

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday, Sept. 6</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 a.m.	Pamela Poole by Bill & Victoria Yoes (Msgr. Fred)
10:30 a.m.	+Leroy Caughey by Barbara Caughey (Fr. Mamachan)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Fr. Mamachan)
1:00 p.m.	Distribution of Communion
<b>Monday, Sept. 7</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Prayer/Communion Service
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 8</b>	
12:00 p.m.	Prayer/Communion Service
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 9</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Prayer/Communion Service
<b>Thursday, Sept. 10</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Prayer/Communion Service
<b>Friday, Sept. 11</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Prayer/Communion Service
<b>Saturday, Sept. 12</b>	
8:00 a.m.	+Pamela Poole by Bill & Victoria Yoes (Msgr. Fred)
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Msgr. Fred)
5:30 p.m.	+Gerry McAuliffe by Lynn & Nancy Roth (Fr. Mamachan) – recorded
6:30 p.m.	Distribution of Communion
<b>Sunday, Sept. 13</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 a.m.	Kathy Simmons by Tess Burton (Fr. Mamachan)
10:30 a.m.	+Sr. Helen Rivas by Lynn & Nancy Roth (Msgr. Fred)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Msgr. Fred)
1:00 p.m.	Distribution of Communion

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN MASS SCHEDULE ABOVE:** Fr. Fred and Fr. Mamachan will be out of town for a Diocesan Retreat September 7-11.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Veronica Bartosh, Joyce Bayer, Phyllis Beyer, Raymond Buck, Harold Bush, Sonia Gallagher, Orlando Garcia, Manuel Hernandez, John Higuera, Sandy Hood, Kathy Jones, Jim Lessin, Jim Luyet, Max Mendez, Terry Novak, Claudette Perry, Pamela Poole, Kiki and Gabriel Ruiz, Fran Scanlon, Chris Shadley, Joey Schaefer, Bernie Taylor, Octaviano Villanueva, Maureen White. *Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks unless the office is notified.*

**CONFESSIONS ARE TAKING PLACE IN ROOM 101**, the room to your left as you enter the church building. The schedule for this week is as follows:

**Saturday, Sept. 13 – 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. – Fr. Fred**

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED** September 7 for the Labor Day. We pray you have a restful holiday.

**THE 5:30 P.M. MASS IS RECORDED** and posted to our website and Facebook page. For those who are in attendance during the recording of Mass, please be aware that by attending this liturgy you acknowledge and consent that you may be recorded during this event.

**WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE** is steadily increasing. We are excited that more parishioners are returning to Mass. As you know, our seating is limited because of the social distancing requirements. Once our allowable seating is filled, additional people must not be admitted to the church building. Ushers will post a sign outside the church entrance asking that you wait in your car, listen to a remote Mass from your car, and come inside at the end of Mass to receive Communion. Other options are also available. The 5:30 p.m. Mass is recorded and posted on our website and Facebook page for viewing on Sunday. You might watch the recorded Mass at home and come to the church to receive Communion, or you may choose to attend another weekend Mass, or a weekday Mass.

**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRAYER** Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enter at the front entrance near the Holy Family Statue.

**RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION WHEN WEARING FACE MASKS.** When you approach the minister to receive Holy Communion, please remove your face mask and consume the consecrated host immediately before returning to your pew. Please do not carry the host back with you to your seat.

**WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY** will be held in-person this fall, following the Covid safety protocols of our diocese. The Wednesday evening classes begin September 9 at 6 PM. The Thursday morning classes begin September 10 at 9:15 AM. Both classes will take place in the parish center with socially distanced seating and face masks required. Please do not come to class if you have a temperature, are coughing, sneezing or showing other symptoms related to the Covid-19 virus. Childcare/the Nursery will not be available. If you have not already done so, go to the parish website: [www.holyfamilyabilene.org](http://www.holyfamilyabilene.org) and register with EVANGELUS. Select the Women's Scripture Study group to be included in text/email messages about the classes.

**CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?**

The **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you if:

- You are not Catholic but wish to learn more about the Catholic Church
- You want to become a member of the Catholic Church
- You are a baptized Catholic and would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation).

The **RCIA** program begins in September and meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. During this time, participants will receive an overview of the Catholic faith and doctrine, and meet others who are on the same spiritual journey. There is no cost for the classes. Please contact Gail Wheeler at the church office to register for the classes.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND:**

This year, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Land of Jesus. Pope Francis moved this collection to September 13. The offering envelope for this collection was mailed to Holy Family parishioners in March; \$1,310.00 has been received to date. To make a contribution for the Holy Land on September 13, please use the blue envelopes that are in the book tray in the church foyer, and write for “Holy Land” and your name on the outside of the envelope.

**2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

With the constraints caused by the coronavirus outbreak, our diocese has recommended that we use virtual learning rather than in-person classes. All families are invited to register their children for religious education and participate in our newly adapted **online programs** for grades One through Twelve. Materials will provided to PreK and Kindergarten parents, and teachers will assist in the learning process for this age group. Please return your registration form or complete the downloadable form at our website. There is no registration fee this year.

**THE OFFICE TELEPHONES** have experienced problems recently due to the work taking place along Buffalo Gap Road and the new construction within our area. We are working to correct this, and we apologize for any problems this has caused.

# Dear Padre

September 6, 2020

*In the story of Noah, God destroyed most of the world. Did that really happen? How should we think about the world’s end?*

Most biblical scholars generally consider the Noah story to be a tale of God’s new covenant with the people. Life here is temporary, but life with God is eternal. The story of the Flood was probably based on some historical event that was recounted in oral traditions for centuries before the story of Noah was written.

The National Geographic Society, in researching that region, discovered that the Mediterranean Sea broke through a natural dam more than 7,500 years ago, filling a freshwater lake with seawater and creating the Black Sea. This natural catastrophe could be the basis for the story of Noah and the Ark. Catastrophic world events such as war, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, or tornadoes remind us repeatedly how fragile and temporary our lives are.

The biblical truth of the Noah story and of Jesus’ account of the end of the world tell us that God is our beginning and our end. The world will end, but God will not end. God’s love for us will also never end. There is a spiritual transformation that will happen both at the end of lives on earth and at the end of time. We can be certain that, in the end, sin and death will be no more and God’s love will reign forever.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

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**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** August 29-30, 2020 with 1287 families:

Envelopes and Checks .....	20,386.59
Loose Plate.....	1,310.78
Other contributions and receipts .....	387.58
Building Fund .....	267.00
Total Income .....	22,351.95

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