



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

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Dcn. Eduardo Castillo



**SECOND SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 18, 2026**

**St. Francis of Assisi
Catholic Church
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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

Bulletin Deadline Wednesday @ Noon

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Pastoral Council	John Ford.....	676-3708
Finance Council		Jose Corral
Vocations	Rev. Innocent Eziefule Rosalba Serrato.....	201-3102
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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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 17

4pm Vigil.....FAP
.....Cruz Valdez—Health and Healing by the Rodriguez/Valdez family

Sunday, January 18

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am.....Celebrants Intentions
11am+Diego Hernandez by the Hernandez-Serrato Family
.....+Mary Jane Treviso by Rita Benavides and family

Tuesday, January 20

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr
6:30pm.....Communion Service

Wednesday, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
No Mass

Thursday, January 22

USA: DAY OF PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN

Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
8:30am.....Communion Service

Friday, January 23

Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
No Mass

Saturday, January 24

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

Sunday, January 25

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00am.....FAP
.....+Ted Cardenas by Linda Cardenas
11am+Diego Hernandez by the Hernandez-Serrato Family
....Cruz Valdez—Health and Healing by the Rodriguez & Valdez family

STEWARDSHIP 01/10/2026 and 01/11/2026

Weekend Masses	\$	3954.50
Children's	\$	113.00
Mail in	\$	530.00
TOTAL	\$	4597.50

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Saturday, January 17

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

Sunday, January 18

9:00am Mass
11am Mass (Spanish)

Monday, January 19

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

Tuesday, January 20

6:00pm Pro Life Rosary
6:30pm Communion Service
7:00pm Ultreya

Wednesday, January 21

8:30am No Mass
5:45pm-7pm RE Classes [K-5]
7:15pm-8:30pm RE Classes [6-12]

Thursday, January 22

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, January 23

8:30am No Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Weekday [2] 1 Sm 15: 16-23 Ps 50: 8-9, 16B-17, 21, 23 Mk 2: 18-22
Tuesday	Weekday [2] Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr, & Saint Sebastian, Martyr 1Sm 16: 1-13 Ps 89: 20-22, 27-28 Mk 2: 23-28
Wednesday	Weekday [2] Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 1Sm 17: 32-33, 37,40-51 Ps 144: 1b-2, 9-10 Mk 3: 1-6
Thursday	Weekday [2] USA Day of Prayer of the legal Protection of Unborn babies Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; Saint Marianne, Cope, Virgin 1Sm 18: 6-9, 19: 1-7 Ps 56: 2-3, 9-13 Mk 3: 7-12
Friday	Weekday [2] Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr Saint Marianne Cope, Martyr 1Sm 24: 3-21 Ps 57: 2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3: 13-19
Saturday	Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop Doctor of the Church 1Sm: 1:1-4, 11-12, 19,23-27 Ps 80: 2-3,5-7 Mk: 3,20-21

LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lectors January 17 & 18

4pm	Juanita Pedrosa	Lupie Aguirre
9am	Patrick Fitzgerald	
11am	Martha Salgado	Jesse Guillen

Extraordinary Ministry of Eucharist

4pm	Emma Catterall	Anita Sanchez
9am	Rosalinda Agüero	Ana Guajardo
11am	Maria Hernandez	Leandro Hernandez
	Jose Corral	Faviola Corral

Lectors January 24 & 25

4pm	Brad Stone	Angie Rodriguez
9am	Christian Lucko	Gary Collins II
11am	Faviola Corral	Jose Corral

Extraordinary Ministry of Eucharist

4pm	Joanne Herrera	Concha Argumaniz
9am	Norma Collazo	Rosalinda Agüero
11am	Maria Flores	Socorro Hernandez
	Ester Gallegos	Sesar Gallegos

JANUARY EVENTS

Sunday, January 18 After each Mass	Breakfast by Por la Gracia de Dios
January 23 & 24 After each Mass	Special Collection Catholic Schools Annual Collection
Saturday, February 14 10 am	English Baptism Class
February 15 After each Mass	Breakfast by the K of C

The Catholic Schools Annual Collection

This special Collection will be on **January 23 & 24** after each Mass. This collection is to raise funds for tuition aid, technology, academics, and campus improvements through diocesan-wide appeals or local school drives, with donations accepted online, by mail, or at parishes to support faith-based education and community. ☺



Project ANDREW

JOIN US FOR DINNER WITH BISHOP SIS AND LOCAL PRIESTS TO LEARN ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD!
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ABOVE!
PARENTS WELCOME!

