



# 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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**SECOND**  
**SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**March 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
Guadalupana Society	Amanda Torres.....514-1125
La Legion de Maria	Socorro Hernández.....721-1709
Por La Gracia de Dios [S.Choir]	Maria Flores
Coro de Colores [S. Choir]	Louis Cisneros
Youth Ministry	Rebecca Arredondo.....660-4177
Lectors	John Ford.....518-3997
Eucharistic ministers	Brad Stone.....701-4745
Altar Servers	Rev. Innocent Eziefule.....672-6695 Maria Elena Devora-Portillo.....518-4600
Chief Sacristan	Anita & Ruben Sanchez.....672-6695

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Saturday, March 15

Vigil Mass 4pm ....Poor Souls in Purgatory  
.....by Maria Ascencion Rodriguez  
.....Johnathan Garcia — Health and Peace  
.....by Tiffany Garcia

### Sunday, March 16

#### Second Sunday of Lent

Mass 9:00am.....Gloria Trujillo - Birthday blessings  
.....by Gloria Trujillo  
.....+Juan Vasquez  
.....by The Vasquez Family  
11am.....FAP  
.....Poor Souls in Purgatory  
.....by Maria Ascencion Rodriguez

### Monday, March 17

#### Saint Patrick, Bishop

Private Mass.....Poor Souls in Purgatory  
.....by Maria Ascencion Rodriguez

### Tuesday, March 18

#### Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

6:30pm.....Poor Souls in Purgatory  
.....by Maria Ascencion Rodriguez  
.....Johnathan Garcia —Health and Peace  
.....by Tiffany Garcia

### Wednesday, March 19

#### SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30am.....Poor Souls in Purgatory  
.....by Ascencion Rodriguez  
.....+Willie & Lucia Carrillo  
.....by Brad and Melinda Stone

### Thursday, March 20

8:30am..... Poor Souls in Purgatory  
.....by Martha Ortega-Diaz  
.....Johnathan Garcia — Health and Peace  
.....by Tiffany Garcia

### Friday, March 21

8:30am.....Johnathan Garcia — Health and Peace  
.....by Tiffany Garcia  
.....+ Willie & Lucia Garcia  
.....by Brad and Melinda Stone

### Saturday, March 22

Vigil Mass 4pm ....FAP  
4:00pm.....+Dora Castillo  
.....by Ben & Concha Argumaniz

### Sunday, March 23

#### Third Sunday of Lent

Mass 9:00am.....Johnathan Garcia —Health and Peace  
.....by Tiffany Garcia  
.....+Juan Vasquez  
.....by The Vasquez Family  
Mass 11am.....Xavier Avalos — Health and well-being  
.....by Louis Cisneros

#### STEWARDSHIP

03/82025 and 03/09/2025

Weekend Masses	\$	3369.20
Children's	\$	92.00
Mail/Walk ins	\$	545.00
Easter Flowers	\$	5.00
Building	\$	2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4013.20</b>
	\$	

**Black & Indian Missions/** | **\$ 1012.62**  
**Catholic Extension Society**

*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, March 15

3-3:45pm  
4:00 pm

**Confessions**  
Mass

### Sunday, March 16

9:00am  
11 am

Mass  
Mass (Spanish)

### Monday, March 17

6:30pm  
7:00pm

Men's Rosary  
**Legion of Mary ( Spanish)**

### Tuesday, March 18

6:00pm  
6:30pm  
7:00pm  
6:30pm-8:00pm  
7:00pm-8:00pm

Prolife Rosary  
Weekday Mass  
Ultrella  
**Adult Confirmation Class-English**  
**OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation For Adult**

### Wednesday, March 19

**8:30am**  
6:30pm-7:45pm

Weekday Mass  
**RE CLASS (Grades K-12)**

### Thursday, March 20

8:30am  
7:00pm-8:00pm

Weekday Mass  
**Adult Confirmation Classes-Spanish**

### Friday, March 21

8:30am  
**6:30pm**

Weekday Mass  
**Stations of the Cross**

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday [2]</b> <i>Saint Patrick, Bishop</i> Dn 9: 4b-10 Ps 79: 8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6: 36-38
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday [2]</b> <i>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem</i> Is 1: 10, 16-20 Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23Mt 23: 1-12
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday [2]</b> <i>Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89: 2-5, 27-29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday [2]</b> Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1: 4, 6 Lk 16: 19-31
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday [2]</b> Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17-28a Ps 105: 16-21 Mt 21:33-43 45-46
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday [2]</b> Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20 Ps 103: 1-4, 9-12 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

#### LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

#### March 15 & March 16

##### Lectors

Sat 4pm	Joanne Herrera	Brad Stone
Sun 9am	James Vasquez	Kenneth Duncan
Sun 11am	Ramon Maldonado	Yolanda Siller

##### Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 4pm	Melinda Stone	Concha Argumaniz
Sun 9am	Norma Collazo	Pat Fitzgerald
Sun 11am	Maria Hernandez	Leandro Hernandez
	Nadyne Ford	John Ford

#### March 22 & March 23

##### Lectors

Sat 4pm	Juanita Pedroza	Mary Murillo
Sun 9am	Patrick Fitzgerald	
Sun 11am	Eloisa Ortiz	Maria Kalatzis

