



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

DEACON

Dcn. Eduardo Castillo



**THIRD SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 25, 2026**

**St. Francis of Assisi
Catholic Church
826 Cottonwood St.
Abilene TX 79601
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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

**THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

Tuesday, January 27

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

6:30pm.....Communion Service

Wednesday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Thursday, January 29

8:30am.....Communion Service

Friday, January 30

No Mass

Saturday, January 31

4pm Vigil.....+Ted Cardenas by Gloria Esparza

Sunday, February 1

FOURTH 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
01/17/2026 and 01/18/2026**

Weekend Masses	\$	3889.94
Children's	\$	144.00
Building Fund	\$	311.00
Mail in	\$	210.00
Other	\$	950.00
Bulletin	\$	30.00
TOTAL	\$	5534.94

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 24

3:00-3:45pm

Confessions

4:00pm

Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 25

9:00am

Mass

11am

Mass (Spanish)

Monday, January 26

6:30pm

Men's Rosary

7:00pm

Legion of Mary

Tuesday, January 27

6:00pm

Pro Life Rosary

6:30pm

Communion Service

7:00pm

Ultreya

Wednesday, January 28

8:30am

No Mass

5:45pm-7pm

RE Classes [K-5]

7:15pm-8:30pm

RE Classes [6-12]

Thursday, January 29

8:30am

Communion Service

Friday, January 30

8:30am

No Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Weekday [3] **Saint Timothy and Titus, Bishops**
Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5 Ps 96: 1-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk #: 22-30

Tuesday Weekday [3] **Saint Angela Merici, Virgin**
2Sm 6: 12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24: 7-10 Mk 3: 31-35

Wednesday Weekday [3] **Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, and Doctor of the Church**
2Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89: 4-5, 27-30 Mk 4: 1-20

Thursday Weekday [3]
2Sm 7: 18-19, 24-29 Ps 132: 1-5, 11-14 Mk 4: 21-25

Friday Weekday [3]
2Sm 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Ps 51: 3-7, 10-11 Mk 4: 26-34

Saturday **Saint John Bosco, Priest**
2Sm: 12: 1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51: 12-17 Mk: 4: 35-41

LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

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 Aguero
11am	Maria Flores	Socorro Hernandez
	Ester Gallegos	Sesar Gallegos

Lectors January 30 & February 1

4pm	Joanne Herrera	Juanita Pedroza
9am	Mary Murillo	Norma Collazo
11am	John Ford	Nadyne Ford

Extraordinary Ministry of Eucharist

4pm	Brad Stone	Melinda Stone
9am	Mayo Fernandez	Berta Fernandez
11am	Amanda Torres	Norma Rodriguez
	Norma Garza	Jose Garza

JANUARY EVENTS

January 24 & 25 After each Mass	Special Collection Catholic Schools Annual Collection
Saturday, February 7 10 am	English Baptism Class
February 15 After each Mass	Breakfast by the K of C

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.

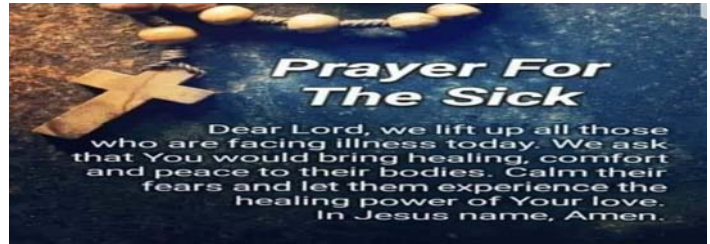
Jennifer Lopez
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**Are you struggling after an abortion?
Are you seeking healing and hope?**
The Project Rachel Ministry of the Diocese of San Angelo is here for you. Our team has been praying for you, and you are not alone. Jesus offers healing and mercy to all who desire peace and self-forgiveness. Please reach out to our confidential helpline or email to learn more about healing retreats, counseling, and compassionate support.

Project Rachel Ministry – Diocese of San Angelo
 Call or text: (432) 236-9883
 projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org

**¿Está sufriendo después de un aborto?
¿Necesita sanación y esperanza?**
El Ministerio Proyecto Raquel de la Diócesis de San Angelo está aquí para usted. Nuestro equipoha estado orando por usted, y no está sola. Jesús ofrece sanación y misericordia a todos los que desean paz y perdón interior. Por favor comuníquese con nuestra línea confidencial o por correo electrónico para obtener información sobre retiros de sanación, consejería y apoyo compasivo.

Ministerio Proyecto Raquel – Diócesis de San Angelo
 Llame o envíe un texto: (432) 236-9883
 projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org



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

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 7, 2026
Saturday, 10am**



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

WORLD YOUTH DAY – SEOUL, KOREA 2027


The registration deadline for World Youth Day is August 2026.

If you have any questions, contact me Angela Garcia at: angela.garcia@sanangelodiocese.org or call the Diocese at 325-651-7500. Thank you.

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



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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*



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Clases de Bautismo en
 Espaniol

*Se necesita registrarse en la
 Ofecina 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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