

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

<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
<b>Monday, Sept. 14</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Kathy Simmons by Tess Burton (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 15</b>	
12:00 p.m.	Intention of the Celebrant (Msgr. Fred) +Jim Krahn by Nancy Cantrell (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 16</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant (Msgr. Fred) Kathy Simmons by Tess Burton (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Thursday, Sept. 17</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant (Msgr. Fred) +Jim Krahn by Nancy Cantrell (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Friday, Sept. 18</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant (Msgr. Fred – Main Celebrant) Intention of the Celebrant (Fr. Mamachan – Concelebrant)
<b>Saturday, Sept. 19</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant (Fr. Mamachan)
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mamachan)
5:30 p.m.	Intention of the Celebrant (Msgr. Fred) – recorded Distribution of Communion
<b>Sunday, Sept. 20</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 a.m.	For Peace, Respect, Love & Unity in America by Lupe & Janie Chavez (Msgr. Fred)
10:30 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant (Fr. Mamachan)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Fr. Mamachan)
1:00 p.m.	Distribution of Communion

**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.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the soul of Carol Bliznak, wife of Dr. Johnny Bliznak and mother of Dr. John Bliznak. We pray that her family will be comforted by the promise of the resurrection, and that they and all the faithful departed may rest in peace through God's mercy

**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.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** is scheduled for Sunday, September 20, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please contact Karen Light, (325) 370-4847, for more information and future training dates.

**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:

**Tuesday, Sept. 15** -11:30 a.m. until finished – Fr. Mamachan

**Friday, Sept. 18** - 8:30 a.m. until finished – Fr. Fred

**Saturday, Sept. 19** – 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. – Fr. Mamachan

**RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** will begin soon! We hope to have weekly meetings in the parish center on Tuesday from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. following the Covid-19 safety protocols of our diocese. If you or someone you know is not Catholic but wishes to learn more about the Catholic Church, or is a baptized Catholic and would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation), please contact Gail Wheeler at the church office for more information.

**2020-2021 REMOTE LEARNING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** for grades 1 – 12 begin this month. Registration forms are available in the parish office or at the parish website. Remember to sign up for EVANGELUS (at the parish website) so that teachers can contact you about how to begin the online classes. Since PreK and Kindergarten children are not part of the online curriculum, teachers will contact parents to provide materials and assist in the learning process.

**HOLY LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** will meet Thursday, September 17, from 7 – 8:30 PM in our Chapel. Come through the side entrance. All are invited for a joyful and healing time of praise and prayer in the Holy Spirit. Be sure to wear your mask. We will gather the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. For more information go to the Diocese of San Angelo website: [CatholicCharismatic.com](http://CatholicCharismatic.com).

**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.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND** – postponed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic – will be taken up this weekend. Please use the blue envelopes that are in the book tray in the church foyer, and write for the “Holy Land” and your name on the outside of the envelope.

**WOMEN’S SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUPS** are meeting in the parish center following the Covid safety protocols of our diocese.

Wednesday - 6 PM – Genesis

Thursday - 9:15 AM – Acts of the Apostles

Parish childcare is not available.

## Dear Padre

*We knew a beloved priest whose death was self-inflicted. What is the Church’s stance on suicide?*

I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and the faith community for this tragic loss. “We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2280). Those who take their own life to end personal suffering assume a decision-making that belongs to God alone. However, the Church also acknowledges that “grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide” (*CCC* 2282).

At the same time, the Church relies on the compassion of God, who fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide. Therefore, the Church pastorally states: “We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives” (*CCC* 2283).

How, then, does the Church specifically pray for those who’ve committed suicide? Generally they’re not deprived of full burial rites in the Church, which consoles the living and commends all of the dead “to God’s merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins” (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 6). Nor are they deprived of burial in a Catholic cemetery—a sacred place that helps bring peace to those confronted by the sudden death of a suicide.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** September 5-6, 2020 with 1287 families:

Envelopes and Checks .....	16,863.05
Loose Plate.....	822.25
Other contributions and receipts .....	1,060.13
Building Fund .....	329.00
Total Income .....	19,074.43

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