

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday, December 2</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 a.m.	+Orbon Tice by Cindy Wiebusch (Msgr. Fred)
10:30 a.m.	+Juan A. Reyes by Debbie Tenney (Fr. Mamachan)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Monday, December 3</b>	
7:00 a.m.	+Dorothy Tomsyck by Chris Shadley (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Tuesday, December 4</b>	
7:30 a.m.	+Mary Kay Labbe by Camille Cambre (Msgr. Fred)
12:00 p.m.	+Laurie Tice by Jimmie & Joyce Jay (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Wednesday, December 5</b>	
7:00 a.m.	+Virginia Rios by Ike Camacho (Msgr. Fred)
8:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving by Betty Boeshart (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Thursday, December 6</b>	
7:00 a.m.	+Betty Jean Brooks by the Diersing Family (Msgr. Fred)
8:00 a.m.	+Alan Bailey by Laura Fletcher (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Friday, December 7</b>	
6:30 p.m.	+Laurie Tice by John & Loretta Funk (Msgr. Fred) Celebrant Jim Gibson by Ken & Fay Roussel (Fr. Mamachan) Concelebrant
<b>Saturday, December 8</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
9:00 a.m.	All the People of the Parish (Msgr. Fred)
4:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Msgr. Fred)
5:30 p.m.	+Josalin Jay Reintz by Jimmie & Joyce Jay (Fr. Mamachan)
<b>Sunday, December 9</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
9:00 a.m.	+Alice Rhodes by Jimmie & Joyce Jay (Fr. Mamachan)
10:30 a.m.	+Tom Ceniglis, Sr. by Joey & Karen Light (Msgr. Fred)
12:00 Noon	All the People of the Parish (Msgr. Fred)

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN THE MASS SCHEDULE**

*Please pray for the Sick:* Chad Bartosh, Veronica Bartosh, Joyce Bayer, Bruce Benigno, Kerry Borth, Curtis Caffey, David Caffey, Dawson Anthony Campos, Larry Dorsey, Todd Englerth, John Higuera, Margie Hills, Trudy Hughes, David Hutchins, Jared Lantzy, Paula Matchen, Gerry McAuliffe, Roy Morris, Claudette Perry, Fran Scanlon, Joey Schaefer, Chloe Szymanski, Emil Szymanski, Bill Yoes.  
*Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks unless the office is notified.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the soul of Molly Nichols, aunt of Fr. Paul Flood, and Matthew Dezern, brother-in-law of Dorothy Caffey. We pray their families will be comforted by the promise of the resurrection, and that they, and all the faithful departed may rest in peace through God's mercy.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation and will be celebrated with masses on **Friday, December 7**, at 6:30 p.m. and **Saturday, December 8**, at 9:00 a.m. This feast of Mary was chosen by the U.S. Bishops in 1846 as the Patronal Feast of the United States. On December 8, the whole Church celebrates the special gift of grace that God gave to the Blessed Virgin Mary from the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Ann because she was to be the Mother of our Savior.



<b>Sunday, December 2</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>
8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Religious Education Grades PK-6
8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Adult Education
10:15 a.m.	AMANI Bible Study
10:30 a.m.	Rite of Acceptance – RCIA
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Altar Server Training
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice
6:00-8:00 p.m.	TNT
<b>Monday, December 3</b>	
6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
<b>Tuesday, December 4</b>	
6:30 a.m.	Men's Spirituality Group
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mamachan)
12:30-2:30 p.m.	Ladies Share Group
7:00-8:45 p.m.	RCIA
7:00 p.m.	<b>Advent Penance Service – Sacred Heart, Coleman</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 5</b>	
6:30-8:15 p.m.	Religious Education Grades 7-12
6:30-8:15 p.m.	No Women's Scripture Study
7:00 p.m.	Parish Choir Practice
7:00-8:15 p.m.	Men's Spirituality Group
7:00 p.m.	<b>Advent Penance Service – Holy Family, Abilene</b>
<b>Thursday, December 6</b>	
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Holy Light Prayer Group
7:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.	Nocturnal Adoration
<b>Friday, December 7</b>	
8:30-9:00 a.m.	No Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Saturday, December 8</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
4:00 p.m.	Celebrate Life Bassinet – Church Foyer
4:45-5:15 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Msgr. Fred)
<b>Sunday, December 9</b>	Sabbath Choir Rehearsal
	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Celebrate Life Bassinet – Church Foyer
8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Religious Education Grades PK-6
10:15 a.m.	Adult Education
5:00-6:00 p.m.	AMANI Bible Study
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice
	TNT

**AS OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL ENDS**, we would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and generous support to the financial needs of Holy Family Parish for the coming calendar year of 2019. With your estimated commitment of giving, total pledges fell just 3% less than the total pledges received under the previous Pony Express program. Acknowledgement letters will be mailed within the next few weeks.

