



# 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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**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
March 2, 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
Guadalupe Society	Amanda Torres.....	514-1125
La Legion de Maria	Socorro Hernández.....	721-1709
Mens Rosary Group	Kenneth Duncan.....	956- 206-0392
Youth Ministry	Rebecca Arredondo.....	660-4177
Lectors	John Ford.....	518-3997
Eucharistic ministers	Brad Stone.....	701-4745
Altar Servers	Rev. Innocent Eziefule..... Maria Elena Devora-Portillo.....	672-6695 518-4600
Chief Sacristan	Anita & Ruben Sanchez.....	672-6695

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, March 1

Vigil Mass 4pm ....FAP  
.....+Gildardo Quezado  
.....by Hortencia Diaz

### Sunday, March 2

Mass 9:00am.....+Samuel Vasquez  
.....by The Vasquez family  
.....+Estella Zertuche  
.....by Mary Zertuche-Flores  
Mass 11am.....+Gildardo Quezado [Novena]  
.....by Hortencia Diaz  
.....Ortega-Diaz Family for Spiritual Well Being  
.....By Marth Ortega-Diaz

### Monday, March 3

Private Mass.....+Gildardo Quezada  
.....by Hortencia Diaz

### Tuesday, March 4

Saint Casimir  
6:30pm.....+Gildardo Quezado  
.....by Hortencia Diaz  
.....+Agustin Serrano [Novena]  
.....by Maria Olga Serrano

### Wednesday, March 5,

Ash Wednesday  
8:30am .....+Gildardo Quezado  
.....by Hortencia Diaz  
12 Noon.....Ashes w/ Service  
6:30pm.....+Agustin Serrano  
.....by Olga Serrano & Family  
.....Johnathan Garcia for Peace and well being  
.....by Tiffany Garcia.

### Thursday, March 6

8:30am.....Poor Souls in Purgatory  
.....by Martha Ortega-Diaz  
.....+Agustin Serrano  
.....by Olga Serrano & Family

### Friday, March 7

FIRST FRIDAY  
Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs  
6:30pm.....+Agustin Serrano  
.....by Olga Serrano & Family  
.....Johnathan Garcia for Peace and well being  
.....by Tiffany Garcia

### Saturday, March 8

Vigil Mass 4pm ....+Agustin Serrano  
.....by Olga Serrano & Family  
.....Johnathan Garcia for Peace and Well being  
.....by Tiffany Garcia

### Sunday, March 9

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
Mass 9:00am.....FAP  
.....+Agustin Serrano  
.....by Olga Serrano & Family  
Mass 11am.....Brandon Cisneros for Health and Well Being  
.....by Louis Cisneros  
.....+Estella Zertuche  
.....by Mary Zertuche-Flores

#### STEWARDSHIP 02/ 15/2025 and 02/16/2025

Weekend Masses	\$	3312.09
Children's	\$	88.01
Walk ins	\$	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3550.01</b>
Knights of Columbus Breakfast	\$	902.00

*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 1

3-3:45pm  
4:00 pm

**Confessions**  
Mass

### Sunday, March 2

9:00am  
11 am

Mass  
Mass (Spanish)

### Monday, March 3

6:30pm  
7:00pm

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

### Tuesday, March 4

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 5

8:30am  
12 noon  
**6:30pm**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Mass with Ashes  
**Ashes only [service]**  
**Mass with Ashes**

### Thursday, March 6

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

Weekday Mass  
**Adult Confirmation Classes-Spanish**

### Friday, March 7

**6:00pm**  
**6:30pm**

**Stations of the Cross**  
**FIRST FRIDAY MASS**  
**[EXPOSITION AFTER MASS]**

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Weekday (8) Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin (USA)</b> Sir: 17: 20-24 Ps 32: 1-2, 5-7 Mk 10: 17-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Weekday (8) Saint Casimir</b> Sir 2: 35: 1-12 Ps 50: 5-8, 14, 23 Mk 10: 28-31
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Weekday (8) ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Jl 2: 12-18 Ps 51: 3-6b, 12-14, 17 2Cor 5: 20-6: 2 Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Weekday (8) Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b> Dt 30: 15-20 Ps 1: 1-4, 6 Lk 9: 22-25
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Weekday (8) Friday after Ash Wednesday</b> <i>Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs</i> Is 58: 1-9a Ps 51: 3-6b, 18-19 Mt 9: 14-15
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Weekday (8) Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b> <i>Saint John of God, Religious</i> Is 58: 9b-14 Ps 86: 1-6 Lk 5: 27-32

