



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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FIRST

SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 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
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..... Maria Elena Devora-Portillo.....	672-6695 518-4600
Chief Sacristan	Anita & Ruben Sanchez.....	672-6695

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 8

Vigil Mass 4pm+Agustin Serrao
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 - Health and Well Being
by Louis Cisneros
+Estella Zertuche
by Mary Zertuche-Flores

Monday, March 10

Private Mass.....+Agustin Serrano
by Olga Serrano & Family

Tuesday, March 11

Private Mass.....Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Maria Ascencion Rodriguez
+Agustin Serrano
by Maria Olga Serrano
6:30pm.....**Communion Service**

Wednesday, March 12

Private Mass.....Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Ascencion Rodriguez
+Agustin Serrano
by Olga Serrano & Family
8:30am**Communion Service**

Thursday, March 13

Private Mass.....Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Maria Ascencion Rodriguez
Johnathan Garcia for Health and Peace
by Tiffany Garcia
8:30am**Communion Service**

Friday, March 14

Private Mass.....Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Maria Ascencion Rodriguez
Johnathan Garcia for Peace and well being
by Tiffany Garcia
8:30am **Communion Service**

Saturday, March 15

Vigil Mass 4pmPoor Souls in Purgatory
by Maria Ascencion Rodriguez
Johnathan Garcia for Peace and Well being
by Tiffany Garcia

Sunday, March 16

Mass 9:00am.....Gloria Trujillo - Birthday blessings
by Gloria Trujillo
+Juan Vasquez
by The Vasquez Family

STEWARDSHIP

03/01/2025 and 03/02/2025

Weekend Masses	\$	4040.75
Children's	\$	158.37
Mail/Walk ins	\$	390.00
On line donations	\$	250.00
TOTAL	\$	4839.12
Votive Candles	\$	118.19
Breakfast by Por la Gracia De Dios	\$	1234.00
Aid to Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa [ASH WEDNESDAY]	\$	1143.17

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 8

3-3:45pm
 4:00 pm

Confessions
 Mass

Sunday, March 9

9:00am
 11 am

Mass
 Mass (Spanish)

Monday, March 10

6:30pm
 7:00pm

Men's Rosary
Legion of Mary (Spanish)

Tuesday, March 11

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

Prolife Rosary
 Communion Service
 Ultrella
Adult Confirmation Class-English
OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation
For Adult

Wednesday, March 12

8:30am

Communion Service

Thursday, March 13

8:30am
 7:00pm—8:00pm

Communion Service
Adult Confirmation Classes-Spanish

Friday, March 14

8:30am
 5:00pm -?
6:30pm

Communion Service
 Knights of Columbus **Fish Fry**
Stations of the Cross



Diocese of San Angelo

Spring Priests Retreat

March 10-14, 2025

Shepherds After My Own Heart: Living in Tension, Intentionally

Presented by Fr. John Kartje, Rector of Mundelein Seminary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Lenten Weekday [1] Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18 Ps 19: 8-10, 15 Mt 25: 31-46
Tuesday	Lenten Weekday [1] Is 55: 10-11 Ps 34: 4-7, 16-19 Mt 6: 7-15
Wednesday	Lenten Weekday [1] Jon 3: 1-10 Ps 51: 3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11: 29-32
Thursday	Lenten Weekday [1] Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138: 1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7: 7-12
Friday	Lenten Weekday [1] Ez 18: 21-28 Ps 130: 1-8 Mt 5: 20-26
Saturday	Lenten Weekday [1] Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18 Ps 27: 1, 7-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

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 29 & 30
After each Mass

Special Collection for
Catholic Relief Services

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.**

Special Collection March 8 & 9 After each Mass

Our second collection is for The Black and Indian Mission / Catholic Extension Society. Your financial support enables them to help form children in the faith, educate young people, and build hope – a hope often so hard to find in the areas their missionaries serve. Thank you for your generosity to our Catholic brothers and sisters.

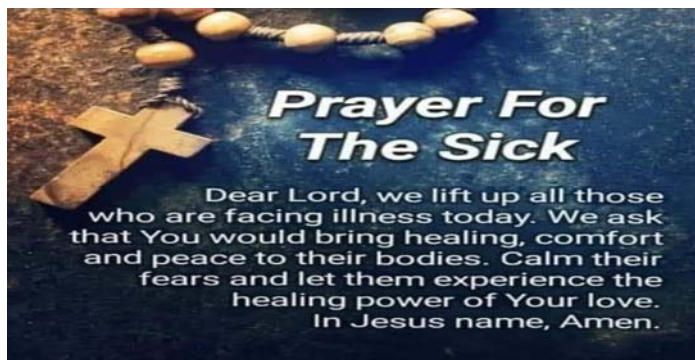
ST VINCENT RAFFLE TICKETS

Next weekend, **St. Vincent Pallotti** will be selling raffle tickets for the Cinco de Mayo festival. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. The drawing will be May 4. You don't need to be present to win. Prizes include \$5000 Mastercard, TLC 55-inch Smart TV, and more! You can pay with cash, check, or debit/credit card.



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



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.



CONGRATULATIONS to the newly Confirmed adults of our parish!

Sarahi Blanco
Mayra Devora
Jesse Dominges
Julie Martinez
Jesus Reyes, Jr.

Took place on Sunday , March 2, 2025
At Holy Family , Abilene
By Bishop Michael Sis



Most Rev. Joe S. Vasquez will be installed as the new Archbishop of Galveston-Houston on March 25, 2025, the Solemnity of the Annunciation. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of San Angelo in 1984. Please pray for him in his new ministry.

Happy Month of St. Joseph!
"Whenever hate or exasperation seizes you, think of the love of St. Joseph, who was the first man to set his eyes on the human face of God." - Pope Benedict XVI

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

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, 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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