



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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BLESSED ARE THE POOR

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 16, 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
Guadalupe Society	Amanda Torres.....	514-1125
La Legion de Maria	Socorro Hernández.....	721-1709
Mens Rosary Group	Kenneth Duncan.....	956- 206-0392
Youth Ministry	Rebecca Arredondo.....	660-4177
Lectors	John Ford.....	518-3997
Eucharistic ministers	Brad Stone.....	701-4745
Altar Servers	Rev. Innocent Eziefule..... Maria Elena Devora-Portillo.....	672-6695 518-4600
Chief Sacristan	Anita & Ruben Sanchez.....	672-6695

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 15

Vigil Mass 4pm+ Robert Rodriguez
By Angie Rodriguez
Rudy Biera for Health & Healing
by Angie Rodriguez

Sunday, February 16

Mass 9:00am.....Angelica Acebedo for Birthday blessings
by Angelica Acebedo
 Mass 11am.....Gustavo Quiroz for Health and Healing
by The Legion of Mary
Spiritual Well Being of the Ortega-Diaz family
by Martha Ortega -Diaz

Tuesday, February 18

6:30pm.....Communion Service

Wednesday, February 19

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30amCommunion Service

Thursday, February 20

8:30am..... Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Martha Ortega-Diaz

Friday, February 21

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30am.....Andrew Gagnon for health and well being
by Louis Cisneros

Saturday, February 22

Vigil Mass 4pm+ Carlos Castillo
by Ben and Concha Argumaniz
+Elvira Vasquez
by The Vasquez Family

Sunday, February 23

Mass 9:00am.....+Juanita Borrego
by Hope Bedoya
 Mass 11am.....FAP
Gustavo Quiroz for Health and Healing
by The Legion of Mary

STEWARDSHIP 02/8//2025 and 01/1/202

Weekend Masses	\$	3874.33
Children's	\$	132.00
Mail ins	\$	155.00
Online donations	\$	280.00
Other	\$	250.00

TOTAL \$ 4691.33

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

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 15

3-3:45pm
4:00 pm **Confessions**
Mass

Sunday, February 16

9:00am SCAP
11 am Mass (Bilingual)

Monday, February 17

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

Tuesday, February 18

6:00pm Prolife Rosary
6:30pm Communion Service
7:00pm Ultrella
6:30pm-8:00pm **Adult Confirmation Class-English**
7:00pm-8:00pm **OCIA— Order of Christian Initiation For Adult**

Wednesday, February 19

8:30am Communion Service
6:30pm-7:45pm **RE Class (Grades K-12th)**
6:30pm- 7:45pm Called to Protect (9-12th grades)

Thursday, February 20

8:30am Mass
7:00pm—8:00pm **Adult Confirmation Classes-Spanish**

Friday, February 21

8:30am Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Weekday [6] <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i> Gen 4: 1-15, 25 Ps 50: 1, 8,16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8: 11-13
Tuesday	Weekday [6] Gen 6: 5-8, 7: 1-5, 10 Ps 29: 1a, 2, 3-4, 9c, 10 Mk 8: 14-21
Wednesday	Weekday [6] Gen 8: 6-13, 20-22 Ps 116: 12-15, 18-19 Mk 8: 22-26
Thursday	Weekday [6] Gen 9: 1-13 Ps 102 16-18, 19-23, 29 Mk 8: 27-33
Friday	Weekday [6] <i>Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church</i> Gen 11: 1-9 Ps 33: 10-15 Mk 8: 34-9: 1
Saturday	Weekday [6] THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APPOSLE 1Pt 5: 1-4 Ps 23: 1-3a, 4-6 Mk 16: 14-19

LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

February 15 & February 16

Lectors

Sat 4pm	Juanita Pedroza	Mary Murillo
Sun 9am	Kenneth Duncan	Michael Navarrette
Sun 11am	Ruben Sanchez	Norma Garza

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 4pm	Joanne Herrera	Emma Catterall
Sun 9am	Pat Fitzgerald	Norma Collazo
Sun 11am	Maria Flores	Socorro Hernandez
	Maria Hernandez	Leandro Hernandez

February 22 & February 23

Lectors

Sat 4pm	Lupe Aguire	Angie Rodriguez
Sun 9am	Norma Collazo	James Vasquez
Sun 11am	Erika Soto	Francisco Soto

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 4pm	Melinda Stone	Brad Stone
Sun 9am	Berta Fernandez	Mayo Fernandez
Sun 11am	Erika Soto	Francisco Soto
	Ester Gallegos	Cesar Gallegos

Have you registered in the parish? Registration helps to foster a sense of connectedness for parishioners and clergy. With your contact information, we keep you informed of events and happenings.

