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March 3, 2024



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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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

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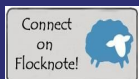
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www.stmarysamarillo.com



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.

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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 March 3, 2024

Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Scrutiny: 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

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/
Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:*
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me.
—Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to “**have no other gods besides me.**” This is our “grip.” Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say “yes” to this fundamental question of our spiritual “grip,” then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshipping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this “idol” to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— Father John Muir

Our Rector's Ramblings

Fire changes everything it touches. It burns and blisters, damages and destroys. Fire changes everything. I lived in Shamrock and Wellington several years after one of the last great fires that hit the Eastern Panhandle. It took years to recover and the great loss of livestock, livelihood, homes, and in some cases the tremendous loss of trees was still and is still being felt many years later. As I write this little reflection, I do not know the extent of the damage, and the fires, though under control, are still active. So, we pray for those affected.

Jesus Christ desired the Gospel to spread like fire, setting the whole world aflame. Changing everything and everyone it touched. Whether you heard the story of the cleansing of the temple or the Samaritan woman at the well we can be changed as well. We can ask ourselves what needs to be swept out. What are the things I have gathered into the Temple of the Holy Spirit in my soul that could be taken out? Or we can ask ourselves for what I am thirsting. What are the deep soul longings and dryness only Jesus Christ can slake.

As we pray for those who have lost property, we will mourn if there is loss of life, and as a community we will come together to rebuild. As Christians we will clean out our spiritual houses and drink deep of the waters of salvation.

~Blessings, Father Tony~

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024

An Outpouring of Tremendous Graces

On April 30, 2000, Pope St. John Paul II announced the reemergence of an ancient feast in the Church now called Divine Mercy Sunday. He said, "There is nothing mankind needs more than Divine Mercy," Through revelations given to St. Maria Faustina in the 1930's, Jesus Himself repeatedly requested the celebration of this feast and promised an outpouring of unimaginable graces, including complete remission of sins and punishment, upon those who turn with trust to His mercy. Go to **Mer-cySundayMomentum.org** to learn more about how to prepare for, celebrate, and share the good news of Divine Mercy Sunday.

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@stmarysamarrillo.com**

Peek at the week

Monday, March 4

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

6:15: Pastoral Council—CR2

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

8:00 am: Garden Ministry—Garden Beds

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

6:00 pm: Honoring Your Grief—CR 3

6:30 pm: Faith and Action—St. Joseph Room

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

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 am: Mass—Church

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

9:30 am: YAH Ready Set Thrive—San Juan Padilla Room

5:30 pm: Confession—Chapel

6:30 pm: EDGE—Gym

Thursday, March 7

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

6:00 pm: Sycamore—Reception Room

6:30 pm: Gospel of Mark—CR 2

Friday, March 8

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

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

12:00 pm: Seven Sorrows Rosary—Chapel

6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross—Church

Saturday, March 9

9:30 am: Marriage in the Lord—CR2

3:00 pm: Confessions—Chapel

5:30 pm: Mass—Church

Sunday, March 10

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—Gym



Stations of The Cross
Each Friday During Lent
6:00 pm in the Church

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 4

7:00 am: + Priests, Deacons, Sisters & Seminarians by Dieu Thi Huong
Father Gabriel Garcia by
Veronica Joy Mullen

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 am: +Humberto Medrano by
Rose Medrano
5:30 pm: +Bill Teal by
Delia Teal

Wednesday, March 6

7:00 am: Scott and Liz Love by
William & Deloris Jones

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

7:00 am: Robert Mullen by
Veronica Joy Mullen
8:15 am: Coward Family by
Dorali Calderon

Saturday, March 9

5:30 pm: +Don McMillin & Mary Meehan by
Iris Upchurch

Sunday, March 10

8:00 am: +Wallace Schlauder by
Rob & Tess Walters
9:30 am: For the Parish Family
12:00 pm: Confirmation Retreatants by
St. Mary's Cathedral

Mass Stipends are \$5
Contact the Parish Office 806.376.7204

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

Parish Lenten Outreach

Aquinas Project Needs Your Support To Provide Weekend Snack Paks for 30

Wolflin Elementary School students:

\$20.00 Feeds a Wolflin student for one month

\$240.00 Sponsors a student for a year

Envelopes available at the Faith and Action Apostolate table from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday. Donations go directly to Snack Pak 4 Kids for Wolflin Elementary. 100% of donations buys food.

