

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

### Sunday, January 17 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. Dorothy Pope req. by Fr. Fred  
10:30 a.m. +Manuel Valtier req. by the Ladies Share Group  
12:00 noon For All the People of the Parish

### Monday, January 18

- 7:00 a.m. +Dr. Harry Martin req. by Budd and Jane Hoff

### Tuesday, January 19

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer/Communion Service

### Wednesday, January 20

- 7:00 a.m. Alice Grice req. by Chloe Szymanski

### Thursday, January 21

- 7:00 a.m. +Anna Fortner req. by Nancy Roth

### Friday, January 22

- 9:00 a.m. Juanita Valdez req. by Deacon Paul and Florence Klein

### Saturday, January 23

- 4:00-5:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 p.m. +Margaret Aradia req. by Maxine Ortiz

### Sunday, January 24 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. Deacon Gerald Schwalb req. by Deacon Paul and Florence Klein  
10:30 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant  
12:00 noon For All the People of the Parish



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- 8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m. Religious Education PK-6 Grades  
10:15-11:30 a.m. Adult Religious Education  
2:00-4:00 p.m. Altar Server Update Training and Appreciation Party in the church and Room 108  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Adult Scripture Study  
6:00-8:30 p.m. TNT in Youth Center

### Monday, January 18

- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Rosary for Life at Planned Parenthood Perini Center  
6:45 p.m. Celebration Choir Practice

### Tuesday, January 19

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Spirituality Group  
12:30 p.m. Ladies Share Group  
7:00-8:45 p.m. R.C.I.A.

### Wednesday, January 20

- 6:30-8:15 p.m. Religious Education – 7-12 Grades  
12:00 Noon Bishop Pfeifer to pray a special rosary at Planned Parenthood Perini Center  
7:00 p.m. Parish Choir

### Thursday, January 21

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Scripture Study  
7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group in the Chapel

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- 4:00-5:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

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### Please pray for

Emma Torres Afable, Mariel Afable Guico, Joyce and Joe Bayer, Ben and June Benigno, Curtis Caffey, Jim Cantrell, Terry Chavez, Stacey Cowan, Mac Davis, Earl Dees, George Deebes, Sister Regina Decker, Bea and Dick Duport, Elizabeth Edington, James Finn, Wendy Havner, Ron Hudek, Maria Karhan, Will Klump, Morgan and Gene Knapp, Joe Leal, Parker McCay, Mary Jo Montgomery, Martha O'Campo, James Parker, Jean Pecchioni, Lisa Porter, Tracy Prickett, Michael Redwine, Carol Saia, Barbara Schwalb, Cecile Schwalb, Toby Smith, Emil Szymanski, James Toland, Ella Fae Turnipseed, Oliva Velasco, Jeffrey Wisner, and Father Bill Yester.

*(Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks. Please call the office at 692-1820 if you would like a name to remain on the list.)*

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN

**AMERICA:** Although approximately half of the world's population lives in Latin American, the Church in the region is losing members at an alarming rate. They are drawn away from the Church by other faiths and are often obliged to migrate in pursuit of a better life. These tensions can contribute to the destabilization of families and faith communities. Your generosity will support pastoral work that engages parishioner and fosters the faith. Please be generous in today's Collection. There will not be a second collection after Communion. Please place your donation in the first collection.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Please check the "Lost and Found" table in room 101, located behind the Welcome Table in the foyer of the church. Items not claimed by Monday, February 8, 2010, will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Thank you.

**PARISH MISSION:** Father Cedric Pisegna, a gifted Passionist Priest, returns to preach our mission that begins Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass and will continue through Wednesday evening. Monday thru Wednesday morning sessions will be at 10 a.m. and will include a Mass. There will be no Mass at the evening sessions which will be held at 7:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided at all sessions.

