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October 8, 2023



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - Mt 21:43

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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.

Mission Statement

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

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

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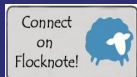
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www.stmarysamarillo.com



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

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
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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 October 8, 2023

Sunday:

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
(Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday:

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

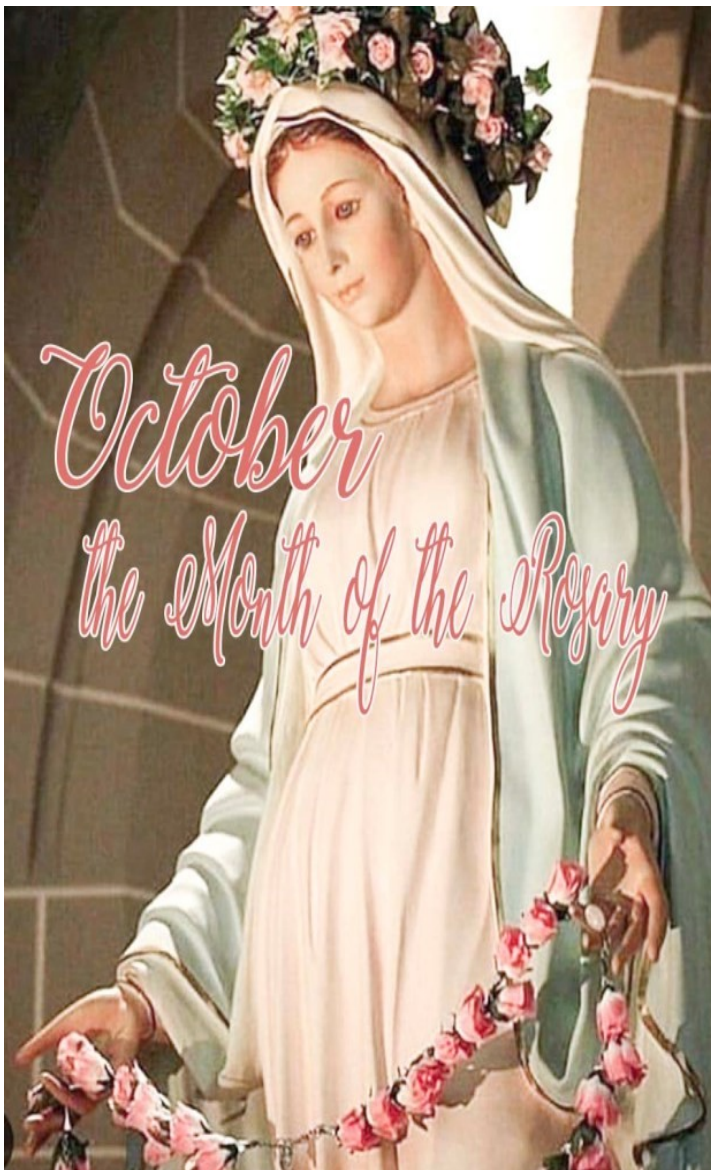
Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to *disagree* with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is *not* deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— Father John Muir

Month of the Rosary



Peek at the week

Monday, October 9

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

Tuesday, October 10

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

8:00 am: Garden Ministry—Garden Beds

11: 30 am: Young at Heart—Reception Room

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

6:30 pm: Red Mass—Church

6:30 pm: Stephen Ministry—St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, October 11

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

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

5:30 pm: Confession—Chapel

5:30 pm: Sign Language Class—RCIA Room

6:30 pm: Edge—Msgr. Smyer Room & Gym

Thursday, October 12

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

6:00 pm: Sycamore—Gym

6:00 pm: Grief Support Group = San Juan Padilla Room

6:30 pm: Gospel of Mark—Room 2

Friday, October 13

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

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

12:00 pm: Seven Sorrows Rosary—Chapel

Saturday, October 14

3:00 pm: Confessions—Chapel

5:30 pm: Mass—Church

Sunday, October 15

Mass times are 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:00 pm

10:40 am: G.I.F.T.—Reception Room

10:45 am: Adult Faith Formation—CR 6 and 7

10:45 am: RCIA—CR 3 and 5

5:30 pm: Life Teen—Reception Room & Gym

Saints of St. Mary's

We are recruiting volunteers to

- read with a student
- help with homework
- play a structured game
- join a student for lunch
- be the "store clerk" for a rewards program on Fridays
- facilitate a structured program with upper elementary students (requires man and woman)



Wolflin and Bivins Elementary Schools are welcoming our "Saints of St. Mary's" for the school year. Experience the rewards of making a difference

in a child's life by donating an hour or two a week.

