attendance: 1,010 Catholic Relief Services \$1,874.23



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!