Registration forms are in the sacristy (please ask your ushers). You are more than welcome to come to the office.

February 23, 2025 After 9am & 11 am Masses	Breakfast by the Knights of Columbus
March 5, 2025 [Mass times to be announced]	Ash Wednesday
March 5, 2025	Special Collection Aid to Church in Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa
March 5, 2025	Ash Wednesday, No Religious Education

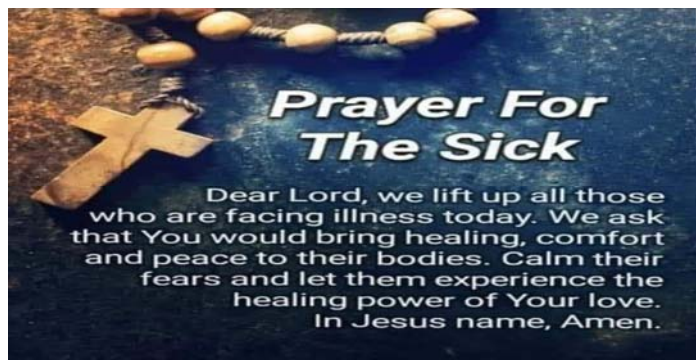
Next Special Collections:

*Aid to the Church in Central
And Eastern Europe, Latin
America and Africa — March 5*

*Operation Rice Bowl —throughout Lent
March 5*



The Feast day of the Chair of Peter is celebrated on **February 22**. On this day we are reminded of the importance of unity in the church. The Lord himself entrusted the church to the authority of St. Peter. The word Chair comes from the word “Cathedra” which also is the origin of the word Cathedral. A Cathedral is the church of the Bishop of a diocese. The Pope is also known as the “Vicar of Christ”. It is his duty to defend the faith from errors and teach the truth of the faith. Because of the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome, the followers of Jesus in the Catholic Church are united in their beliefs. We trust in the Holy Spirit to guide the Holy Father in directing the church. The beliefs of the Catholic Church are Apostolic. They can be traced back to Jesus and the Apostles. St. Peter served as the leader of the Church from 33-64 A.D. He was crucified upside down in Rome. The Basilica of St. Peter is built over his grave site. When we accept the authority of the Bishop of Rome to teach the faith, we accept the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew 16: 18-19



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, Jason Murillo, Olga Valdez, Angie Aubin, Ramon Aguirre, Lupe Aguirre, Juanita Siller, Alex Martinez, Mario Carrillo, Linda Sanchez, Lupe Ledesma, Robert Trujillo, Cecilia Wilson, Melinda Stone, Olga Serrano, Angie Herrera, Rocio Herrera, Teresa Esquivel, Rosalinda Aguerro, Rudy Biera, Patty Olvera, Susie & Joe Rodriguez, David Gonzalez, Mary Ann Cruz, Yolanda Hodges, Juanita Perez, Mireya Molina, Mary Flores, Hector Garcia, Oscar Villegas,

*Please contact the office if your loved
One is still in need of prayer.*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MONICA TORRES
BY
ROGER & JOVITA TORRES

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



BECOME
A
KNIGHT

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



English Baptism Class
Saturday, February 8, 2025
At 10 am

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.

VICKI B. RODRIGUEZ
ETERNAL REST GRANT
UNTO HER O LORD

*By the Rodriguez, Biera, Valdez, White
Lucas and Graciano Families*

ABILENE BUSINESS FORMS



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Pro-Life Rosary

Every Tuesday
6:00 –
6:30 pm

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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 Diocese
-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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