



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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## OUR MISSION

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is a community living out Christ's mission by extending our hearts to those in need through evangelization, nourished by the word and bread of life and with a **full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage**, to become witnesses in faith and strive to empower our community to live as Disciples of Christ.

### PASTOR :

Rev. Fr. Innocent Eziefule

### PARISH SECRETARY:

Mrs. Joanne Herrera

### CRE:

Mrs. Jennifer Lopez

### DEACONS

Dcn. Marc Main  
Dcn. Eduardo Castillo

## NUESTRA MISIÓN

*La iglesia católica de San Francisco de Asís es una comunidad que vive a cabo la misión de Cristo mediante la ampliación de nuestro corazón a los necesitados a través de la evangelización, alimentada por la Palabra y el pan de la vida y con el corazón lleno enriquecida por un servicio honesto, amor, sacrificio y valor, a convertirse en testigos de la fe y se esfuerzan por capacitar a nuestra comunidad a vivir como discípulos de Cristo*

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Mon, Wed, & Fri.** 9:00AM—5:00PM  
**Tues. & Thurs.** 9:00AM—3:00PM  
**Closed for Lunch from** 12:00PM to 1:00 PM

**Saturday, Sunday: Closed**  
**Bulletin Deadline Wednesday @ Noon**

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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 24, 2025**

Pastoral Council	John Ford.....676-3708
Finance Council	Jose Corral
Vocations	Rev. Innocent Eziefule Rosalba Serrato.....201-3102
Funeral Meals	Parish Office.....672-6695
Religious Education	Jennifer Lopez.....338-0139
Knights of Columbus	Francisco Arredondo.....325-513-4315
Cursillo de Cristianidad	Maria de Jesus Juarez.....518-0704
Guadalupana Society	Amanda Torres.....514-1125
La Legion de Maria	Socorro Hernández.....721-1709
Por La Gracia de Dios [Spanish Choir]	Maria Flores
Coro de Colores [Spanish Choir]	Louis Cisneros
Saturday Vigil Choir	Marty Diaz
Sunday 9am Mass Choir	Rebecca Cortez
Marriage Prep, Spanish	Jose & Faviola Corral
Youth Ministry	Rebecca Arredondo.....660-4177
Lectors	John Ford..... 518-3997
Eucharistic ministers	Deacon Marc Main.....672-6695
Altar Servers	Maria Elena Devora-Portillo.....518-4600
Chief Sacristan	Anita Sanchez.....672-6695
Maintenance Cleaning & House Keeping	Ruben Sanchez Angelica Acebedo

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Saturday, August 23**

4pm Vigil.....+Samuel Vasquez  
.....by The Vasquez Family  
.....+Christopher Rentz  
.....by Teresa Garcia

**Sunday, August 24**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass 9am.....FAP  
.....Jacob Caffey—Protection and well-being  
.....by the Berta Fernandez and family  
11am ..... +Maria Ortega  
.....by the Mora family  
.....Poor Souls in Purgatory [Novena]  
.....by Hortencia Diaz

**Monday, August 25**

**Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest  
Private Mass....**

.....Poor Souls in Purgatory  
.....by Hortencia Diaz

**Tuesday, August 26**

6:30pm.....+Maria Ortega  
.....by The Mora Family  
.....Poor Souls in Purgatory  
.....by Hortencia Diaz

**Wednesday, August 27**

**Saint Monica**

8:30am.....+Guadalupe Najera  
..... by Angelica Acebedo  
..... Poor Souls in Purgatory  
.....by Hortencia Diaz

**Thursday, August 28**

**Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:30am.....+Guadalupe Najera  
.....by Angelica Acebedo  
.....Poor Souls in Purgatory  
.....by Hortencia Diaz

**Friday, August 29**

**The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

8:30am.....+Tomas de Luna Pena  
.....by Lupe & Hector Garcia  
.....+Guadalupe Najera  
.....by Angelica Acebedo

**Saturday, August 30**

4pm Vigil.....+Tomas de Luna Pena  
.....by Lupe & Hector Garcia  
.....+Jesse Sanchez  
.....by Lola Sanchez

**Sunday, August 31**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass 9am.....+Juan Vasquez  
.....by the Vasquez Family  
.....Jacob Caffey—Protection and well being  
.....by Berta Fernandez and family  
11am ..... FAP  
.....+Maria Ortega  
.....by the Mora family

**STEWARDSHIP  
08/16/2025 and 08/17/2025**

Weekend Masses	\$	3985.55
Children's	\$	55.00
Mailed in	\$	357.00
Building	\$	347.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,744.55</b>
<b>Jamaica Raffle Tickets Sales</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>545.00</b>

*Thank you for your continuous contributions and sacrifices you make to our church community. You are greatly appreciated.*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

**Saturday, August 23**

3:00– 3:45pm Confessions  
4:00pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday, August 24**

9:00am Mass  
11am Mass (Spanish)