Kids Can Change The World When They're Full



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

Aquinas Project is a Faith and Action Apostolate Ministry

Saints of St. Mary's

We are recruiting volunteers for Bivins Elementary School:

- Be the "store clerk" for a rewards program on Friday mornings 8:00-9:30.
- 1st Grade Read Aloud (1 class) Any morning before 10:15
- Kinder Read Aloud (1 class) Any day Tues-Fri from 10:00-10:30
- Mentor for girls during lunch time
- 4th Grade Read Aloud volunteer (1 class) Fridays 12:00-12:20
- Pre-K Centers volunteer (2 classes)

Would you like to experience the joys of making a difference in a child's life?

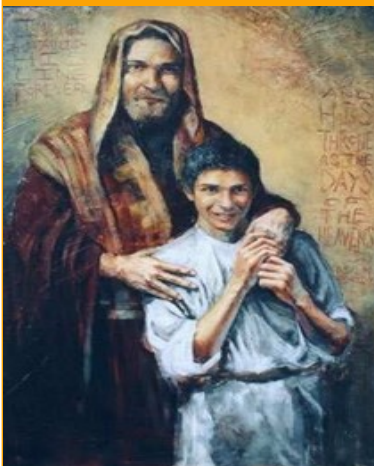
Contact Zilvia Bartels at (806) 382-6511 for more information or to sign up

Saints of St. Mary's is a Faith and Action Apostolate ministry



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SOLUMNITY of ST. JOSEPH



While relatively unknown to the non-Italian population, one city that widely celebrates this feast day is **New Orleans**. At one point, Louisiana used to be a popular arrival port for Sicilians. And many from Palermo settled in the French Quarters, so much so that it became known as "**Little Palermo**." Celebrations occur, even to this day, with traditional foods and festivities.

A traditional "**alter**" or "**St. Joseph's Table**" is also popular in New Orleans parishes. Many Italians brought this tradition with them to the States, and it is still honored by many today. The table is filled with gifts, both of food and sentimental ones, offered to the saint in thanksgiving. Generally, a statue of **St. Joseph** is placed at the head of the table and is surrounded by gifts of various foods, citrus fruits and of course, breads. On the feast day, an open house is held, inviting the poor, friends and family to join in the celebration of eating the gifts left on the table. Some parishes give all food items collected to the poor. Fava beans, one of the spared crops, represent good luck and abundance. Be sure to add them to your table for March 19th. In **Cedar Rapids**, the Czech community celebrates St. Joseph's Day the Saturday closest to March 19th. There is a parade, a dance and other special events. A local bakery traditionally serves sauerkraut and dumplings. Little Bohemia will be featuring Czech music and serving red beer, kolache, dumplings, and other traditional Czech dishes. They also wear red observing their national color.

Holy Cross



THE HOLY CROSS CORNER

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2024-2025 Registration

Reenrollment as well as new enrollment is now open! Tuition is the same amount for all students 6th-12th grade. HCCA offers an \$800 Deanery Scholarship for each Catholic student whose family is a registered and active member of a parish. If you would like to schedule a tour or if you would like more information you can visit our website and/or call the office.

<https://holycrossama.org/admissions>

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

Youth



Life Teen: March 3rd @ 5:30

Edge: March 6th @ 6:30 pm

Meet in the Gym.....!

Youth Faith Formation



Misc.

Beginners Sign Language Class

Deaf Ministry would love to invite you to attend a sign language class to start learning to communicate with our Deaf parishioners in our Parish or other Deaf people in our community.

Classes are every Wednesday March 20-April 24, 6-7pm at St Mary's church in the RCIA Rm #3 for \$20 per person.

We will be using the book "Signing Illustration" by Mark Floding. It can be purchased at Barnes and Nobles for \$20 before the first class. Ask at the front desk under my name Zilvia.

For returning students who attended the beginner's class last fall we will be using the same book.

If interested or if you have questions, please call me: Zilvia Bartels at 806 -382-6511 as soon as possible.

Fasting and Abstinence

United States Fasting and Abstinence Norms

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

More information can be found at USCCB.org search



Stephen Ministry



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!



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.