

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday, Feb. 28</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 a.m.	+Pedro Castro by Grandchildren (Fr. Mamachan)
10:30 a.m.	+Herring Family by Joe & Betty Hudson (Msgr. Fred)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Msgr. Fred)
12:45 p.m.	Distribution of Communion
<b>Monday, March 1</b>	
7:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Ronnie & Marie Bishop (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Tuesday, March 2</b>	
12:00 p.m.	Tim Coble by John & Barbara Stuart (Msgr. Fred)
<b>Wednesday, March 3</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Deborah Franklin by Richard Nikolai (Msgr. Fred)
<b>Thursday, March 4</b>	
7:00 a.m.	+Eldoris Zly by Kerry & Susan Hibbitts (Msgr. Fred)
<b>Friday, March 5</b>	
9:00 a.m.	+Carol Ann Bliznak by Johnny Bliznak (Msgr. Fred – Main Celebrant)
<b>Saturday, March 6</b>	<b>Mass Recorded</b>
8:00 a.m.	+Janet Minzenmayor by Mavic Yoes (Fr. Mamachan)
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mamachan)
5:30 p.m.	Shirley Wheeler by Mavic Yoes (Msgr. Fred)
6:15 p.m.	Distribution of Communion
<b>Sunday, March 7</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 a.m.	+Carol Ann Bliznak by Carol L. Michel (Msgr. Fred)
10:30 a.m.	+Lina Bellet by Ronnie & Marie Bishop Joe & Betty Hudson (Fr. Mamachan)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Fr. Mamachan)
12:45 p.m.	Distribution of Communion



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Remote Classes	1-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Monday, March 1</b>	
6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
<b>Tuesday, March 2</b>	
11:30 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation – Rm 101 (Fr. Mamachan)
7:00-8:45 p.m.	RCIA – Parish Center
<b>Wednesday, March 3</b>	
Remote Classes	7-12 Religious Education
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation – Rm 101 (Fr. Mamachan)
6:00-7:30 p.m.	Adult Scripture Study – Parish Center
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Parish Choir Practice
<b>Thursday, March 4</b>	
9:15-11:30 a.m.	Women’s Scripture Study – Parish Center
<b>Friday, March 5</b>	
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Msgr. Fred) – Rm 101
<b>Saturday, March 6</b>	
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Msgr. Fred) – Rm 101
4:45-5:15 p.m.	Sabbath Choir Rehearsal
7:00 – until finished	Sacrament of Reconciliation – Rm 101 (Msgr. Fred)
<b>Sunday, March 7</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
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**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.

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR:** All children in grades 1-6 and older are invited to join the Children’s Choir at Holy Family Church. Practices for the upcoming Easter Noon Mass began on Sunday, February 14. Practices will continue each Sunday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. through March 28. There will be no practice on March 7. Please contact Melissa Benoit at 370-7937 for further information.

**PERSONS IN VEHICLES AND RECEPTION OF COMMUNION:** If you choose to wait in your vehicle during Mass and receive Communion outside of the church building, please come to the entrance of the church at Communion time and wait for the Communion Minister. The diocesan protocols specify that ministers should not give Communion to persons while they are inside their vehicle. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during the current unusual circumstances.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Veronica Bartosh, Joyce Bayer, Harold Bush, Sonia Gallagher, Orlando Garcia, Manuel Hernandez, John Higuera, Joe Hudson, Jim Lessin, Jim Luyet, Mickey Mathis, Terry Novak, Claudette Perry, Pamela Poole, Joey Schaefer, Gary Thompson, Adrianna & Gabriella Tonche, Sylvester & Thalia Tonche, Octaviano Villanueva, Randy & Rosie Watson, Maureen White. *Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks unless the office is notified.*

**THE 5:30 P.M. SATURDAY 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.

**RITE OF ENROLLMENT/ELECTION** for the RCIA participants will take place this Sunday, February 28, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Due to the winter storm last week, we were not able to participate in the Rite of Election with Bishop Sis in San Angelo. Please join in welcoming the members of our RCIA program as they begin the final preparation for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 3.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**PRO-LIFE ROSARIES**, sponsored by the Catholic Deanery Pro-Life Committee, during Lent as follows:

March 1	12:00 p.m.	St. Francis, Abilene
March 8	12:00 p.m.	Holy Family, Abilene
March 15	1:00 p.m.	St. Vincent, Abilene
March 22	12:00 p.m.	St. Francis, Abilene
March 29	12:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel

**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of our parish's participation in Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten Program of prayer, fasting, education and almsgiving, which is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and our diocese. CRS was founded in 1943 and is the official overseas relief and development agency of the United States Catholic Community. A special envelope is provided in your monthly packet or you may use the blue envelopes found in the book cart in the church foyer. Rice Bowls will be distributed to our religious education classes as well.

**THE MINISTRY SCHEDULE** for Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, and Lectors will be prepared through the parish office for the months of March, April, and May. We appreciate the ministry coordinators and all who have served at Mass during the adjustments experienced by the Covid pandemic. If you have not had an opportunity to respond to the letter regarding your status to serve and would like to be included in the next schedule, please contact Amanda at the Parish Office 692-1820.

**RCIA SCRUTINIES** are special prayers during Lent to help our catechumens and candidates deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. Please join in supporting our RCIA Elect through these special prayers that will take place at the following times:

1 <sup>st</sup> Scrutiny	March 6	5:30 p.m. Mass
2 <sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny	March 14	9:00 a.m. Mass
3 <sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny	March 21	10:30 a.m. Mass

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** February 13-14 and 20-21, 2021 with 1286 families:

Envelopes and Checks .....	16,644.00
Loose Plate .....	738.00
Other Receipts/Contributions .....	134.00
Building Fund.....	75.00

Total Income..... 17,591.00

## Dear Padre

*Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?*

A set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.

Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.

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**VOCATION CROSS FOR THE HOME:** Please volunteer to take home the Vocation Cross that is located on the table in the church foyer. The parish is invited to join your family in praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

February 28 – Bolwitt Family  
March 7 - Open

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during the season of Lent. This year, we will not have the traditional Lenten meal after praying the stations. On Friday, March 5, Ashes that should have been received on Ash Wednesday will be imposed after the Stations of the Cross in the foyer of the church.