**Monday, August 25**

6:30pm Men's Rosary  
7:00pm Legion of Mary ( Spanish)

**Tuesday, August 26**

6:00pm Pro Life Rosary  
6:30pm Weekday Mass  
7:00pm Ultreya

**Wednesday, August 27**

8:30am Weekday Mass  
3pm-7pm RE Registration  
For 2025-2026 School Year

**Thursday, August 28**

8:30am Weekday Mass

**Friday, August 29**

8:30am Weekday Mass

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY [21] Saint Louis: Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest</b> 1 Thes 1: 1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149: 1b-6a, 9b Mt 23: 13-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY [21]</b> 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139: 1-3, 4-6 Mt 23: 23-26
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY [21] Saint Monica</b> 1 Thes 2: 9-13 Ps 139: 7-12b Mt 23: 27-32
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY [21] Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b> 1 Thes 3: 7-13 Ps 90: 3-5a, 12-14,17 Mt 24: 42-51
<b>Friday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY [21] The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</b> 1 Thes 4: 1-8 Ps 97: 1,2b, 5-6, 10-12 Mk 6: 17-29
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY [21]</b> 1 Thes 4: 9-11 Ps 98: 1,7-9 Mt 25: 14-30

**LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**August 23& 24**

**Lectors**

Sat 4pm	Lupe Aguirre	Juanita Pedroza
Sun 9am	Mary Murillo	Norma Collazo
Sun 11am	Eloisa Ortiz	Yolanda Siller

**Eucharist Minister**

Sat 4pm	Brad Stone	Melinda Stone
Sun 9am	Mayo Fernandez	Berta Fernandez
Sun 11am	Maria Flores	Socorro Hernandez
	Ester Gallegos	Cesar Gallegos

**August 30 & 31**

**Lectors**

Sat 4pm	Lupe Aguirre	Angie Rodriguez
Sun 9am	Christian Luckow	Michael Navarrette
Sun 11am	John Ford	Nadyne Ford

**Eucharist Minister**

Sat 4pm	Joanne Herrera	Anita Sanchez
Sun 9am	Norma Collazo	Rosalinda Agüero
Sun 11am	Jose Corral	Faviola Corral
	Erica Soto	Francisco

## Adult CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

### ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Are you...  
a practicing Catholic, over the age of 18, who has made First Communion, but has not received Confirmation?  
This year preparation for Adult Confirmation in English and in Spanish will be offered! These classes will run from September/October to March. Bishop Michael Sis will preside at the Confirmation Mass in March 2026.

English classes - Tuesdays 7:00-8:30

Start 9/23/25

Spanish classes - Thursdays 7:00-8:00

Start 10/2/25

Registration forms available in the Religious Education office. Call the office or check the Facebook page for registration dates.

### PROGRAMA DE CONFIRMACIÓN PARA ADULTOS

¿Eres...  
católico practicante, mayor de 18 años, que hizo la Primera Comunión, pero aún no ha recibido la Confirmación?  
¿Este año se ofrecerá preparación para la Confirmación para Adultos en inglés y español! estas clases se impartirán de septiembre/octubre a marzo. El Obispo Michael Sis oficiará la Misa de Confirmación en marzo de 2026.

Clases de inglés: martes de 7:00 a 8:30.

Comienzan el 23/9/2025.

Clases de español: jueves de 7:00 a 8:00.

Comienzan el 2/10/2025.

Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en la oficina de Educación Religiosa. Llama a la oficina o consulta la página de Facebook para conocer las fechas de **inscripción**.

### ALL FAITH FORMATION Classes (RE, OCIA, Adult Confirmation) Registration Dates:

**Sat, Aug. 23 at Back-to-School Social 5-8 pm**

**Wed, Aug 27, 3 pm - 7 pm**

**Wed, Sept 3, 3 pm - 7 pm**

**Wed, Sept 10, 3 pm - 7 pm**

**\$20 Late Fee after Sept 10.**

**Deadline to register Oct. 1.**

You may also call the office to schedule an appointment to register.

Parents of KINDERGARTEN, FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION students MUST bring their birth certificate and baptismal certificate to register.

**FIRST DAY: Wednesday, Sept 17**

## Prayer For The Sick

Dear Lord, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus name, Amen.

### Please pray for our brothers and sisters, especially for:

Tristan Sanchez, Guillermina Ortega, Berta Fernandez, Lola Sanchez, Robert Carrion, Rosa Chavirra, Laura Amador, Sylvia Urban, Olga Valdez, Angie Aubin, Ramon Aguirre, Lupe Aguirre, Juanita Siller, Alex Martinez, Mario Carrillo, Linda Sanchez, Lupe Ledesma, Robert Trujillo, Cecilia Wilson, Sonya Garcia-Tellez, Olga Serrano, Angie Serrano, Rocio Herrera, Teresa Esquivel, Rosalinda Aguero, Patty Olvera, Susie & Joe Rodriguez, David Gonzalez, Mary Ann Cruz, Yolanda Hodges, Juanita Perez, Mireya Molina, Mary Flores, Hector Garcia, Dolores (Dee) Rollins, Aurelio Murillo, Jr. Mario Gonzales, Deacon Marc Main, Maria Gomez

### St. Francis Annual Jamaica/Festival

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025**

**11:00 AM to 11:00 PM**

826 Cottonwood St. | Abilene, TX

Join us for Fun, Food, Games, Dancing, & Live Music!

