

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 24 9:00 a.m.	Third Sunday of Lent Suzahn Roach by Dolores Bachmeyer (Msgr. Fred)
10:30 a.m.	Regan Clement by Rinaldi Family (Fr. Mamachan)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Fr. Mamachan)
Monday, March 25 7:00 a.m.	Sheryl Kimbrough by The Roussel's (Fr. Mamachan)
Tuesday, March 26 7:30 a.m.	Wayne Eaton by Mike & Joan McGinley (Msgr. Fred)
12:00 p.m.	Mason Guerrero by Joey & Karen Light (Fr. Mamachan)
Wednesday, March 27 7:00 a.m.	+Alan Bailey by Laura Fletcher (Msgr. Fred)
8:00 a.m.	Sonia Gallagher by James Gallagher (Fr. Mamachan)
Thursday, March 28 7:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving by Betty Boeshart (Msgr. Fred)
8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Beyer by Rita Bozarth (Fr. Mamachan)
Friday, March 29 9:00 a.m.	+Elmer & Gertrude Hudson by Betty Boeshart (Msgr. Fred - Celebrant) Kimberly Harrison by Jimmie & Joyce Jay (Fr. Mamachan - Concelebrant)
Saturday, March 30 8:00 a.m.	+Kaitlin O'Connor by Thomas O'Connor (Fr. Mamachan) Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mamachan) +Alan Bailey by Laura Fletcher (Msgr. Fred)
4:00 p.m.	
5:30 p.m.	
Sunday, March 31 9:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Lent +Alan Bailey by Laura Fletcher (Msgr. Fred)
10:30 a.m.	+Janiece Thompson & Sandy Hudson by Betty Boeshart (Fr. Mamachan)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Fr. Mamachan)



Sunday, March 24 8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Third Sunday of Lent Religious Education Grades PK-6
8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Adult Education
10:15 a.m.	AMANI Bible Study
3:00 p.m.	KC Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice
6:00-8:00 p.m.	TNT
Monday, March 25 6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
Tuesday, March 26 6:30 a.m.	Men's Spirituality Group
11:30 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. Mamachan)
12:30-2:30 p.m.	Ladies Share Group
7:00-8:45 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday, March 27 6:30-8:15 p.m.	Religious Education Grades 7-12
6:30-8:15 p.m.	Women's Scripture Study
7:00-8:15 p.m.	Men's Spirituality Group
7:00 p.m.	Parish Choir Practice
7:00 p.m.	Penance Service – Holy Spirit, Sweetwater
Thursday, March 28 9:15-11:30 a.m.	Women's Scripture Study
7:00 p.m.	Penance Service – St. Mary's, Brownwood
Friday, March 29 8:30-9:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Msgr. Fred)
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Lenten Supper
Saturday, March 30 4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mamachan)
4:45-5:15 p.m.	Sabbath Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, March 31 8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Lent Religious Education Grades PK-6
8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Adult Education
9:00 a.m.	RCIA 2nd Scrutiny
10:15 a.m.	AMANI Bible Study
2:00 p.m.	"Called to Protect" Parent Meeting
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	PK-6 Family Event
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice
6:00-8:00 p.m.	TNT

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Chad Bartosh, Veronica Bartosh, Joyce Bayer, Phyllis Beyer, Kerry Borth, Raymond Buck, Curtis Caffey, Stacy Cowen, Mickie Diersing, Kurt Eichorst, Tony Farquharson, Mary Beth Hannagan, John Higuera, Jim Lessin, Paula Matchen, Gerry McAuliffe, Roy Morris, Claudette Perry, Fran Scanlon, Joey Schaefer, Chloe Szymanski, Emil Szymanski.

Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks unless the office is notified.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN SUPPER will be held at 7:00 p.m. each Friday of Lent. We invite you to share in preparing for the death and resurrection of Our Lord by walking this road to Calvary each Friday. A light meal will take place in the church foyer after Stations of the Cross. There is no charge for the meal. Offerings, however, are accepted and will be given to Sacred Heart Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT: The law of abstinence obliges those 14 years of age and older not to eat meat. The law of fast obliges all those from 18 through 59 to refrain from eating between meals and to limit their eating to one full meal and two light meals each day. Ash Wednesday, March 6, and Good Friday, April 19, are days of both fast and abstinence. In the United States, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of our parish's participation in Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten Program of prayer, fasting, education and almsgiving, which is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and our diocese. A special envelope is provided in your monthly packet or you may use the blue envelopes found in the book cart in the church foyer. Rice Bowls will be distributed to our religious education classes as well.

RCIA SCRUTINIES are special prayers during Lent to help our catechumens and candidates deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. Please join in supporting our RCIA Elect through these special prayers that will take place at the following times:

Second Scrutiny	March 31	9:00 a.m. Mass
Third Scrutiny	April 7	10:30 a.m. Mass

Third Sunday of Lent

SPECIAL TIMES FOR CONFESSIONS, or the sacrament of Reconciliation, during Lent are being scheduled to accommodate more people with less waiting. In addition to the usual Saturday afternoon confessions, special services and confessions will be held as follows:

Wednesday, March 27	7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit-Sweetwater
Thursday, March 28	7:00 p.m.	St. Mary - Brownwood
Wednesday, April 3	7:00 p.m.	Holy Family - Abilene
Thursday, April 4	7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent - Abilene
Monday, April 15	7:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart – Abilene

ENCOUNTER WITH GOD’S CALL WEEKEND for men interested in the priesthood will be held at Conception Seminary College in Missouri April 5 – 8, 2019. There is no cost for the trip. Please contact the pastor, Father Fred, if you would like to attend.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR: 1st through 6th grade children, are invited to join The Children’s Choir at Holy Family Church. Practices are from 5:00-6:00 p.m., in preparation for the upcoming Noon Easter Mass on April 21. Practices will be held each Sunday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. There will be no practice on March 10, due to spring break. Please contact Melissa Benoit at 370-7937 for further information.

PRO-LIFE ROSARIES sponsored by the Abilene Deanery Pro-Life Committee will be held on the following dates during Lent:

Monday, March 25	Noon	Holy Family
Monday, April 1	Noon	Our Mother of Mercy in Merkel
Monday, April 8	after 12:10 Mass	St. Vincent Pallotti
Monday, April 15	Noon	Sacred Heart – Adoration Chapel Garden

Everyone is invited to join in praying for Life during these 40 days of Lent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet here at Holy Family this Sunday, March 24, at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join them. If you would like to assist in leading the rosary, please call Deacon Gary Rhodes @ 325-672-6627.

A FAMILY FUN DAY hosted by the PreK – 6th grade religious education program, is scheduled for Sunday, March 31, from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the parish center. Everyone is invited to attend this gathering. Food and activities are planned for all. Call or text Bob Moore at 210-284-8079 for more information.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN - 12TH GRADE RE to review the “Called to Protect” diocesan curriculum that is required to be covered in the religious education classes will be held Sunday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m. in the parish center. All parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting that explains the sensitive material of this curriculum.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION (CRS) will be taken up next weekend, March 30-31. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ’s love and respect to all people here and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholicrelief.

Good News!

GOD IS VERY PATIENT, BUT HIS PATIENCE DOESN’T LAST FOREVER.

In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot’s subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses.

God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him. Like the fig tree in the gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God’s patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn’t unlimited.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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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 during in praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

March 24 – Paz Mapoy

March 31 – Jerry & Barbara Griffin

Please include Mauricio Rodriguez and all of our seminarians in your prayers for vocations this month.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: March 16-17, 2019 with 1290 families:

Envelopes and Checks.....	23,456.00
Loose Plate.....	2139.26
Other Contributions.....	1359.74
Proceeds - Endowment Fund for Holy Family.....	15,871.00
Building Fund	1,246.00
Total Income	44,072.00

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