

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

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. +Dr. Harry Martin req. by Budd and Jane Hoff
12:00 noon For All the People of the Parish

Monday, January 25

- 7:00 a.m. Prayer/Communion Service

Tuesday, January 26

- 12:00 p.m. +Bill Rhodes req. by Jerry and Barbara Griffin

Wednesday, January 27

- 7:00 a.m. +Santiago Martinez req. by Ladies Share Group

Thursday, January 28

- 7:00 a.m. +Robert Cottner req. by Budd and Jane Hoff

Friday, January 29

- 9:00 a.m. Emil and Chloe Szymanski req. by Ken and Fay Roussel

Saturday, January 30

- 4:00-5:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 p.m. Kay and Charles Schwertner req. by Larry and Bea Duggan

Sunday, January 31 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



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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
6:00-8:00 p.m. Adult Scripture Study
6:00-8:30 p.m. TNT in Youth Center

Monday, January 25

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

Tuesday, January 26

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Spirituality Group
12:30 p.m. Ladies Share Group
1:00-2:00 p.m. Rosary for Life at Planned Parenthood in the Perini Center – Holy Family Hosting R.C.I.A.
7:00-8:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 27

- 6:30-8:15 p.m. Religious Education – 7-12 Grades
7:00 p.m. Parish Choir

Thursday, January 28

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

Friday, January 29

Saturday, January 30

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

Sunday, January 31 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m. Religious Education PK-6 Grades
1st Communion Parent Meeting During Class Time
10:15-11:30 a.m. Adult Religious Education
6:00-8:00 p.m. Adult Scripture Study
6:00-8:30 p.m. TNT in Youth Center

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, 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: The Church in this region is undergoing a great continental mission, intended to strengthen the faith of the people and to create leaders in their own lands. The Church is being weakened by the loss of its members due to economic migration. It also suffers from a low priest-to-parishioner ratio. Today's collection will fund catechesis and formation programs, evangelization, religious training, and other pastoral programs that are designed to strengthen and renew the faith. For the cost of your morning coffee, you could buy a child their First Holy Communion book. Can you spare a few cups? There will not be a second collection after Communion. Please be generous in today's collection. Please place your donation in the first collection.

PARISH MISSION – “THE POWER OF POSITIVITY” FEBRUARY 6 - 10, 2010

Father Cedric Pisegna, a gifted Passionist Priest, returns to preach our mission that begins Saturday, February 6th, 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.

Monday, February 8:

- 10:00 a.m. Coping With Our Losses in Life
7:00 p.m. The Holy Spirit and Healing

Tuesday, February 9:

- 10:00 a.m. Improving Relationships
7:00 p.m. Change and God's Mercy

Wednesday, February, 10:

- 10:00 a.m. The Power of Positive Thinking
7:00 p.m. Living Hope

We hope everyone will take this opportunity to deepen their relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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.

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CATHOLIC PRISON MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS are needed at the Middleton prison unit, North of Abilene. Volunteers are needed to assist in classes that are held Wednesday evenings and for the Prayer/Communion services on Saturday mornings. Assistance is also needed to do computer work in the prison office. Call Deacon Chuck or Nancy Lambert at 698-0005 for more information.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY is looking for volunteers to share their time and talents at the Thrift Store on Walnut Street. Please stop by our table in the foyer after Mass on January 23rd and 24th where you will be able to get more information. Our needs include: help at the cash register, sales assistants, window dressers and people to sort donations (clothing and furniture.) Also, from time to time we need painters and carpenters. If you have any questions, please call 677-6871. Thank you.

SENIOR HELPING HANDS: is a ministry here at Holy Family Church that identifies the needs of seniors in our parish. Members of the Women's Wednesday Noon Cursillo Group are sponsors, but we invite everyone to help. Please contact JoAnn Vestal at 854-1452 or 669-3497, if you know of any parishioners who would appreciate a visit, a phone call, an errand run or some task completed.

LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY wishes to thank Holy Family Parish for the collection taken up for the food pantry on Thanksgiving Day. Through your generosity, Loaves and Fishes was able to feed over 600 families during the months of November and December, including 30 Thanksgiving and 33 Christmas dinners. Thank you for helping Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry provide for those most in need at this special time of year.

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 make an appointment for the priest to administer this at the parish office or immediately after one of the Sunday Masses. Be sure to ask the nurses to contact the parish office as soon as possible if you, your family member or friend need to receive the sacraments. Please note that Abilene Regional Hospital does not notify the church office when our parishioners are admitted.

VOCATION CROSS FAMILIES NEEDED: We invite you to sign up for a special time of family prayer for religious vocations. At the beginning of your scheduled week, your family will pick up the vocation cross located on the table in the church foyer after Mass and return it the following weekend. The cross should be displayed in a prominent place in the home as a reminder to pray for religious vocations. Please feel free to pray your own special prayers or you may use the special prayer card provided. The parish will join your family in praying for religious vocations.

January 17th – The Dimaano Family

January 24th – Margaret and Gary Thompson

Please pray for seminarian, Ryan Rojo, this week.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR: January 16-17, 2010 with 1,144 families.

Envelopes and Checks	18,717.00
Loose Plate.....	1,244.19
RE Registration/Youth Activities	96.26
Building Fund	167.00
Miscellaneous	63.69
Special Collection for Earthquake Victims	13,332.36
Total Income.....	33,620.50

GOOD NEWS!

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Luke seems anxious to tell his audience he's done his homework.

Luke's is the only gospel that has this sort of beginning. Paul's letters often have standard greetings. With Luke, it's tempting to zip past these little literary openers to get to the good stuff. Let's start the story. Let's hear what Jesus said and did. Luke steps outside the narrative, drawing attention to the fact that it's a story he's researched. Maybe people will wonder how reliable it is. Is this all just made-up stuff? Does that matter? As long as the story is inspiring, does it matter if it's rooted in real events?

Luke admits he's addressing matters he didn't experience. What he writes about was "handed.....down to us." Who started the process? Luke tells Theophilus he investigated the material available. He wants to present what came from eyewitnesses.

Today, debates fly in radio and cable-television shows, popular books and magazines, and libraries and classrooms about how reliable the Gospels are. Viewpoints span a wide range. If we claim God stepped into history through Christ's life, death and resurrection, we should be willing to study our sources historically.

Other views are clearly historically silly. Some claim we don't know if Jesus ever lived or at least that we cannot know what he taught or did.

The time and energy spent on technical study of such questions is worth the effort. But let's look at the text closely for Luke's simple statement and concern. Who was close to these events? What did *they* say?

We make a mistake if we think the Gospels can be treated as twenty-first-century historical textbooks. We make a worse mistake if we ignore their value as first-century witnesses to God's action in history.

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PLEASE PICK UP ANY DISHES OR PANS YOU MAY HAVE LEFT IN THE PARISH CENTER KITCHEN. WE THANK YOU FOR THE DELICIOUS FOOD THAT WAS SERVED IN THEM.

“Sponsor of the Week”

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