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**Parish website: [www.stmarysamarillo.com](http://www.stmarysamarillo.com)**

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

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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, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 7:00 am  
Tuesday and Thursday: 5:30 pm

### **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  
Father Tony Neusch 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.

**July 23, 2023**



**16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom  
of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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## **Mission Statement**

**St. Mary's Cathedral Parish and School**  
**...forming families for eternity**

# WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

## **Pastoral Staff**

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## **Parish Program Staff**

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**Sacramental Records/Safe Environment**

**Bernice Noggler ~ Ext. 3010/**

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## **Parish Service Staff**

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**Bulletin—Shelley Jones**

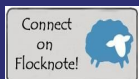
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## **St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Masses**

*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 Chapel.

## **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**  
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**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 July 23, 2023

### Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

### Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

### Tuesday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

### Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

### Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

### Friday:

Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

### Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

### Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great)

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

— Father John Muir

## Our Rector's Ramblings

This week I challenge you to make the psalm refrain part of your spiritual DNA, "Lord, you are good and forgiving." Make these six words a part of every fiber of your being. Knit them into your bones. Let them take up residence in the deepest parts of your guts. They are the words that the Christian in the present age, must make their own. I used to believe that people don't go to confession, because they don't think that they sin. I don't believe this anymore. People don't ask for forgiveness of their sins, because they don't believe God has the power or desire to forgive them.

Jesus' message is simple, "Repent and believe the Good News." And the Good News, is that God desires reconciliation with His people. God desires his chosen people to return to full communion, and does absolutely everything possible to make this happen, everything except to force His people to receive His gifts. The Psalm refrain succinctly places this on our plate. God is Good, He doesn't coerce. God is forgiving, He desires reconciliation. "Lord, you are good and forgiving."

~Blessings, Father Tony~

The latest edition of The West Texas Catholic is now available online at [westtexascatholic.org](http://westtexascatholic.org).



### Mary's Day Volunteers

We are asking for volunteers, both men and women, to help set up games, etc. on Mary's Day, **August 13th, 2023!**

We will begin setting up at 9:00 am and clean-up will begin at 3:00 pm.

Thanks for your help making Mary's Day a fun day for everyone!

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

## Peek at the week

### Monday, July 24

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

### Tuesday, July 25

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

8:00 am: Garden Ministry—Garden Beds

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

6:00 pm: Stephen Ministry—Reception Room

6:00 pm: Sycamore Intercessory Prayer—Chapel

7:00 pm: Knight of Columbus Social Meeting—KC Room

### Wednesday, July 26

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

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

5:30 pm: Confession—Chapel

### Thursday, July 27

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

### Friday, July 28

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

12:00 pm: Seven Sorrows Rosary—Chapel

### Saturday, July 29

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

3:00 pm: Confessions—Chapel

5:30 pm: Mass—Church

### Sunday, July 30

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, July 24

7:00 am — +Jackie Gray by  
Lantz & Hogan Family

### Tuesday, July 25

7:00 am — +Tim Dudley by  
Will & Deloris Jones  
5:30 pm — +Mary Joanne Rocca by  
Barbara Gray

### Wednesday, July 26

7:00 am — +Michael Upchurch by  
Iris Upchurch

### Thursday, July 27

5:30 pm — +Betty Ray by  
Raymond Ray

### Friday, July 28

7:00 am — Linnie Duckworth by  
Family of John Connelly, Sr.

### Saturday, July 29

5:30 pm — +Jackie Gray by  
Barbara Gray

### Sunday, July 30

8:00 am — +Julio Sr. & Patricia Guerra by  
The Guerra Family  
9:30 am — +Wes & Norma Davis by  
Their Loving Daughters  
12:00 pm - For the People (Parish Family)

**Mass Stipends are \$5**  
**Contact the Parish Office 806.376.7204**

## SIXTH ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

**For the Downtown Women's Center**

**Needed especially this year are backpacks, composition books, 3-ring binders, spiral notebooks, 3-prong folders with pockets and Zip Lock bags.**

**All school supplies welcomed.**

**Collection table will be set up the last 3 week-ends of July and the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of August.**



*Let us not grow tired of doing good...  
let us do good to all." Galatians 6:9,10*



**YAH (Young At Heart) is in charge of White Elephant Bingo for the Mary's Day Celebration! We are asking all members of the Parish to bring your "White Elephants" to church after Mass and leave them....wrapped or unwrapped....on the table in the Narthex.**

**What is a White Elephant, you may ask? Something around your house that you may no longer treasure.**

**You know what they say....**

**someone's trash is someone else's treasure!**

**These will be the Bingo prizes ....they will be wrapped so each winner gets a surprise!**

**Bingo and other games, such as cards and dominoes, will be in the Msgr. Smyer Reception Room...**

**and they are only available to our older members of St. Mary's to get out of the hot sun.**

**No children will be allowed to play.**

**We look forward to seeing you there....and to seeing your White Elephants!!**

## HELP WANTED

The Diocese of Amarillo needs to fill a **secretarial/executive assistant** position. Qualified candidates should have proficiency in English, with proficiency in Spanish, a plus. This is a fulltime position, which includes all benefits. Work involves ministry/public relations. Applicants must be trustworthy to keep all matters related to the task in the highest of confidentiality. The ideal candidate must be able to read a moderate to high amount of documents, be highly organized and must be proficient in Microsoft Word and the Windows operating system. Candidates must be customer friendly on the telephone and able to work in a team-oriented atmosphere.

