



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.

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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

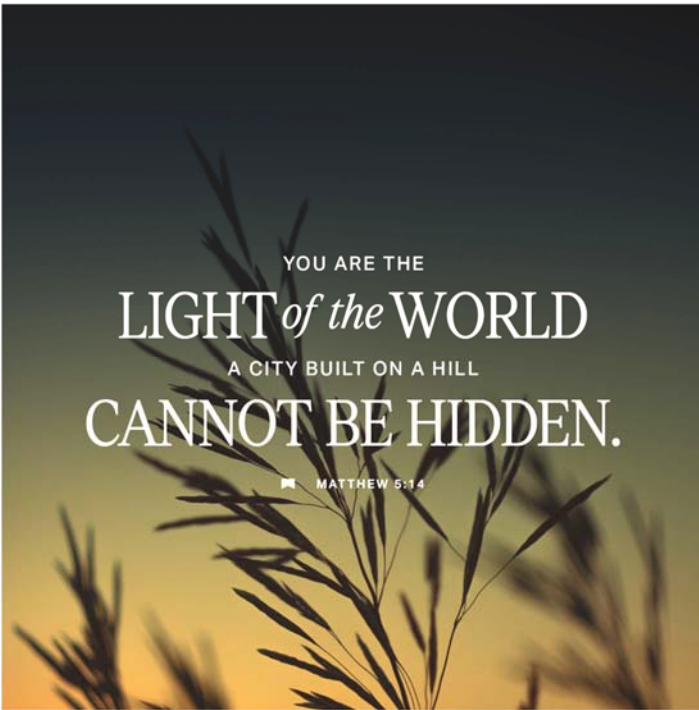
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Finance Council		Jose Corral
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Religious Education	Jennifer Lopez.....	338-0139
Knights of Columbus	Francisco Arredondo.....	325-513-4315
Cursillo de Cristianidad	Rosalba Serrato.....	2013102
Guadalupe 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
Infant Baptism Prep/Class [English]		Antonio & Joanne Herrera
Infant Baptism Prep/Class [Spanish]		Armando & Yolanda Siller
Marriage Prep, Spanish		Jose & Faviola Corral
Youth Ministry	Rebecca Arredondo.....	660-4177
Lectors	John Ford.....	518-3997
Eucharistic ministry		Fr. Innocent & John Ford
Altar Servers	Maria Elena Devora-Portillo.....	518-4600
Chief Sacristan	Anita Sanchez.....	672-6695
Maintenance		Ruben Sanchez
Cleaning & House Keeping		Angelica Acebedo



**FIFTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

**FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday, February 7

4pm Vigil.....+Frank Herrera by Antonio and Joanne Herrera

Sunday, February 8

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am.....FAP

11am+Diego Hernandez by the Hernandez-Serrato Family
.....Poor Souls in Purgatory by Martha Ortega-Diaz

Tuesday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

6:30pm.....Communion Service

Wednesday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

No Mass

Thursday, February 12

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:30am.....Communion Service

Friday, February 13

Saint Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:30am.....No Mass

Saturday, February 14

4pm Vigil.....+Monica Torres by Roger and Jovita Torres

Sunday, February 15

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am.....FAP

11am Cruz Valdez—Health and Healing by the Rodriguez-Valdez Family
.....Serrato Family — Health and Healing by Serrato Family

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

Saturday, February 7

3:00-3:45pm

Confessions

4:00pm

Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 8

9:00am

Mass

11am

Mass (Spanish)

Monday, February 9

6:30pm

Men's Rosary

7:00pm

Legion of Mary

Tuesday, February 10

6:00pm

Pro Life Rosary

6:30pm

Communion Service

7:00pm

Ultreya

Wednesday, February 11

8:30am

No Mass

5:45pm-7pm

RE Classes [K-5]

7:15pm-8:30pm

RE Classes [6-12]

Thursday, February 12

8:30am

Communion Service

Friday, February 13

8:30am

No Mass

**STEWARDSHIP
01/31/2026 and 02/01/2026**

Weekend Masses	\$	5456.90
Children's	\$	45.00
Building Fund	\$	35.00
Mail in	\$	350.00
Other	\$	126.09
TOTAL	\$	6012.99
Other	\$	

Special Collection

Catholic Schools Annual Collection \$ 908.95

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

INFANT BAPTISMS: Parents need to come by the office to register their children (must be below 7 years) and to register as well for Baptism classes for parents and godparents.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Please call the office at least six months in advance and make an appointment with Fr. Innocent.

QUINCEANERAS: Please call the office at least 6 months in advance to set up an appointment to talk with Fr. Innocent.

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 the ushers). You are more than welcome to come to the office.

MYSTICAL ROSE CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE

Address: 1317 N. 8th St. Suite #100

Wednesdays & Fridays 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Saturdays 12:00pm-5:00pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Weekday (5)

1Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132: 6-10 Mk 6: 53-56

Tuesday

Weekday [5] Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1Kgs 8:22-23,27-30 Ps 84: 3-5, 10-11 Mk 7: 1-13

Wednesday

Weekday [5] Our Lady of Lourdes

1Kgs 10: 1-10 Ps 37: 5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7: 14-23

Thursday

Weekday [5]

1Kgs 11:4-13 Ps106: 3-4, 35-37, 40 Mk 7: 24-30

Friday

Weekday [5]

1Kgs 11: 29-32, 12:19 Ps 81: 10-11b, 12-15 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Weekday (5) Saint Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

1kgs 3:12: 26-32; 13: 33-34 Ps 106:6-7,19-22 Mk: 8: 1-10

LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lectors February 7 & February 8

