



# 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. Mary Newman

### 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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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:00 pm (English)

Sunday - 9:00 am (English)  
and 11:00 am (Spanish)

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday -6:30pm (Bi-lingual); Wednesday -8:30am(English)  
Thursday- 8:30am(Bi-Lingual); Friday-8:30am (English)

**FIFTH** Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023



**"Your light must  
shine before others,**

that they may see your good deeds  
and glorify your heavenly Father."

Matthew 5:16

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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, February 4**  
4pm.(Saturday, February 4)  
.....Health & Spiritual Well-  
.....Being of Ortega-Diaz family  
.....by Martha Ortega-Diaz  
**Sunday, February 5**  
**(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**  
9:00am .....+Eulalia Madrid  
.....by Teresa Garcia  
11am.....FAP

**Tuesday, February 7**  
**St. John Bosco, Priest**  
6:30pm.....Mass

**Wednesday February 8**  
**St. Jerome Emilani**  
**St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**  
8:30am.....Mass

**Thursday, February 9**  
8:30am.....+Juan Vasquez  
.....by Concepcion Flores

**Friday, February 10**  
**St. Scholastica, Virgin**  
8:30am.....Mass

**Sunday, February 11**  
4pm.(Saturday, February 11)  
.....+ Monica Torres  
.....Mr. & Mrs. Roger Torres

**Sunday, February 12**  
**(Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**  
9:00am .....FAP  
11am.....+ Santos Cano  
.....by Maria Cano

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**  
**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

**Monday, February 6, 2023**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

**Thursday, February 9, 2023**  
**Friday, February 10, 2023**

4pm	Mass
9am	Mass
11am	Mass
7pm	Legion of Mary (Spanish)
6:00pm	Prolife Rosary
6:30pm	Mass
7pm	Ultrella
7pm	Adult RCIA
8:30 am	Mass
6pm—7pm	K-5th RE
7:15-8:15pm	6th—12th RE
8:30am	Mass
8:30am	Mass

The Diocese of San Angelo is accepting applications for the position of Accounting & Payroll-Benefits Lead. This a revised position reflecting an innovative environment of cross-trained professionals who are empowered over different areas. This is a mid-level position requiring experience and competence in reviewing and analyzing journal entries, reconciliations and trouble-shooting errors accounting errors. Responsibilities will also include inputting compensation agreements; maintain, auditing and troubleshooting timekeeping issues; providing management with semi-monthly payroll and ad-hoc reports. Experience with QuickBooks and Microsoft Office a plus. Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00AM – 5:00PM with excellent benefits. Complete job description found at [www.sanangelodiocese.org](http://www.sanangelodiocese.org) Applicants can mail, email or hand deliver resume and/or application to Deacon Marc Mata, at 804 Ford St., San Angelo, TX 76905 or at [mmata@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:mmata@sanangelodiocese.org). The Diocese is looking to fill this position as soon as possible, so all interested applicants are encouraged to apply quickly.

Lent will begin on **February 22, 2023**. the following is the Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday;

La Cuaresma comenzará el **22 de febrero de 2023**. El siguiente es el horario de Misas para el Miércoles de Ceniza

February 22, 2023 8:30am Mass with ashes

February 22, 2023 12:15pm Liturgy of the word with communion and ashes

February 23, 2023 6:30pm Mass with Ashes

**STEWARDSHIP**

**1/28/2023 &  
1/29/2023**

Masses.....	\$ 3882.60
Children's.....	\$ 77.00
Other.....	\$
Building.....	\$
Tithings .....	\$
Christmas Flowers...\$	
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 3959.60</b>