Deadline for applications is Friday, Aug. 4.  
Please, no phone calls.  
Please send resumes to:  
**Diocese of Amarillo**  
Attn: Jim Mitchell  
P.O. Box 5644  
Amarillo, TX 79117-5644



## 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

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**DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!**



## Holy Cross



### A Dozen Reasons to choose a Catholic School:

1. Education is combined with Catholic faith and teachings for academic excellence.
2. Teachers partner with parents in the faith formation of students.
3. High standards for student achievement are set.
4. A Catholic school provides a balanced curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.
5. Technology is used effectively to enhance education.
6. The value of service to others is instilled in students.
7. Students are taught to respect themselves and others.
8. Moral development and self-discipline is emphasized.
9. Students are prepared to be productive citizens and future leaders.
10. High school has a 99% graduation rate; 85% of graduates attend college.
11. Faculty and staff are dedicated, caring and effective.
12. A safe and welcoming environment is provided for all students and families.

The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)

**Call or come by Holy Cross Catholic Academy for further information.**

**4110 S. Bonham St.  
806-355-9637**

## Youth



Edge summer nights: August 2nd

Life teen: August 6th

Youth Formation Orientations. A parent must attend one of the following orientations. All orientations will take place in the gym.

Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>:

10:30 am- Pre-Con (1<sup>st</sup> yr prep)

11:00 am- Edge

11:30 am- Con (2<sup>nd</sup> yr)

12:00 pm- Life Teen

Tuesday August 9<sup>th</sup>:

6:00 pm- Pre-Con (1<sup>st</sup> yr prep)

6:30 pm- Edge

7:00 pm- Con (2<sup>nd</sup> yr)

7:30 pm- Life Teen

Tuesday August 29<sup>th</sup>:

6:00 pm- Pre-Con (1<sup>st</sup> yr prep)

6:30 pm- Edge

7:00 pm- Con (2<sup>nd</sup> yr)

7:30 pm- Life Teen

## Faith Formation

TIME TO REGISTER FOR  
YOUTH FAITH FORMATION  
[WWW.STMARYSAMARILLO.COM](http://WWW.STMARYSAMARILLO.COM)

G.I.F.T.  
PreK-5th

**First Holy  
Communion**

**Confirmation**

**Edge  
6th-8th**

**Life Teen  
9th-12th**

Please feel free to call  
Yvonne Vasquez at 350-2924  
with G.I.F.T. or Sacramental questions  
or  
Andrea Lopez at 350-2926  
with Life Teen or Edge questions



CONTRIBUTIONS — GENERAL 7.16.2023		7.01.2023—7.16.2023		<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP</b>  <b>The <span style="color: red;">easiest and most efficient</span> way to support St. Mary's Cathedral Church is to go to Online Giving at: <a href="http://www.stmarysamarillo.com">www.stmarysamarillo.com</a></b>  <b>Your generosity helps with the Cathedral's everyday bills.</b>
Weekly Collection (Including holy days/ building)	\$ 21,140.14	\$ 60,950.01		
Other Receipts	\$ 300.00	\$ 5,476.71		
Weekly Total	\$ 21,220.14	\$ 66,426.72		
Weekly Goal	\$ 30,373.69	\$ 91,121.08		
Over/Under (Not including special collections)	\$ <span style="color: red;">(8,933.55)</span>	\$ <span style="color: red;">(24,694.36)</span>		
Annual Expense Budget	\$ 1,579,432.00			
Church in Africa: 1,882.12				



### Stephen Ministry at St. Mary's Cathedral

The name *Stephen* comes from St. Stephen, who was the first layperson commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need (Acts 6). Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are trained Christian caregivers. Their role is to listen and care—not counsel or advise. Stephen Ministry is a supervised ministry. Stephen Ministers engage in twice-monthly supervision to ensure that they are providing the best-quality Christian care. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. What a care receiver tells a Stephen Minister remains confidential. Even in supervision, the names of care receivers and specific details are never discussed. Stephen Ministers do not make cold calls. They are assigned only to people who agree to receive the care of a Stephen Minister – men with men and women with women.

If you or someone you know is going through a tough time, let a Stephen Minister walk with you. Fill out a request card and drop it in the prayer box in the Chapel or call (806) 350-2930 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you.