

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 a.m.	Alonzo Landin by Deacon Gary and Suzanne Rhodes
10:30 a.m.	All the People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	Louise Moreno by Catherine O'Brien
Monday, August 16	
7:00 a.m.	Anniversary for Bernie & Joan Taylor by Family
Tuesday, August 17	
12:00 p.m.	Travis & Tricia Gonzales by Matthew & Whitney Dane
Wednesday, August 18	
7:00 a.m.	+Dominic Trong & Mary Nuong Bui by Hai & Lan Nguyen
Thursday, August 19	
7:00 a.m.	Angela Robinson by Bill & Rita Bozarth Thanksgiving to St. Jude by Ronnie & Marie Bishop
Friday, August 20	
9:00 a.m.	+Dominic Trong & Mary Nuong Bui by Hai & Lan Nguyen +Dominga Garcia by Waldmann Family
Saturday, August 21	
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 p.m.	Tim Luza by Allison & Andrew Callaway
Sunday, August 22	
9:00 a.m.	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time +Dominic Trong & Mary Nuong Bui by Hai & Lan Nguyen
10:30 a.m.	All the People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	Carol Ann Bliznak by Johnny Bliznak

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: August 7-8, 2021 with 1308 families:

Regular Weekend Collection	11,073.00
(Envelopes and loose checks)	
Loose Plate	1,637.76
Mailed in Envelopes	5,185.00
Other Receipts.....	1,478.76
Building Fund	278.00
Grand Total	19,652.52
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 16	
6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
Tuesday, August 17	
11:30 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday, August 18	
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Parish Choir Practice
Friday, August 19	
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, August 20	
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:45-5:15 p.m.	Sabbath Choir Rehearsal

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15-21

Sunday	1 Chr 15:3-4; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54B-57; Lk 11:27-28
Monday	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43 AB and 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24A; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Jgs 11:29-39A; Ps 40:5, 7-8A, 8B-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14B-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6AB, 6C-7, 8-9A, 9BC-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1B-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Chad Bartosh, Veronica Bartosh, Jacque Boutell, Harold Bush, Darold Calk, Judy Colvin, Hunter Davis, Susana De Leon, Jerry Fincher, Orlando Garcia, Manuel Hernandez, John Higuera, Jeff Hood, Roberta Lambert, George Lee, Jim Lessin, Robert Leucht, Jim Luyet, Donna Martin, Terry Novak, Sylvia Ortiz, Claudette Perry, Pamela Poole, Joey Schaefer, Reynaldo Simone, Adrianna & Gabriella Tonche, Sylvester & Thalia Tonche, Octaviano Villanueva, Randy & Rosie Watson, Maureen White, Laverne Yarborough. *Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks unless the office is notified.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls of Robert Nelson, husband of Angie Nelson; Orlando Garcia, son of Juanita Garcia; and Donna Cooper, wife of Gary Cooper. We pray that their families 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.

2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMS have been mailed to registered families with children who are eligible to attend the Prek-12th grade catechetical program. Please complete and return these forms to the parish office no later than **Tuesday, August 24, 2021**. Additional registration forms can be found at the parish office or at the Welcome Table located in the church foyer. For more information, please contact the parish office at 692-1820.

CATECHISTS & AIDES FOR THE 2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM may volunteer by calling Dr. Bob Moore, DRE for Grades Pre-K-6 at 210-284-8079, and Mrs. Angela Garcia, CYM for Grades 7-12, at the church office: 692-1820. We encourage you to prayerfully consider helping our children and youth grow in faith and knowledge of the Catholic Church by sharing your faith, knowledge and time with them.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Calling All Adults

Faith Enrichment Opportunities - Beginning Soon!

As summer comes to an end, our programs will begin again in September with a variety of adult study and prayer sessions for adults seeking a deeper relationship with God and a greater understanding of the Catholic faith. We hope something here will fit your schedule and interests. Watch for starting dates in "The Week Ahead" of the bulletin.

Men's Spirituality Group 1: Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. in room 101 of the church for prayer, readings and reflection to enhance their relationship with God. For more information, contact Dennis O'Connell: 669-6283.

Men's Spirituality Group 2: Meets in room 110 on Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The first meeting will be September 8. For more information contact Mike Awtry: 325-669-8985.

Ladies Share Group: Meets every Tuesday from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the parish center. All women in the parish are invited. This is a great opportunity to meet other women in our parish, as well as to learn and share on a variety of topics. For more information, contact Barbara Moore: 325-692-7514

Women's Scripture Study: Begins Thursday, September 9, and will meet in room 101 in the Church from 9:15-11:30 a.m. This year's study by Catholic Way Bible Study will be on the Gospel of Luke. For more information, contact Kathy Galinak: 325-668-3641.

Scripture Study for Women and Men: Will begin Tuesday, August 31. Meetings will be held in the church, room 101, from 6:15-8:15 p.m. Study using Catholic Way Bible Study will be on "The Four Books of Moses". For more information, contact Pamela Mann: 668-8595.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) weekly sessions will resume in September. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or receiving the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, please contact Bob Moore; cell: 210-284-8079 or office 692-1820.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH invites everyone to the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. First Friday will begin with Mass celebrated at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus along with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration continues until 2am. Come and spend time with Jesus in prayer and adoration. You are welcome to go home whenever you wish.

POWER FROM ON HIGH TODAY SEMINAR will be held during our city-wide Hearts in One Accord Prayer Meeting beginning Tuesday Aug. 17 for four consecutive weeks. It is a follow-up to Life in the Spirit Seminar and will help us grow in the knowledge and use of the Charismatic Gifts of the Spirit. Come and join us for Praise & Worship, Thanksgiving, Holy Spirit led sharing, Intercessory and Healing Prayer every Tuesday night in the Nelson Center at Abilene Sacred Heart. 7-8:45. For more info call Gail Waldmann at 325-280-6210 or Dee Halbert at 325-668-6828

Good News!

August 15, 2021

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:*Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Today's readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet" (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing "aloud in pain as she labored to give birth" (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant.

When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical strength when she is called upon to "Push!" The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as "the birth pangs of the Messiah."

Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich "sent away empty" (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet."

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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GOING TO THE HOSPITAL? Please call the parish office and let us know when you will be in the hospital. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can call the office to make an appointment for the priest to administer this at the parish office or immediately after one of the Sunday Masses.

THE HOMEBOUND MINISTRY for bringing Holy Communion to persons in the hospital, nursing homes, and homes is still limited due to coronavirus restrictions. However, if you are not able to attend Mass for these reasons, please contact the coordinators of our Homebound Ministry; Pamela Mann: 325-668-8595, & Kathy Robinson: 303-919-0551.

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.

August 15 – Rochelle Johnson

August 22 – Open