**Special Collection....\$**

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

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL**

**Please pray for our brothers and sisters especially for:**

Don Zullo, Susie Rodriguez,, Eloidia Dominquez, Rudy Gaona, Paulina Rodriguez, Anthony Prieto, April Martinez, Sonya Gracia Tellez, Richard Ramirez, Noah Rangel, Christohper Rangel, Stella Deleon, Julia Jurado, Christina Biera White, Monica Rodriguez-Kelly, Elvira Biera, Angelina Biera Rodriguez, Juanita Biera Valdez, Luis Biera, Zac Biera Rodriguez, Nic Biera Rodriguez, Cooper Biera Lucas,Adolfo Hernandez, Frankie Estrada, Michael Gonzales, Sr, Pete Gallardo Sr., Robert Hernandez, Francisca Marquez, Isabel Quiroz ,Faviola Corral, Rick Badillo, Joyce Bacon-Whitt, Taz Herrera, Carola Ashworth, Pete Flores, Jr., Laura Alvarez, Jerri Main, Rudy Jacques, Alfonso Garcia, Dora Ramirez, Jimmy Rangell, Jr. Paulina Garcia, Diana Jimenez, Dorian Barrientes, Monique Cisneros, Tracy Herrera, Rachel Cox, Sharon Wilson Valdez, Adolfo Hernandez, Jr., Mario Carrillo, Joe Vargas, Maria Mendez, Francisco Herrera, Daniel Rodriguez



## THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: “Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.” All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today’s readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people’s spiritual needs. Saint Matthew’s Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

## LA LUZ DEL SERVICIO

*El profeta Isaías nos inspira estas palabras: “En las tinieblas nacerá la luz para ustedes, y la oscuridad será para ustedes como el mediodía”. Todos los que celebramos hoy la liturgia alabamos a Dios por estas palabras de aliento. Seguramente cada uno de nosotros conoce el lado sombrío de la vida, pero las lecturas de hoy proponen un brillante antidoto contra la miseria: la luz del servicio. Isaías se centra en el sufrimiento físico, diciéndonos que proporcionemos comida, ropa, vivienda e igualdad de oportunidades a los que tienen recursos limitados. Más allá de las necesidades materiales, san Pablo nos muestra cómo proceder con humildad al atender las necesidades espirituales de las personas. El Evangelio de san Mateo nos impulsa a actuar con valentía: sean cuales sean nuestros dones, debemos ponerlos al servicio de nuestras comunidades. Como cristianos, debemos comprometernos con los demás sin reprimirnos, dejando que nuestra luz brille ante todos.*

## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

### Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11)

On February 11, 1858, fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, the oldest of nine children in a poor family from Lourdes, France, saw Our Lady in the first of eighteen apparitions. At the grotto of Massabielle, Bernadette saw “a small lady in white” who invited her to return each day. During the visions the Lady communicated a message of penance, instructed Bernadette to dig so that a spring of water began to flow, requested that a chapel be built there at the grotto, and eventually identified herself by saying “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Throughout these apparitions, Our Lady addressed Bernadette in a formal way, treating the humble girl with dignity. In 1862 the authenticity of the apparitions was confirmed by Church authorities. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was recognized worldwide in 1907. Lourdes became a place of pilgrimage for thousands of the faithful; their faith and the faith of many others was revitalized through the story of a simple young girl from rural France.

## NUESTRA FASCINANTE FE

### Nuestra Señora de Lourdes (11 de febrero)

*El 11 de febrero de 1858, Bernadette Soubirous, de catorce años, la mayor de nueve hijos de una familia pobre de Lourdes (Francia), vio a la Virgen en la primera de dieciocho apariciones. En la gruta de Massabielle, Bernadette vio a “una pequeña dama vestida de blanco” que la invitaba a volver cada día. Durante las visiones, la Señora le comunicó un mensaje de penitencia, le indicó a Bernadette que cavara para que empezara a brotar un manantial de agua, le pidió que se construyera una capilla en la gruta, y finalmente se identificó diciendo “Yo soy la Inmaculada Concepción”. A lo largo de estas apariciones, la Virgen se dirigió a Bernadette de manera formal, tratando a la humilde muchacha con dignidad. En 1862, la autenticidad de las apariciones fue confirmada por las autoridades eclesíásticas. La fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes fue reconocida mundialmente en 1907. Lourdes se convirtió en un lugar de peregrinación para miles de fieles; su fe y la de muchos otros fue revitalizada a través de la historia de una sencilla joven de la Francia rural.*

## GIVING

When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving.

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Cuando des algo, procura que sea algo que al darlo se multiplique.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday:</b>	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday:</b>	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
<b>Sunday:</b>	Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

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