

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 9 9:00 a.m.	Baptism of the Lord +Bernardo Estrada – by Aubrey Estrada & Bernmark Estrada
10:30 a.m.	All People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	Intention of the Celebrant
Monday, January 10 7:00 a.m.	Bernie & Joan Taylor – by Red Hat Angels
Tuesday, January 11 9:00 a.m.	Joe Hudson – by Betty Hudson
Wednesday, January 12 7:00 a.m.	+Charles J. Schwertner – by Larry J. Schwertner
Thursday, January 13 7:00 a.m.	+Eddie Linke – by Marshall Eaton Family +Barbara Voit – by Louis Voit
Friday, January 14 9:00 a.m.	+Robert Kalafut – by Edward & Roberta Brandecker Fe Santos – by Tess Burton
Saturday, January 15 5:30 p.m.	+Robert Nelson – by John & Barbara Stuart
Sunday, January 16 9:00 a.m.	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time +Charlotte Nkinahamira – by Frediane Ndikumana
10:30 a.m.	All People of the Parish
12:00 Noon	Mickey Mathis – by Terry & Mary Kossbiel

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: January 1-2 with 1304 families:	
Regular Weekend Collection	\$13,506.34
(Envelopes and loose checks)	
Loose Plate	\$2,520.00
Mailed in Envelopes	\$2,075.00
Other Receipts	\$5,892.00
Building Fund	\$864.00
Grand Total =	\$24,857.34
Various Other Second Collections	
	\$376.00

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 9 12:10-2:10 p.m.	PK-6 RE
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday, January 10 6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 11 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, January 12 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, January 13 9:15-11:30 a.m.	Women’s Scripture Study
7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Nocturnal Adoration
Friday, January 14 8:30-9:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, January 15 4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:45-5:15 p.m.	Sabbath Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, January 16 12:10-2:10 p.m.	PK-6 RE

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 9 – JANUARY 16**

Sunday	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

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, 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.*

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.

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY CLASS meets Tuesday evenings from 6:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. at the Church in room 101. Please join me for a 12 week scripture study, January 11, 2022 through March 29, 2022 entitled, “*The Bible and the Virgin Mary*” based on the work of Scott Hahn. We will learn about Mary’s role in Salvation history and what role she continues to play in our lives today. For more information, please contact Pam Mann at 325-668-8595.

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

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.

Dear Padre

January 9, 2022

Why did Jesus have to be baptized? Did he have original sin like us or was there another reason to be baptized?

Jesus is God and did not have original sin like us. He is like us in all things except sin. The baptisms John performed did not free people from their original sin. The people who came to John to be baptized were declaring that they were going to change their ways and reform their lives. They promised to turn away from sin and follow the commandments. The baptism of Jesus was different. When Jesus was baptized, God revealed who Jesus is and commissioned him to begin his mission on earth.

There were three significant components to Jesus’ baptism. First, the skies opened above Jesus. The prophet Isaiah prayed that God would tear open the sky and come down to earth (Isaiah 63). This was a sign to the people that God was coming down to earth. A new era was beginning. God was no longer “locked up” in the heavens.

Second, the Spirit of God, in the form of a dove, descended from the sky and hovered over Jesus and the water. This takes us back to the first moments of creation when the spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Spirit was a sign to the people that a new creation was being made.

Finally, a voice declared that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the new Adam, who will begin the new creation. Let us call the Holy Spirit to be within our hearts and send us forth, as Jesus was sent, to proclaim a new creation founded on the love and peace of our Savior.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

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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.

January 9 – Open
January 16 - Open