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

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**[www.facebook.com/StMarysCathedralSchool](https://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, 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.

**January 21, 2024**



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee,  
and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets.  
Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat  
along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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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 Service Staff**

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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**  
**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)*

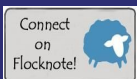
**Contact the church office for more information.  
806-376-7204**

### **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.



**Sign up for Flocknote at:  
[www.stmarysamarillo.com](http://www.stmarysamarillo.com)**



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## Our Rector's Ramblings

Dr. Suess begins his book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go" with the words, "Congratulations! Today is your day!" I come back to these simple lines regularly. Today is my day. There are a ton of things that I can fill my day with. I can relax or work. I can rejoice or complain. I can eat or exercise or both. I can fill my day with prayer. Today is my day. Today is your day. Most of the readers of these words will get them on Sunday. I bet that you already came to Mass. You may have had lunch or breakfast. There may be kids' games where you will go and coach and cheer. Maybe you will visit your family for Family Sunday Lunch. You might have gone to G.I.F.T. and are reflecting on the Sunday readings. I will bet that a couple of loads of laundry might get started and folded. It is too cold to mow the lawn, but at a different time of year that may be on the agenda. I bet the kids will finish up any lingering homework for Monday morning and go to bed a little earlier.

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us, and all who will listen, that the time of fulfillment is at hand. The kingdom of God is here. Today is THE day. It isn't so much yours or mine, it is the only one that matters. It is the day of the Lord, and we are being invited one more time to ask for forgiveness and place our faith in the Good News of Salvation. I am not asking you as a pastor, or priest, or even as a friend to change your schedule. Sometimes our living life can get in the way of our finding true life. We can get focused on all the bits and pieces of today and forget that the ultimate TODAY is the eternal now of communion with God. So with our heads full of brains and our shoes full of feet, let us choose the gift of salvation, place our trust in the eternal promise of love, and ask forgiveness for our failings. The kingdom of God is at hand. ~Blessings, Fr. Tony~

## Peek at the week

### Monday, January 22

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

7:00 pm: Communion Mister Training—Chapel

### Tuesday, January 23

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

8:00 am: Garden Ministry—Garden Beds

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

6:00 pm: Stephen Ministry—Reception Room

### Wednesday, January 24

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

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

5:30 pm: Confession—Chapel

6:30 pm: EDGE—Gym

### Thursday, January 25

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

### Friday, January 26

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

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

12:00 pm: Seven Sorrows Rosary—Chapel

### Saturday, January 27

3:00 pm: Confessions—Chapel

5:30 pm: Mass—Church

### Sunday, January 28

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

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

10:45 am: RCIA—CR 3 and 5

NO LIFE TEEN



**Knights of Columbus**

**Burritos \$3.00**

**Sunday, January 21st  
after all Masses**

## 2024, The Year of Prayer



*As a family of St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral and School, we would like to start the*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus devotion.*

*The Sacred Heart devotion is popular and has a long tradition in the Church.*

*Join Fr. Avitus on the first Friday of next month, February 2, 2024 after 7:00 am Mass to start this devotion to the Sacred Heart.*

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

### Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/  
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

### Monday:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/  
Mk 3:22-30

### Tuesday:

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Mk 3:31-35

### Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/  
Mk 4:1-20

### Thursday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc,  
2/Mk 16:15-18

### Friday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,  
7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

### Saturday:

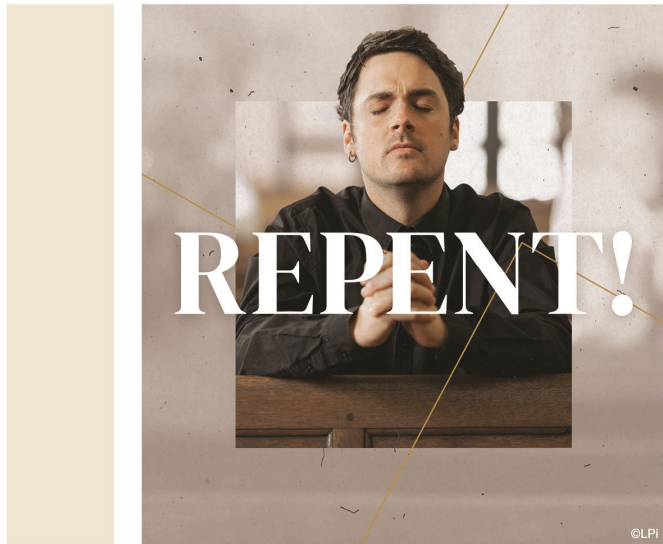
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/  
Mk 4:35-41

### Next Sunday:

Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/  
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir



## 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, January 22

7:00 am: +Harold Gattis by  
James Anderson  
+Roy Luera by  
Richard & Lucy Jalbert

### Tuesday, January 23

7:00 am: Frank McMillin by  
Iris Upchurch  
5:30 pm: Suzzanne Lozano by  
Lorraine Horne

### Wednesday, January 24

7:00 am: Luke K.N. Hoang by  
Dieu Thi Hoang

### Thursday, January 25

5:30 pm : +Bob & +Shirley Mager by  
The Lee Family

### Friday, January 26

7:00 am: Petra Anderson by  
James Anderson  
8:15 am: Valerie Olivarez by  
Her Family