**AN INTERPRETER FOR THE DEAF** is needed to provide ASL (American Sign Language) for the prayers, music and homily at the Sunday noon Mass. If you or someone you know is able and willing to do this for our parishioners, please call the business manager at the church office, 692-1820. Your time and talent will be deeply appreciated. Compensation may be provided for this service.

## First Sunday of Advent

**RITE OF ACCEPTANCE** for those who are participating in the RCIA process will take place Sunday, December 2, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please extend your prayers and support to them as they continue their journey of faith in the RCIA.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**, in addition to the usual time on Saturday afternoon here at Holy Family, special penance services and confessions are scheduled throughout the Abilene deanery as follows:

<b>Tues. Dec 4</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacred Heart – Coleman</b>
<b>Wed. Dec 5</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Family – Abilene</b>
<b>Mon. Dec 10</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Francis – Abilene</b>
<b>Tues. Dec 11</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holy Spirit – Sweetwater</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec 13</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Vincent – Abilene</b>
<b>Tues. Dec 18</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Mary – Brownwood</b>
<b>Wed. Dec 19</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Ann – Colorado City</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec 20</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Sacred Heart – Abilene</b>

**HOLY FAMILY CHILDREN’S CHOIR:** All children in Grades 1-6 are invited to join the Children’s Choir. Practices for the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass are held each Sunday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the choir area. For more information, contact Melissa Benoit at 370-7937.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Mon. Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Children’s Christmas Mass	5:30 p.m.
	Music Prelude and Candlelight Mass	8:00 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Music and Midnight Mass	12:00 a.m.
	Christmas Day Mass	11:00 a.m.
Mon. Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mary, Mother of God - Vigil	
	Mass (New Year’s Eve)	6:30 p.m.
Tues. Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary, Mother of God –	
	Mass (New Year’s Day)	11:00 a.m.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS** for the Christmas and New Year’s Masses will be posted in the sacristy on the weekend of December 1-2. If you would like to serve at one of these Masses, please post your name on the sign-up sheet. Positions not filled by December 16, will be scheduled by the ministry coordinators.

**CELEBRATE LIFE BASSINET** will be in the church foyer next weekend December 8-9, to accept contributions of new baby supplies, such as diapers, formula, clothing, and blankets. Your contributions will support Pregnancy Resources of Abilene. Please help PRA help others choose life. You may call Mary Clark at 698-7373 for more information.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** is scheduled on several Sunday afternoons in December. Please check the "Week Ahead" in the Sunday bulletin for the upcoming session or contact Karen Light, (325) 370-4847, for more information.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING:** November 17-18 and 24-25, 2018 with 1285 families:

Envelopes and Checks .....	41,757.00
Loose Plate .....	6,950.28
Other Contributions .....	348.00
Bldg. Fund .....	495.00
Total Income.....	49,550.28
Thanksgiving for Loaves & Fishes.....	1,140.00
Campaign for Human Development .....	1,800.00

# Good News!

December 2, 2018

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

If anyone can keep a promise, it’s God. His very nature is to be faithful to his promises and to fulfill all he has foretold. His promise after the fall of Adam and Eve was to send us a Redeemer, to bring peace to Jerusalem, and to reestablish his reign on earth. The prophets continually reminded the chosen race of God’s fidelity and, although things looked far from their fulfillment, they insisted that God is faithful and would deliver.

Jesus, the ultimate fulfillment of God’s promise, comes in two phases. First, by coming as a baby in Bethlehem. This Incarnation and his arrival as Savior is what we’re preparing to receive this Advent. Extra prayers, generous giving of your time, and special sacrifices are the best way to ready your soul for his coming.

Jesus’ Second Coming will bring to completion what he started on the cross. His glorious return, which all of creation will foretell in those last days, is when the full effects of Christ’s victory on the cross will be seen at the judgment of all living creatures.

The advice for all Christians in this period of waiting and preparation is to keep watch; to not allow the delay to lead us to drowsiness. Don’t let the vanities of this world dazzle us, for in time, they will become dust.

God promises real treasures that will endure forever, and as we know, God keeps his promises.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

**COLLECTION FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week’s second collection.

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** begins at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 6, and last until 12:00 a.m. (midnight). What better time to pray for our country and for world peace. You may come at any time. If you would like to sign up for a set time each month, please contact Gerald Phillips at (325) 518-5674.

**CALLING ALL 5<sup>th</sup> AND 6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS:** Your help is needed for the Nativity dramatization at the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Older children playing the main characters need to attend a rehearsal. Younger children wishing to play the parts of angels and shepherds simply arrive between 5:00-5:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve. All costumes are provided. Please contact Randi Guerrero (829-6093) for more information or to sign up.

**VOCATION CROSS FOR THE HOME:** Please volunteer to take home the vocation cross which is located on the table in the church foyer. The parish will join your family during their selected week in praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

December 2 – Olga Varela

December 9 – Bob Moore Family

Please include Ryan Ramirez and all of our seminarians in your prayers for vocations this month.