### Grand Prize - \$5,000 Gift Card



#### OTHER PRIZES FOR RAFFLE:

- \$1,000 Gift Card
- \$500 Gift Card
- 65-inch TV
- 28-inch Blackstone Griddle
- Apple Watch
- Ninja Air Fryer
- \$125 Hendrick Med Spa Gift Card
- \$100 Nail Club & Spa Gift Card

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS ARE **\$5 each**

Raffle will be held day of festival!

(Need not be present to win)

TICKETS SOLD AFTER EACH MASS or

Contact the Parish Office | 325-672-6695

Jamaica is fast approaching so we would like you to help support it in a variety of forms. One would be by bringing items for prizes in the loteria games which will be run by the Guadalupanas. Another way would be for you to sign up to volunteer in any of the listed activities during the Jamaica. Several shifts to choose from. You can find the list in the vestibule; and lastly, by taking more raffle tickets booklets to sell to your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.

La Jamaica se aproxima rápidamente así que queremos pedir su apoyo en formas variadas. Una de esas sería trayendo artículos como premios para la Loteria que será manejada por las Guadalupanas. Otra forma de apoyar es apuntarse en la lista de voluntarios para las diferentes actividades durante la Jamaica; los turnos de trabajo son variados. La lista está en el vestibulo; y finalmente, pueden ayudar llevándose más libritos de la rifa para vender a su familia, amigos, vecinos y compañeros de trabajo.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MONICA TORRES  
BY  
ROGER & JOVITA TORRES



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IN MEMORY OF ALL OUR  
LOVED ONES  
BY  
ANTONIO & JOANNE  
HERRERA

For Questions or Info Ask Grand Knight Francisco Arredondo 325-513-4315  
Deputy Knight Chad Luckow 325-260-0998



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A  
KNIGHT

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MEMORY OF  
MARIA ORTEGA  
BY  
FRANCIS ROACH

**GUADALUPANA SOCIETY  
OF SAINT FRANCIS**

Everyone is invited to join.  
Our meetings are on the first  
Thursday of each month in  
Homsey Hall, at 6:30pm

*Todos estan invitados.  
Nuestras juntas son el primer  
Jueves de cada mes en el  
Salon Homsey, a las 6:30pm*



**English Baptism Class**

*If you need to have your child  
baptized and need to take these  
classes: please come by the office  
to register*

**Clases de Bautismo en  
Español**

*Se necesita registrarse en la  
Oficina antes de tomar las clases.*

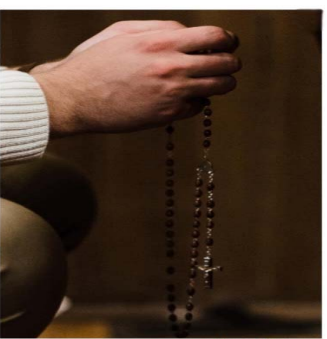


**Pro-Life Rosary**

**Every Tuesday  
6:00 –  
6:30 pm**

**St. Francis Catholic Church  
826 Cottonwood**

Let us lift our  
thanks to God and His  
Blessed Mother for  
answered prayers and  
continue to pray for  
all those working  
to protect life at  
the state level.



Hosted by  
the Catholic Pro-Life Committee of the Abilene Deanery  
-Dr. Jim Sulliman, Chairman

**First Safe Haven Baby Box in Abilene**




A **Safe Haven Baby Box** has been placed at a fire station in Abilene, Texas. The state's "Baby Moses" law allows parents to safely leave their baby at a fire station, hospital, or police station with employees within 60 days after the child's birth. The parents will not be charged with child abandonment, can leave the baby anonymously, and the child will be safe. Every state has a safe haven law, though each state differs on designated safe haven locations and the age of the child. Abilene's first Safe Haven Baby Box is located at Abilene's Fire Station No. 7, 431 N. Pioneer Dr. Abilene 79603.

The box is temperature-controlled, padded, and monitored. This allows the baby a safe environment and anonymous option to parents wishing to surrender their child. When the Safe Haven Baby Box is open, a silent alarm alerts firefighters. The baby is then taken to a hospital for medical evaluation.

*For more information go to :*  
<https://www.lifenews.com/2024/04/18/texas-city-installs-first-safe-haven-baby-box-to-protect-babies-from-infanticide/>  
or search **Safe Haven Baby Box Abilene, TX**




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