Contact Kathi Lewis (806 674-5805) or Teresa Schwertner (806 670-1668) for questions and to sign up



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, October 9

7:00 am — Archer Biggs by
Darrell & Kim Glenn
7:00 am — Mia Kritis by
Jeanna Ortiz

Tuesday, October 10

7:00 am — + Mary Cecilia Pease
Stephen Ministry
5:30 pm — + T.J. Gardner by
Robert & Linda Ebencamp

Wednesday, October 11

7:00 am — Christi Schwertner by
St. Anne's Sewing Circle

Thursday, October 12

5:30 pm — Pedro Aguirre by
The Aguirre Family

Friday, October 13

7:00 am — + Ocean Sage Medina by
Stephen Ministry
8:15 am — + Andrew Rettenmaier by
Mary Kay Bottoms

Saturday, October 14

5:30 pm — + Jackie Gray by
Barbara Gray

Sunday, October 15

8:00 am — The Keller Family by
Angela Keller
9:30 am — +Fr. Ken, Ted and Marie Keller by
Angela Keller
12:00 pm — For the People (Parish Family)

Mass Stipends are \$5
Contact the Parish Office 806.376.7204

The West Texas Catholic is now a digital publication. The latest issue is posted to westtexascatholic.org, on the Monday prior to the issue date. For those who want a printed version, there are a limited number of papers mailed to each parish, or you can send your address and a check for \$25 to: The West Texas Catholic, P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, TX 79117-5644.

**Event Staff Monitor Position Available
At St. Mary's Cathedral**
Hours will vary during the week.
**If interested, please send your resume to
Fr. Tony Neusch at frneusch@gmail.com**

Who: Young At Heart

When: Tuesday, October 10th at 11:30 am

Where: Reception Room

What: Food, Fellowship and Fun

Program: : Dr. Phillips will be here to give flu shots. If you bring your medicare/supplemental card your shot will be free. Time for shots will begin at 11:00 AM.

Deacon Robert Smith will be speaking about "Angels" and their presence among us. Some of us that see feathers around us hope that angels are around to visit and protect us.

Potluck lunch (meat provided). If you don't want to cook...feel free to stop by the grocery store and buy a side dish or dessert!

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL NOTIFICATION

If you are currently paying your UCA pledge with a credit card or a checking account automatic withdrawal, and you still receive a statement, PLEASE IGNORE THE STATEMENT.
Please call the Diocese of Amarillo to get the statement stopped. You can call 806-383-2243 and ask for Katherine Ext. 115 or Joyce Ext. 130.
Thank you for your support of UCA and our parish.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Deaf Ministry will be offering Basic Sign Language Classes for 6 weeks, beginning Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 through November 8th, 2023. Classes will be held from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm in the RCIA Classroom.

For more information or to register please call
Zilvia at 806-382-6511.

The latest edition of The West Texas Catholic is now available online at westtexascatholic.org.

**ST. MARY'S
"SCHOOL UNIFORM" DRIVE**
The Faith and Action Apostolate will be having a "School Uniform Drive" beginning the week-end of September 30th, 2023 and end the week-end of October 15th. We will have a table set up in the Narthex! Thank You, in advance, for your participation.

Holy Cross

Youth



THE HOLY CROSS CORNER

BELIEVE. DESIRE. DO.

Did you know that Ms. Steadman and our HCCA Choir won 3rd in State and a Sweepstakes Trophy in competition last year?
They recently had two students place in District All State Choir and advance to All Region!

Our choir will be having a Fall Concert on Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00pm at our Holy Cross Event Center.
Everyone is welcome!

Holy Cross Catholic Academy
4110 S. Bonham St.
Amarillo, TX 79110
(806) 355-9637



Life Teen: October 8st!

Edge: October 12th!

Meet in the Reception Room....

Edge meets Wednesday's from 6:30-8:00 pm
Middle school 6th-8th grade

Life Teen meets Sunday's from 5:30-8:00 pm
High School 9th-12th grade

Faith Formation

G.I.F.T.
October Schedule
Lesson A
October 1st or 8th
Safe Environment
October 15th or 22nd
All children K-5th must attend
(unless you are a St. Mary's Student)
no class on October 29th

CANDY NEEDED!
FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL
YOUTH
TRUNK OR TREAT
DROP YOUR CANDY DONATIONS IN
THE SHOPPING CART IN THE
NARTHEX AFTER ALL THE MASSES
PLEASE CONTACT AMY RAMSEY AT 806-350-2926
WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR MONETARY DONATIONS



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

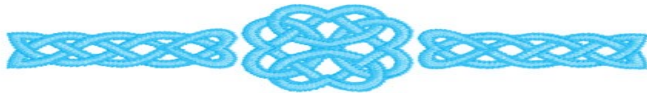
Your generosity helps with the Cathedral's
everyday bills.





Are the Little Things getting to you?

Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life! To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, call 806-350-2930. Someone will contact you. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



THURSDAYS

OCT. 12
THROUGH
NOV. 16

HONORING YOUR GRIEF *Group*

A 6 week Catholic Grief Support Group

FR. JUAN PADILLA ROOM

TO SIGN UP, CALL OR GO BY THE PARISH OFFICE
AND SPEAK WITH JEANNIE

No cost to join,
all materials
will be provided

Facilitated by:
Davlyn Duesterhaus and
Angela D. Keller, LPC

Each evening we will have prayer, topic about grief, discussion and sharing. Whether you have lost your loved one 3 months ago or 3 years ago and are wanting companions on your grief journey, then please join us!

Davlyn Duesterhaus has been a hospice and hospital chaplain for over 20 years. Angela Keller is a Licensed Professional Counselor and is currently working as a Grief Counselor for a local hospice.