##### Eucharist Ministers

4pm	Anita Sanchez	Emma Catteral
9am	Berta Fernandez	Mayo Fernandez
11am	Erika Soto	Francisco Soto
	Norma Rodriguez	Cesar Gallegos

March 16 Sunday 5pm	Fr. Will meet with all Leaders of all organizations
March 19 Wednesday	RE classes resume Regular time
March 22 & 23 After each Mass	St. Ann Parish, Sonora will be selling their Cinco de Mayo Raffle Tickets

**ST. ANN PARISH, SONORA**

Next weekend **March 22 & 23** after each Mass , Parishioners from **St. Ann Parish from Sonora** will be here selling their raffle tickets for the Cinco de Mayo festival. **Tickets are \$5 each.** Grand prize is 2025 GMC Sierra 1500 SLT. You don't need to be present to win. Prizes include : Visa Card Prizes, 1-\$2000, 2- \$1500, 2- \$1000, 2- \$500. Please check out the flyer in the foyer .

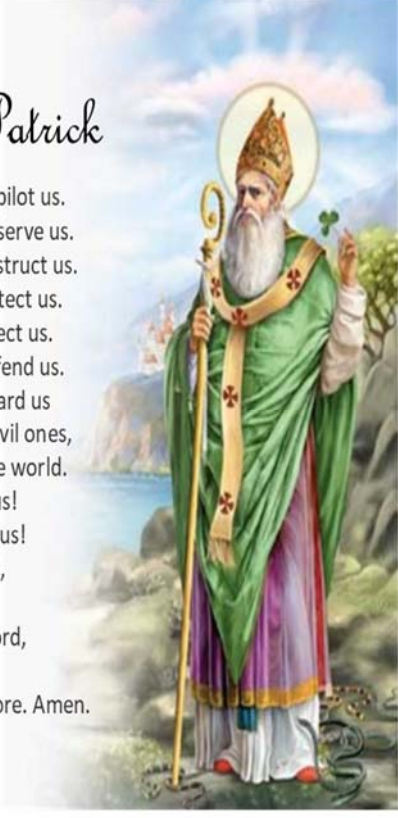
**SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY PRO-LIFE ROSARIES**

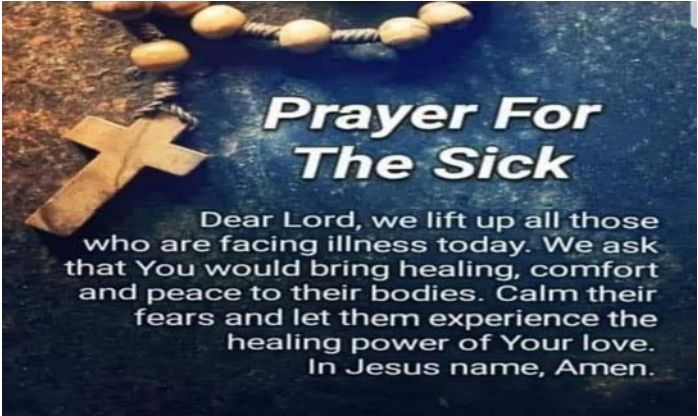
**Monday:** 11:30am at St. Vincent Pallotti w/Mass at 12:10pm  
**Tuesday:** 6:00pm at St. Francis w/Mass at 6:30pm bilingual  
**Wednesday:** 9:30am at Holy Family w/adoration until 10:am  
**Thursday:** 5:00pm at Perpetual Adoration Chapel w/Mass  
*For more information contact Dr. Jim Sulliman 325-692-4976*

**San Angelo Women's ACTS Retreat.** It will take place on **June 12-15, 2025** in San Angelo. Sponsored by the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart, the retreat is held at Christ the King Retreat Center. Cost is \$260 for the weekend. Please note, financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. FMI: Anna Bartosh, Director, 325-234-6844.

*Prayer of St Patrick*

May the Strength of God pilot us.  
 May the Power of God preserve us.  
 May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
 May the Hand of God protect us.  
 May the Way of God direct us.  
 May the Shield of God defend us.  
 May the Host of God guard us  
 Against the snares of the evil ones,  
 Against temptations of the world.  
 May Christ be with us!  
 May Christ be before us!  
 May Christ be in us,  
 Christ be over all!  
 May Thy Salvation, Lord,  
 Always be ours,  
 This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.






**Prayer For  
The Sick**

Dear Lord, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love.  
In Jesus name, Amen.

**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, Lupo Aguirre, Juanita Siller, Alex Martinez, Mario Carrillo, Linda Sanchez, Lupe Ledesma, Robert Trujillo, Cecilia Wilson, Melinda Stone, Olga Serrano, Angie Serrano, 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*



**Lenten Penance Services**  
All Services start begin at 6:30pm

Holy Family Abilene	March 19
Sacred Heart Abilene	March 26
St Ann's Colorado, City	March 27
Sacred Heart Coleman	April 2
St. Vincent Abilene	April 3
St Mary Brownwood	April 8
St Francis Abilene	April 10
Holy Spirit Sweetwater	April 16

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  
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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*



English Baptism Class  
Saturday, April 12, 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 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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