



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:

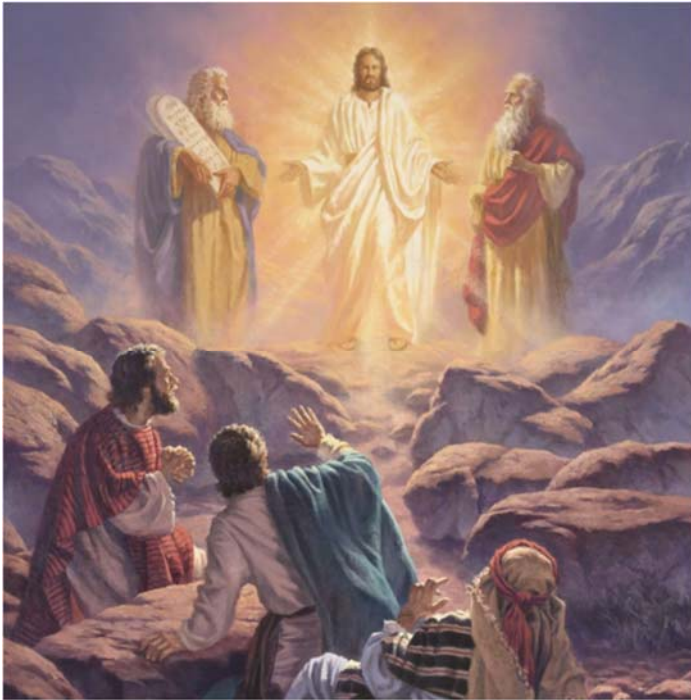
Mrs. Joanne Herrera

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Mrs. Jennifer Lopez

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Dcn. Eduardo Castillo



**SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 2, 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
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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, February 28

4pm Vigil.....FAP
.....+Carlos Castillo by Ben and Concha Argumaniz

Sunday, March 1

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am.....Dan Dankworth for Health & Healing
.....by Berta Fernandez and family
11am ...+Maria de los Angeles Hernandez by the Hernandez /Torres fam
.....Poor Souls in Purgatory by Maria Kalatzis

Monday, March 2

Private Mass....Poor Souls in Purgatory by Maria Kalatzis

Tuesday, March 3

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Private Mass...+Patricio Torres by Hernandez-Torres family
.....Poor Souls in Purgatory [Novena] by Maria Kalatzis

Wednesday, March 4

Private Mass....Poor Souls in Purgatory by Maria Kalatzis

Thursday, March 5

Private Mass....Poor Souls in Purgatory by Maria Kalatzis

Friday, March 6

FIRST FRIDAY

7pm.....+ Maria Mora Baeza by the Mora Family
.....Poor Souls in Purgatory by Maria Kalatzis

Saturday, March 7

4pm Vigil.....+Robbie Bolden, III. By Gloria Delgado
.....+Estella Zertuche by Zertuche Family

Sunday, March 8

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9:00am.....FAP
11am ...+Lucio Garcia de Jesus by Moises Garcia and family
.....Serrato family for Spiritual Well Being by Serrato family

STEWARDSHIP 02/21/2026 and 02/02/2026

Weekend Masses	\$	4112.62
Children's	\$	109.39
Mailed in	\$	125.00
Other	\$	100.00
TOTAL	\$	4222.01

Ash Wednesday collection [February 18]

Churches in Central & Eastern Europe/Africa \$ **1,119.29**

Special Collection [February 21 & 22]

Black and Indian Missions/Catholic Ext. Soc \$ **821.62**

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Saturday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 1

9:00am Mass
11am Mass (Spanish)

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

6:00pm Pro Life Rosary
Private Weekday Mass
7:00pm Ultreya

Wednesday, March 4

Private Weekday Mass
5:45-7pm RE Classes (K-5)
7:15pm-8:30pm RE Classes (6-12)

Thursday, March 5

Private Weekday Mass

Friday, March 6

6:30pm **FIRST FRIDAY**
7:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:30pm- 1am Weekday Mass
Exposition and Adoration

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Lenten Weekday (2) Dn 9: 4b-10 Ps 79: 8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6: 36-38
Tuesday	Lenten Weekday [2] Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin Is 1: 10, 16-20 Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Lenten Weekday [2] Saint Casimir Jer 18: 18-20 Ps 31: 5-6, 14-16, Mt 20: 17-28
Thursday	Lenten Weekday [2] Jer 17: 5-10 Ps 1: 1-4, 6 Lk 16: 19-31
Friday	Lenten Weekday [2] Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105: 16-21 Mt 21: 33-43,45-46
Saturday	Lenten Weekday (2) Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20 Ps 103: 1-4, 9-12 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Lectors February 28 & March 1

4pm	Juanita Pedroza	Mary Murillo
9am	Norma Collazo	James Vasquez
11am	Eloisa Ortiz	Maria Kaltzis

Extraordinary Ministry of Eucharist

4pm	Joanne Herrera	Concha Argumaniz
9am	Ana Guajardo	Rosalinda Aguero
11am	Norma Garza	Jose Garza
	Amanda Torres	Norma Rodriguez

Lectors March 7 & March 8

4pm	Lupe Aguirre	Angie Rodriguez
9am	Pat Fitzgerald	
11am	Yolanda Siller	Norma Garza

Extraordinary Ministry of Eucharist

4pm	Brad Stone	Melinda Stone
9am	Mayo Fernandez	Berta Fernandez
11am	Erika Soto	Francisco Soto
	Ester Gallegos	Sesar Gallegos

MARCH EVENTS

March 2 –6 Our Priest on Retreat

Thursday, March 5 Guadalupe Monthly Meeting
6:30pm

Friday, March 13 Fish Fry by
Begins 5pm Knights of Columbus

Saturday, March 14 English Baptism Classes
10am Homsey Hall Conference Room

March 14 & 15 Special Collection
After each Mass Catholic Relief Services Collection

Friday, March 27 Fish Fry by
5pm Knights of Columbus



Tuesday, March 10 St Mary in Brownwood

Thursday, March 12 St. Ann in Colorado City

Wednesday, March 18 St. Vincent in Abilene

Thursday, March 19 Sacred Heart in Abilene

Wednesday, March 25 Sacred Heart in Coleman

Thursday March 26 St. Francis in Abilene

Wednesday, April 1 Holy Spirit in Sweetwater

Penance services are at 6:30pm

St. Francis of Assisi

God is working in our young people. Our youth and the youth of the Abilene deanery attended SEARCH this weekend. Everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit.

St. Francis will be hosting the next Search the last weekend of April. Reach out to your parish youth coordinator for more information.



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



MARCH 6, 2026
6:30PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FIRST FRIDAY MASS
7:00PM
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
7:30PM
UNTIL 1AM
COME SIT AT THE FEET OF JESUS



STATIONS of the CROSS

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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



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*

March 14, 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**

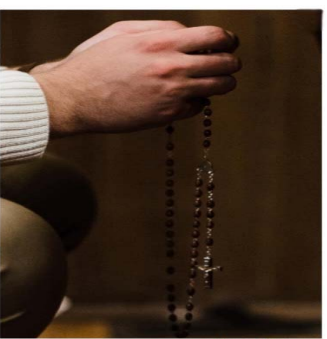


Pro-Life Rosary

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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