

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 12	3rd Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	+Celia Johnson – by Jeanette Vincent
10:30 a.m.	All the People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	+Albert Ntibandetse – by Ntibandetse Family
Monday, December 13	
7:00 a.m.	+Audrey & Wilbert Verret – by Penny Montz & Wendell Verret
Tuesday, December 14	
9:00 a.m.	+Celia Johnson – by Ladies Share Group
Wednesday, December 15	
7:00 a.m.	+Charles Dorsey – by Gay Dorsey
Thursday, December 16	
7:00 a.m.	+Louise Moreno – by Doug & Judie Eichorst +Albert Ntibandetse – by Budd & Jane Hoff
Friday, December 17	
9:00 a.m.	+Celia Johnson – by Nzosaba Family +Jerry Fincher – by Marianne Fincher
Saturday, December 18	
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 p.m.	+Andres Gamon, Sr. – by Lydia Gamon Molina
Sunday, December 19	4th Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m.	+Carol Ann Bliznak – by Johnny Bliznak
10:30 a.m.	All the People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	+Rhonda Albus – by Joe & Betty Hudson

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: December 4-5, 2021 with 1300 families:

Regular Weekend Collection	\$14,004.70
(Envelopes and loose checks)	
Loose Plate	\$5,728.31
Mailed in Envelopes.....	\$7,537.88
Other Receipts.....	\$1,891.80
Building Fund	\$480.00
Grand Total =	\$29,642.69

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 12	
12:10-2:10 p.m.	PK-6 RE
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Children’s Choir Practice
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Altar Server Training
Monday, December 13	
6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
Tuesday, December 14	
6:30 a.m.	Men’s Spirituality Group
8:30 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
12:30-2:30 p.m.	Ladies Share Group
7:00-8:30 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday, December 15	
6:30 p.m.	Men’s Spirituality Group
6:30-8:00 p.m.	7-12 RE
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Parish Choir Practice
Thursday, December 16	
9:15-11:30 a.m.	Women’s Scripture Study
Friday, December 17	
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, December 18	
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:45-5:15 p.m.	Sabbath Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, December 19	
12:10-2:10 p.m.	PK-6 RE
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Children’s Choir Practice

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 12 – DECEMBER 17**

Sunday	Zep 3:14-18A; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17A; Ps 25:4-5AB, 6 and 7BC, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6B-8, 18, 21C-25; Ps 85:9AB and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18B-23
Thursday	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12A and 13B; Lk 7:24-30
Friday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Chad Bartosh, Veronica Bartosh, Joe Bayer, Ken Boutell, Rita Bozarth, Harold Bush, Darold Calk, Judy Colvin, Hunter Davis, Rhys Galinak, Jim Gallagher, Manuel Hernandez, John Higuera, Jeff Hood, Roberta Lambert, Jim Lessin, Robert Leucht, Jim Luyet, Donna Martin, Angie Nelson, Terry Novak, Paul & Patricia O’Brien, Claudette Perry, Tim Phillips, Mary Pizzorno, Pamela Poole, Fe Santos, Joey Schaefer, Reynaldo Simone, Frances Sooter, Dick & Joann Vestal, Antonio Villanueva, Octaviano Villanueva, Randy & Rosie Watson, Maureen White, Laverne Yarborough. *Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks unless the office is notified.*

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS for the Christmas and New Year’s Masses are posted in the sacristy. If you would like to serve at one of these Masses, please write your name on the sign-up sheet.

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS is being taken up this weekend, December 11-12, 2021. Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give generously to next week’s second collection.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MASS SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS:

Friday, December 24th

Children's Christmas Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Music Prelude & Christmas Eve Mass: 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25th

Music Prelude & Midnight Mass: 12:00 a.m.
Christmas Day Mass: 11:00 a.m.
Feast of the Holy Family – Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 26th

Feast of the Holy Family Mass: 9:00 a.m.
Mass: 10:30 a.m.
Mass: 12:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR:

Friday, December 31st

Mary, Mother of God – Vigil Mass: 6:30 p.m.
(New Year's Eve)

Saturday, January 1st

Mary, Mother of God – Mass: 11:00 a.m.
(New Year's Day)
The Epiphany of the Lord – Vigil Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 2nd

The Epiphany of the Lord Mass: 9:00 a.m.
Mass: 10:30 a.m.
Mass: 12:00 p.m.