**ALTAR SERVER UPDATE TRAINING AND APPRECIATION PARTY** will be held this Sunday in the church and in room 108. This will be a full participation gathering. Please meet at 1:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. You will need to know your T-shirt size. We will be ordering the T-shirts following our party. We appreciate all you do for Holy Family. The T-shirts will be available for pick-up after all Masses on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY** begins January 18<sup>th</sup> and ends Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Church Unity Octave is eight days of special prayer for the reunion of all Christians. At the Last Supper Jesus prayed for his followers "that they all may be one." But Christians have sometimes forgotten that we are all one body with Christ as our head. We think of ourselves instead as Eastern or Western, Protestant or Catholic. Prayer is still needed so that the body of Christ on earth can be strong and united. The Church prays for Christian unity all during the year, but during the week of the Church Unity Octave we pray with special concern that all Christians might be able to work together.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SPECIAL PRO-LIFE ROSARY:** Bishop Michael Pfeiffer is coming Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon, to pray the rosary in front of Planned Parenthood Perini Center. He invites all the people of Abilene to join him for this special rosary. He is praying this special rosary to remember the more than 52 million precious unborn, whose lives have been destroyed through abortion since the deadly decision of our Supreme Court Roe v. Wade. In anticipation of the date of that tragic decision, he will pray the rosary also for all the unborn, and especially for women who are facing a tough pregnancy decision. We pray for a new respect for all life, from conception until natural death. Please join Bishop Pfeiffer at a special ProLife Mass at 12:00 noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo, on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the day of the Roe v. Wade decision.

**HOLY FAMILY E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Our parish e-mail address is [mail@holyfamilyabilene.org](mailto:mail@holyfamilyabilene.org). You may also check our website at [www.HolyFamilyAbilene.org](http://www.HolyFamilyAbilene.org) for information and updates on our parish activities.

**CATHOLIC PRISON MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS** are needed at Middleton prison unit, North of Abilene. Currently there are classes on Wednesday evenings and Prayer/Communion services Saturday mornings. Volunteers are needed to help in these areas and to do computer work in the prison office. If you are interested, please call Deacon Chuck or Nancy Lambert at 698-0005.

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK** comes to a close this week. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marked Jesus' initiation into public ministry. At his baptism Jesus was named the Beloved Son of God. With this celebration we recommit ourselves to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Renew your baptismal commitment as you consider your call to serve God in your particular vocation. Hopefully some of you will hear a call to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life and will be open to that possibility. If you would like any further information, please contact Father Fred. Please pray for an increase in vocations to the ordained ministry and the consecrated life.

**VOCATION CROSS FAMILIES NEEDED:** Please volunteer to take home the vocation cross which is located on the table in the church foyer. The parish will join your family in praying for religious vocations.

January 17<sup>th</sup> – Alcario and Gloria Mendoza

January 24<sup>th</sup> – The Dimaano Family

**Please pray for seminarian, Freddy Perez, this week.**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR:** January 9-10, 2010 with 1,146 families.

Envelopes and Checks .....	27,485.65
Loose Plate.....	2,205.78
RE Registration/Youth Activities .....	676.00
Reimbursements for Expenses .....	564.00
Building Fund .....	624.00
Miscellaneous .....	625.00

Total Income.....32,180.73

# GOOD NEWS!

January 17, 2010

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

Spend some time looking at the news, secular or ecclesial, and you will see a variety of problems in today's Church. The Greek word for church, *ekklesia*, means "gathering." The folks gathering today don't always get along too well.

Saint Paul's first letter to Corinth has a powerful message for us. He has already given strong advice to those gathering for the Eucharist. He's upset by divisions among the Christians there. He has scolded Christians for taking each other into secular courts instead of working on their problems together. He has addressed sexual immorality in the Church; a man is living with his father's widow. On top of all that, he sees Corinthians who are arrogant.

Does this New Testament Church offer us a mirror? Now watch what Paul writes, after recounting the Corinthians' sins. To this same Church, he says,

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.*

*Different*—different views, different strengths, different focuses—*different* isn't the problem. Failing to work together is the problem. That's hard work. But we are called to do it—called to be one—because we have one Lord, one Spirit.

Today's readings give us powerful advice to remember as we gather the Church together, as we live with diverse views and even our deep arguments:

We should not avoid problems. *For Zion's sake I will not be silent* (Isaiah 62:1).

We have a variety of *gifts*. We are different, because God wants difference to deepen the Church's wisdom.

Like water changed into wine, *our ordinary stuff* may become something more; it can become *the very presence of Christ*.

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## "Sponsor of the Week"

**In Memory of Himmy Hajovsky, ect.**