#### LAY MINISTERS SCHEDULE

##### March 1 & March 2

<b>Lectors</b>		
Sat 4pm	Joanne Herrera	Brad Stone
Sun 9am	Mary Murillo	Kenneth Duncan
Sun 11am	Mary Flores	Socorro Hernandez

##### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Sat 4pm	Concha Argumaniz	Anita Sanchez
Sun 9am	Pat Fitzgerald	Norma Collazo
Sun 11am	Nadyne Ford	John Ford
	Norma Rodriguez	Maria Hernandez

##### March 8 & March 9

<b>Lectors</b>		
Sat 4pm	Lupe Aguire	Angie Rodriguez
Sun 9am	Michael Navarrette	Norma Collazo
Sun 11am	Erika Soto	Francisco Soto

##### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Sat 4pm	Joanne Herrera	Emma Catteral
Sun 9am	Berta Fernandez	Mayo Fernandez
Sun 11am	Maria Flores	Socorro Hernandez




**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES** with Bishop Sis at the three major University Campuses in Abilene on **ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2025**


8:00 am Mass at McMurry University Carleton Chapel in the new Campus Center  
 11:00 am Service at Abilene Christian University Chapel on the Hill  
 5:00 pm Service at Hardin-Simmons University Logsdon Chapel

**LISTEN FEATURE**

### ASHES ON THE FOREHEAD



The act of applying ashes to our forehead symbolizes our mortality as well as our need for ongoing repentance.



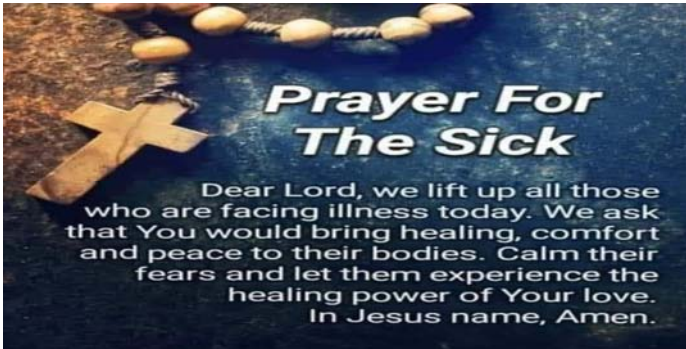
Ashes are applied to our forehead in the sign of the cross as the words, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return" are spoken to us. The other formula which is used, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" emphasizes our call to continual conversion and holiness of life.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

There will be **NO RE CLASSES** on **Ash Wednesday, March 5**, so that all the students can attend Mass with their families.

There will be **NO RE CLASSES** Wed., March 12.

We hope you all have a safe, fun, and blessed Spring Break! Classes will resume on **Wed., March 19**.



## 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, Lupe 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 One is still in need of prayer.*




**SPRING Forward 2025**  
 SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR  
 9 MARCH, 2025

**Lenten Regulations and Activities**

Jesus speaks of praying, fasting and almsgiving (Mt 6:1-6. 16-18).

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

**FASTING** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both 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. 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 activity which begins March 5 th and continues through Easter. We eat less at one meal and put the money saved in a little box for those who have so much less than we; we bring the donation to the church at the end of Lent. Catholic Relief Services distributes 75% of the funds to the needy around the world; the Diocese of San Angelo distributes 25% locally.



*March*  
 month of  
**St Joseph**

*March 19, Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Let us be inspired by the life of Saint Joseph: His humility, His willingness to listen to the voice of God. His unconditional love and protection for his wife and his child.*





IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MONICA TORRES  
BY  
ROGER & JOVITA TORRES



IN MEMORY OF ALL OUR  
LOVED ONES  
BY  
ANTONIO & JOANNE  
HERRERA

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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, March 8, 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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