2022 PARISH CALENDARS were put out in the church foyer last weekend. Because we have a limited supply, we ask that you please take only one per family.

FILIPINO "SIMBANG GABI" CELEBRATION! Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition that prepares the people for the celebration of Christmas. This year, at Holy Family Church in Abilene, nine consecutive Novena Masses will be celebrated for nine days, from December 15 – December 23, 2021 from 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M., leading up to the Christmas 2021. It is the spiritual preparation for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. This tradition is being practiced every year in the Philippines and in many countries by the Filipino communities. A Potluck dinner will be served after the Mass. Please bring your favorite dishes to share with everyone. Everyone is invited. For more information, please call Nora Halzhauer 325-513-2170.

HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN'S CHOIR: All children in 1st through 6th grades are invited to participate in the Children's Choir at Holy Family Church. Practices for the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass will begin October 31, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and continue to be held every Sunday until Christmas Eve. Please contact Melissa Benoit at 325-370-7937 for further information.

NEW BUSINESS MANAGER HIRED: In consultation with the Selection Committee and the Finance Council, the pastor has appointed Ms. Alicea Walker as the new Business Manager for our Holy Family Parish. She comes to us after having worked for the Dyess Air Force Base as a GS7 employee with property management/business experience. Let us welcome her and give her our full support.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our parish Christmas Party a success this past Sunday, December 5th. A special "Thank You" to the Connelly family for donating the ground beef for the delicious taco meal that was served. Thank you also to Santa Claus (Joe Hudson and Dick Spiegel), Kerry & Susan Hibbits, the members of the reception committee, parish staff, and the many volunteers who helped to make this event a great success. Thank you and God bless you all!

WEST TEXANS FOR LIFE SILENT AUCTION: A Silent Auction is in the Parish Center this weekend benefitting West Texans for Life. Please give them your help and support.

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus in that humble manger in Bethlehem so very long ago, let us also remember (and pray for!) The over 62 million tiny babies who were never given the chance to be born ... Here in the united states alone ... due to the legalization of abortion in the lethal decision handed down by the U. S. Supreme Court in 1973 in Roe v Wade. All Abilene area Catholics interested in learning more about and/or helping with putting an end to the killing of babies in their mother's womb are invited to join the catholic Pro-life Committee of the Abilene Deanery for its December monthly meeting ... this coming Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church (meeting room 101, behind the welcome table).

PRE K-6TH RE FAMILIES: Join us on December 19th for a Family Christmas & Epiphany Event in the Parish Center after the 10:30 am Mass. We will have cookie decorating, 12 Days of Christmas ornaments to make, and a take home kit for an Epiphany home blessing with blessed chalk. Simple snacks will be provided. RSVP is needed for this event. Please contact Bob Moore or Barbara Moore at 210-913-3068.

CALLING ALL 5th AND 6th GRADERS: Your help is needed for the Nativity dramatization at the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Older children playing the main characters must attend a rehearsal on Saturday, December 18, at 11:30 a.m. Younger children wishing to play the parts of angels and shepherds simply arrive at 4:45 p.m. on Christmas Eve. All costumes are provided. Please contact Judy Phaneuf 325-665-2424 for more information.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

The pastor has appointed the in-charges for the following events. Please give them your full support.

- * **Pastoral Council Election Committee:** Chloe Garces (chair), Grayson Hurst (vice-chair), and Susan Englerth (secretary).
- * **Parish Festival 2022:** Rochelle Johnson (chair), Parish Council and Finance Council members.
- * **Mardi Gras Party:** Saturday, February 26, 2022: Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and Men's Spiritual Groups, headed by Dennis O'Connell, Mike Awtry, and Al Dunlap.