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 6 pm
Abilene—St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Church
RSVP by February 9

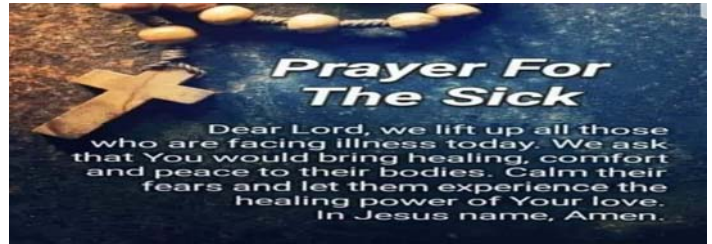
Sunday, March 1, 2026, 6 pm
Midland—The Way Retreat Center
RSVP by February 23

Contact Lori Hines to RSVP:
lhines@sanangelodiocese.org or 325-374-7609



Catholic Pro-Life Committee of the Abilene Deanery

Date: Wednesday, January 21
Time: 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM
Location: Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall
(corner of South 8th Street & Peach Street)
Lunch Option:
If you would like to order lunch for pick up, please call **Alfonso Hernandez Bakery at 325-670-0024** to place and pay for your order. Lunch will be picked up at **11:45 am** and brought to Sacred Heart.



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 Agüero, 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



Do you suffer from the trauma of sexual abuse or assault? Do you feel anxiety, fear or shame? **Dawn of Mercy** is offering a 10-week program to help you recognize your reactions to this trauma and learn coping skills and tools to turn unhealthy thoughts and actions into healthy ones. This upcoming program begins **February 2**, and is online for women, in Spanish, who have experienced sexual abuse or assault at some time in their life. Join us as we journey down the path of healing together. Call 469-613-DAWN (3296) or email healing@dawnofmercy.org. Learn more at www.dawnofmercy.org.



¿Sufre usted el trauma del abuso o agresión sexual? ¿Siente usted ansiedad, miedo o vergüenza? **Dawn of Mercy** ofrece un programa de 10 semanas para ayudarle a reconocer sus reacciones ante este trauma y aprender habilidades y herramientas para transformar pensamientos y acciones negativos en positivos. Este próximo programa comienza el **2 de febrero** y se imparte en línea, para mujeres en español, que han sufrido abuso o agresión sexual en algún momento de su vida. Únase a nosotros en este camino de sanación. Llame al 469-613-DAWN (3296) o escriba a healing@dawnofmercy.org. Aprenda más información en www.dawnofmercy.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE


On January 24th, **The March for Life** will take place in Austin, Texas. A Bus will be provided for the trip originating in Abilene with a stop at Holy Angels Church in San Angelo. We need at least 30 participants before a Bus will be provided. Please notify Jerry Peters by the 19th of January 2026 if you wish to participate.

Donations to offset the price of the Bus will be appreciated.


Please contact:

Jerry Peters
Pro-life Director in San Angelo
325-374-5300 or jmpoutdoorsmen@aol.com

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
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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*

February 14, 2026
Saturday, 10am

Clases de Bautismo en
Español

*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**

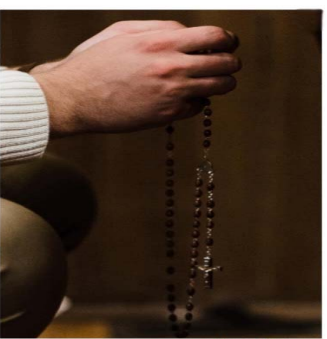



Pro-Life Rosary

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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