### Saturday, January 27

5:30 pm: +Jackie Gray by  
Barbara Gray

### Sunday, January 28

8:00 am: For the Parish Family  
9:30 am: Phyllis Doucette by  
Monica Williams  
12:00 pm: Confirmation Retreatants by  
St. Mary's Family

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



### *Faith and Action Apostolate Project*

**Help the Homeless Community served by the Guyon Saunders Resource Center by donating any of the following items. The items be collected at all the Masses January 6 through January 21:**

- ♦ **Adult warm coats, scarves, gloves, hand warmers and hats**
- ♦ **Coffee, jars of creamer, bulk sugar**
- ♦ **Instant oatmeal packets (brown sugar maple is desired)**
- ♦ **Top Cup Ramen noodles (must have cup)**
- ♦ **Antibiotic ointments, cough drops, band aids, extra strength acetaminophen**
- ♦ **GSRC has an Amazon page that includes these items as well as others that can be shipped directly to their location at 200 S. Tyler, 79101**



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

Father Avitus and Deacon Ron will be meeting with those who are presently altar servers and anyone else interested in becoming an altar server **along with their parents**. The meeting will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 in the Msgr. Smyer Room from 9:00 am – 10:00 am. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



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

**It includes information on  
Catholic Schools Week**

### *St Monica's Little Saints*

St. Monica's Little Saints playgroup meets weekly and is open to families with children of all ages! Please call or text **Sarah McWhorter** (806)677-8440 or **Jessica Robertson** (806)340-4045 for more information.



## Holy Cross

## Youth



### THE HOLY CROSS CORNER

BELIEVE. DESIRE. DO.

#### Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

January 28-February 3, 2024

United in Faith & Community

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education

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



Life Teen: January 21st @5:30 pm

Edge: January 24th @6:30 pm

Meet in the Gym.....

**NO LIFE TEEN ON January 28th!!**



Attention High School Teens: If you are a High School Senior, please email me at [ythdir@stmarysamarillo.com](mailto:ythdir@stmarysamarillo.com) with your name and high school (or if you are home-schooled, please indicate) by Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to be included in the West Texas Catholic Graduation edition. You do not have to attend Life Teen to be included-we want to recognize all High School Seniors for their achievement!

## Youth Faith Formation

**1ST YEAR  
CONFIRMATION  
RETREAT**

*January  
26-28*

**PARENT MEETING**  
**TUESDAY JANUARY 16 6:00PM**  
**IN THE GYM**

PARENTS,  
IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE IT PLEASE CALL YVONNE TO SCHEDULE  
AN APPOINTMENT AT 806-350-2924

# Service Project

The Faith in Action Program at St. Mary's Cathedral is contributing to the Guyon Saunders Resource Center during the month of January. As a service project for Edge & Life Teen, we would like to invite the kids and families to participate in this program. We will be accepting the following donations from now until January 17th. The last day to turn these items in at the church is January 21st. For 4 items that are donated by each teen family, that teen can earn 1 service hour. Please feel free to send these items with your child to Edge up until January 17th. After that, they will have to be turned in at church in the Narthex by January 21st. If you have questions, you can reply to the flocnote or call Amy at 806-350-2926.

**Items:**  
Gloves  
Hand Warmers (packs of 3)  
Coffee  
Sugar  
Instant oatmeal packets (in unopened boxes)  
Top Gup Ramen Noodles, packs of 6 (MUST have a GUP)  
Triple Antibiotic ointment  
Gough Drops (in unopened packages)

**Thank you for your support!!**

# G.I.F.T

**Lesson B**  
January 21 or 28

**Lesson A**  
February 4 or 11

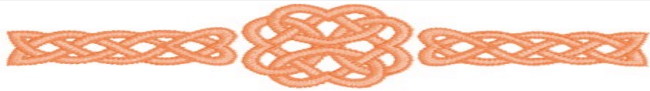
**Lesson B**  
February 18 or 25

## Stephen Ministry



Like the weather in the Texas Pan-handle, our lives are unpredictable. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave us feeling lonely. A hospitalization, a cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave us feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave us with nowhere to turn for support. If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis.

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 and leave a message. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



## Eucharistic Adoration

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"Come, let ME love you."*

- ◆ **Adoration resumes on the Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays in January, 2024 and going forward**
- ◆ If there is to be no Adoration, it is indicated where one checks in each time
- ◆ Suggestions for Adoration in the binder
- ◆ All are welcomed whether on the list or not
- ◆ Hours of Adoration are 7:00 AM through 9:00 PM
- ◆ Drop-ins are welcome
- ◆ 7:00 am - 9:00 am – Enter through Chapel door
- ◆ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm – Enter through Parish Office
- ◆ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Enter through Chapel door

**\*Confidentiality form must be signed before receiving the code to the chapel door. Please do not share code with anyone!**

**Binder is available in the chapel to check being present Subs - please check in with your name or as a Substitute**

**Suggestions for Adoration in the binder**

**If no one comes for the next hour please contact Fr. Tony at 806 570-5706. The Blessed Sacrament is not to be left unattended or put elsewhere. Thank You.**