

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday, January 2</b>	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>
9:00 a.m.	+Thang Nhan – by Angel & Janie Nhan
10:30 a.m.	All People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	+Molly Bradshaw - by Rita Bozarth
<b>Monday, January 3</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Roberta Lambert – by Alonzo & Denettie Landin
<b>Tuesday, January 4</b>	
9:00 a.m.	Judy Colvin – by Terry & Mary Kossbiel
<b>Wednesday, January 5</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Hamdan – by Catherine O’Brien
<b>Thursday, January 6</b>	
7:00 a.m.	Kathy Gallagher – by Sonia Gallagher
<b>Friday, January 7</b>	
9:00 a.m.	+Joe Seydler – by Marcus & Patsy Reyes
<b>Saturday, January 8</b>	
5:30 p.m.	+Ana Cordero – by Family
<b>Sunday, January 9</b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>
9:00 a.m.	+Bernardo Estrada – by Aubrey Estrada & Bermark Estrada
10:30 a.m.	All People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	Intention of the Celebrant

<b>SACRIFICIAL GIVING:</b>	December 18-19 with 1304 families:
Regular Weekend Collection .....	\$18,363.00
(Envelopes and loose checks)	
Loose Plate .....	\$5,431.00
Mailed in Envelopes .....	\$7,095.00
Other Receipts .....	\$2,264.92
Building Fund .....	\$55.00
<b>Grand Total =</b>	<b>\$33,208.92</b>
<b>Various Other Second Collections .....</b>	
	<b>\$635.00</b>

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Monday, January 3</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
<b>Tuesday, January 4</b>	
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
<b>Wednesday, January 5</b>	
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
<b>Thursday, January 6</b>	
9:15-11:30 a.m.	Women’s Scripture Study
7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Nocturnal Adoration
<b>Friday, January 7</b>	
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Saturday, January 8</b>	
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:45-5:15 p.m.	Sabbath Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, January 9</b>	
12:10-2:10 p.m.	PK-6 RE

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 26 – JANUARY 1**

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Epn 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22A
<b>Friday</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Chad Bartosh, Veronica Bartosh, Joe Bayer, Ken Boutell, Rita Bozarth, Harold Bush, Manuel Calderon. 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, James Moore, Angie Nelson, Terry Novak, Paul & Patricia O’Brien, 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, Marian Zett *Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks unless the office is notified.*

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, January 3. Normal office hours will resume at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

**DEACON GARY RHODES ON SABBATICAL:** Most Rev. Michael Sis, Bishop of San Angelo Diocese, has granted the special request of Deacon Gary Rhodes for ONE year of Sabbatical, beginning from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. And so, effective January 1, 2022, he will not be available for any parish pastoral ministry at Holy Family Church in Abilene. We request that he NOT be bothered with any parish pastoral ministry needs and /or activities throughout the calendar year 2022, instead, please call the pastor or the parish office for any pastoral assistance.

**Happy  
New Year!**

*God Bless You All.*

*Very Rev. Santiago Udayar, Pastor  
&  
Monsignor Frederick Nawarskas  
&  
Parish Staff*

### BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism will be administered at Holy Family Church on the following dates; and the baptismal preparatory classes will be offered one week prior to the date of Baptism. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

<u>CLASS DATE</u>	<u>DATE OF BAPTISM</u>
January 22, 2022	January, 29, 2022
February 12, 2022	February 19, 2022
March 19, 2022	March 26, 2022
April 16, 2022	April 30, 2022
May 21, 2022	May 28, 2022
June 18, 2022	June 25, 2022
July 23, 2022	July 30, 2022
August, 20, 2022	August 27, 2022
September 17, 2022	September 24, 2022
October 22, 2022	October 29, 2022
November 19, 2022	November 26, 2022
December 10, 2022	December 17, 2022

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** begins at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 6, and last until 12:00 a.m. (midnight). What better time to pray for our country and for world peace. You may come at any time. If you would like to sign up for a set time each month, please contact Gerald Phillips at (325) 518-5674.

**PRO-LIFE ADVOCATES** are gathering signatures to make Abilene a "Sanctuary City for the Unborn." Bishop Sis is supportive of this effort. If you are a city resident, please sign the petition after Mass in order to get this measure on the ballot in May. Thank you.

### 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.

# Good News!

January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord (C) Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Many traditional religions have in some way ascribed divinity to light—either they claim that light emanates from a god or that light itself is divine. This is probably because light is a primal necessity, essential for life. We find such thinking in today's readings.

"Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1) says today's Old Testament reading. This is Isaiah's glorious message for the people of Jerusalem. The city had been destroyed; the people scattered; the future looked bleak. This message must have filled the people with hope. Not only does light bring them hope, but the light actually streams from their God. It is the Lord who shines, bestowing his radiance upon them. This light is filled with promise.

The story of the Magi is not meant primarily for children who delight in moving figurines of the three kings a bit closer to the stable every day. This is an adult story about inner darkness and enlightenment. The strangers, ignorant of ancient Israel's traditions, were able to read the signs of the times. Because of their openness, they found the Light of the World. The learned men of Jerusalem were well-schooled in the ancient promises, for they knew where to send the strangers. However, they felt threatened by these signs. They closed their minds and hearts to any omens that might imperil their positions of privilege. They had a chance to benefit from this new light, but they turned their backs on it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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**LADIES SHARE GROUP** meetings will resume Tuesday, January 4, 2022. All women are invited to join. It is a great way to get to know other parishioners and to grow in your faith. For further information call Barbara Moore 210-913-3068.

**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.

January 2 – Ben & Lydia Molina  
January 6 - Open