

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday, March 31</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> +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)
<b>Monday, April 1</b> 7:00 a.m.	Kathryn Cottner & Family by Joey & Karen Light (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Tuesday, April 2</b> 7:30 a.m.	+Escolastico Rosa Reyes by David & Elaine Dispo-Rendon (Msgr. Fred)
12:00 p.m.	Regan Clement by Light Family (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Wednesday, April 3</b> 7:00 a.m.	Loan Thi Kim Nguyen by The Roussels (Fr. Mamachan)
8:00 a.m.	+Dick Martin by Emil & Chloe Szymanski (Msgr. Fred)
<b>Thursday, April 4</b> 7:00 a.m.	Raymond Buck by Rita Bozart (Fr. Mamachan)
8:00 a.m.	Barbara Votruba by Terry & Mary Kossbiel (Msgr. Fred)
<b>Friday, April 5</b> 9:00 a.m.	+Carolyn Ann Canon by The Light Family (Msgr. Fred - Celebrant) +Roger Henneke by Dolores Bachmeyer (Fr. Mamachan - Concelebrant)
<b>Saturday, April 6</b> 8:00 a.m.	+Elmer & Gertrude Hudson by Betty Boeshart (Msgr. Fred)
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Msgr. Fred)
5:30 p.m.	+Margaret Hayes by Pat Kent (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Sunday, April 7</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Tran Dai Le by The Roussels (Fr. Mamachan)
10:30 a.m.	+Elena Rodriguez by Calingo Family (Msgr. Fred)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Msgr. Fred)



<b>Sunday, March 31</b> 8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 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
<b>Monday, April 1</b> 6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
<b>Tuesday, April 2</b> 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
<b>Wednesday, April 3</b> 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 Family - Abilene
<b>Thursday, April 4</b> 9:15-11:30 a.m.	Women’s Scripture Study
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Holy Light Prayer Group
7:00 p.m.	Penance Service – St. Vincent - Abilene
<b>Friday, April 5</b> 8:30-9:00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Msgr. Fred)
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Lenten Supper
<b>Saturday, April 6</b> 4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Msgr. Fred)
4:45-5:15 p.m.	Sabbath Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, April 7</b> 8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 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
10:30 a.m.	Third Scrutiny
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.*

**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.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION (CRS)** will be taken up this 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 at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRS and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholicrelief](http://www.usccb.org/catholicrelief).

**MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN - 12<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**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 this Sunday, April 7, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**A FAMILY FUN DAY** hosted by the PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent



**THE MASS OF CHRISM** will be celebrated Friday, April 12, at 11:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo, Texas. During this Mass, Bishop Sis will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism. These oils will be presented at our Holy Thursday Mass, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. At the Chrism Mass the Bishop also acknowledges the ministry of priests, and invites them to renew their commitment of service and to receive prayers and support of the people.

**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 9, are days of both fast and abstinence. In the United States, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

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

**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 confessions, special services and confessions will be held as follows:

**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

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

April 1    Noon                    Our Mother of Mercy - Merkel  
 April 8    after 12:10 Mass    St. Vincent Pallotti - Abilene  
 April 15    Noon                    Sacred Heart – Adoration Chapel

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

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** March 23-24, 2019 with 1293 families:

Envelopes and Checks .....	23,843.00
Loose Plate .....	2,144.79
Other Contributions .....	667.54
Building Fund .....	266.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>26,921.33</b>

# Dear Padre

*Going to confession has lost its meaning for me. I wish I could get more out of this sacrament.*

The Catholic Church has always treasured the sacrament of reconciliation. But as adults we need to center on the spiritual depth of this sacrament and gain a new appreciation of it.

Reconciliation is a healing sacrament, meant to mend the rift created between ourselves and God and ourselves and others by our sins. God does the healing; we seek to open ourselves to God's power by asking forgiveness from God and from others. It can be a powerful experience to receive the words of forgiveness, spoken by the priest, as the very words of Jesus healing us and sending us forth to live a more loving life.

This sacrament helps us confront weakness and malice in our life. We all do some shameful things. Sometimes we think, "If others only knew what I think or what I have done, they would not accept me!" When we come to confession with sorrow for our sins and a desire to amend our lives, we are assured of God's complete pardon and acceptance no matter what the sin. If God accepts and loves us, surely we can accept and love ourselves.

Reconciliation also is a beacon to help keep our life on a straight course. We all have faults centering on gossip, selfishness, impatience, and anger. At penance time we take stock of our direction in life and, with God's help, recommit to a more loving path. I hope you can fully unite yourself with the forgiving Jesus and the forgiving Church and receive the grace of the sacrament this Lent.

*Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR*

© 2019 Liguori Publications.

**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 31 – Jerry & Barbara Griffin  
 April 7 – David Sanchez & Family

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

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children, it's not too late 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 are held each Sunday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Please contact Melissa Benoit at 370-7937 for further information.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

**ABILENE GROUP**