4pm

Mary Murillo

Lupie Aguirre

9am

James Vasquez

Michael Navarrette

11am

Maria Kalatzis

Eloisa Ortiz

Extraordinary Ministry of Eucharist

4pm

Emma Catterall

Anita Sanchez

9am

Ana Guajardo

Norma Collazo

11am

John Ford

Nadyne Ford

Ester Gallegos

Sesar Gallegos

Lectors February 14 & February 15

4pm

Brad Stone

Angie Rodriguez

9am

Patrick Fitzgerald

Maria Flores

11am

Jesse Guillen

Extraordinary Ministry of Eucharist

4pm

Joanne Herrera

Concha Argumaniz

9am

Mayo Fernandez

Berta Fernandez

11am

Maria Hernandez

Leandro Hernandez

Jose Corral

Faviola Corral

FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 15 After each Mass	Breakfast by the Knights of Columbus
February 18 Wednesday 6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Mass
February 18	Collection for Aid to the Church In Central & Eastern Europe, in Latin America and Africa

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN Wed., February 11 - ALL GRADES

"Empowering God's Children" is a program focused on preventing the abuse of children and empowering them to protect themselves. It educates children about recognizing and responding to potential abuse, promoting safety, and fostering healthy boundaries.

These classes provide age-appropriate resources for our youth to understand and identify potential risks, helping them develop self-protective skills and confidence to report any Abuse.

Parents are welcome to attend this class with their student(s) and/or can also preview the material before the class. Parents may also opt-out. Please contact the office a week in advance to preview the material and/or to opt out of this class.

Jennifer Lopez
Coordinator of Religious Education
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BEXA EQUITY ALLIANCE

G|j|f is an FDA-cleared, non-invasive, and radiation-free, handheld device for early breast cancer detection. It provides a painless, ~30-minute exam, with immediate results, and is aimed at improving access for underserved, at-risk women. The Bexa Equity Alliance is a non-profit organization that offers these exams to women in need.

Bexa will be here at St. Francis on March 30, 31, April 1 and April 2. Check out the QR code beneath for more information and to schedule your appointment.

For more information please contact Marissa Flores at 325-201-5107



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, Maria Gomez, Rebecca Martinez, Mary Rodriguez, Margarita Villareal, Marty Diaz, Carol Ann Hernandez, Hugo Pena, Jesus-Manuel Hernandez, Abraham Rodriguez, Jr., Helen Garcia

Lenten Regulations and Activities During Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

During Lent, special activities help us to open our lives to God's renewing power. Jesus speaks of praying fasting and alms giving (Mt6:1-6.16-18).

PRAYING

The Stations of the Cross takes place every Friday of Lent in the church at 6:30pm. Please bring your family to these beautiful meditations on the Lord's passion and death.

The Stations of the Cross will be Bilingual.

FASTING

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are both days of fasting and abstinence.

The rule of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength," are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from ages 18-59.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years old or older. Abstinence refers to not eating meat. The substantial observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation. Those whose health would be impaired are excused from fasting and abstaining as are those who are pregnant.

ALMSGIVING-CRS RICE BOWL

During Lent, many people like to sacrifice in order to assist the poor and hungry, by contributing to Catholic Relief Services. One way is through the CRS-RICE BOWL

Normas y actividades de Cuaresma

La Cuaresma comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza, 18 de febrero de 2026.

Durante la Cuaresma, las actividades especiales nos ayudan a abrir nuestras vidas al poder renovador de Dios. Jesús habla de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna (Mt 6:1-6, 16-18).

ORACIÓN

El Vía Crucis se celebra todos los viernes de Cuaresma en la iglesia a las 6:30 p. m. Les invitamos a participar con sus familias en estas hermosas meditaciones sobre la pasión y muerte del Señor.

El Vía Crucis será bilingüe.

AYUNO

El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo, en particular, son los días penitenciales más importantes del año litúrgico. Ambos son días de ayuno y abstinencia.


La norma del ayuno establece que solo se puede hacer una comida completa al día. Se permiten dos comidas pequeñas, "suficientes para mantener las fuerzas", pero juntas no deben equivaler a otra comida completa. Comer entre comidas rompe el ayuno, pero beber líquidos no. La norma del ayuno obliga a todos los católicos de 18 a 59 años.

Todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia. La norma de la abstinencia obliga a todos los católicos mayores de 14 años. La abstinencia se refiere a no comer carne. La observancia sustancial de las leyes de ayuno y abstinencia es una obligación seria. Las personas cuya salud se vería perjudicada están exentas del ayuno y la abstinencia, al igual que las mujeres embarazadas.


LIMOSNA - CRS RICE BOWL

Durante la Cuaresma, muchas personas desean hacer sacrificios para ayudar a los pobres y necesitados, contribuyendo a Catholic Relief Services. Una forma de hacerlo es a través de CRS Rice Bowl.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 MONICA TORRES
 BY
 ROGER & JOVITA TORRES



IN MEMORY OF
 DELFINO AND ELVIRA
 DOMINGUEZ
 BY THE DOMINGUEZ
 FAMILY



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.




BIENVENIDOS

IN LOVING
 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 clas-
 ses: please come by the office to reg-
 ister*

February 7, 2026
 Saturday, 10am

Clases de Bautismo en
 Espaniol

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



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**

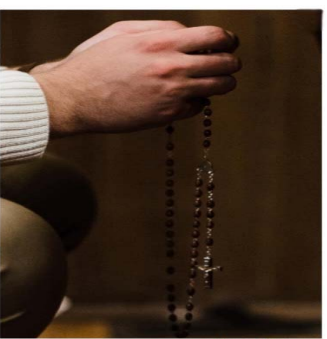


Pro-Life Rosary

**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

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