

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 10	Feast of The Baptism of the Lord
9:00 a.m.	+Frank A. Velasco req. by Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Velasco
10:30 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant
12:00 noon	For All the People of the Parish
Monday, January 11	
7:00 a.m.	Prayer/Communion Service
Tuesday, January 12	
12:00 p.m.	+Dr. Harry Martin req. by the Ladies Share Group
Wednesday, January 13	
7:00 a.m.	Jesse and Rose Ussery req. by Christina Woods
Thursday, January 14	
7:00 a.m.	+Bill Rhodes req. by Jerry and Barbara Griffin
Friday, January 15	
9:00 a.m.	+William Mumme req. by Deacon Paul and Florence Klein
Saturday, January 16	
4:00-5:15 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 p.m.	+Steve and Helen Wachs req. by Jimmie and Joyce Jay
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



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8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.	Noon Mass - Confirmation Rite of Enrollment
10:15-11:30 a.m.	Religious Education PK-6 Grades
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Adult Religious Education
6:00-8:30 p.m.	Adult Scripture Study
	TNT in Youth Center
Monday, January 11	
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Rosary for Life at Planned Parenthood Perini Center
6:45 p.m.	Celebration Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 12	
6:30 a.m.	Men's Spirituality Group
12:30 p.m.	Ladies Share Group
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Rosary for Life at Planned Parenthood Perini Center
7:00-8:45 p.m.	R.C.I.A.
Wednesday, January 13	
6:30-8:15 p.m.	Religious Education - 7-12 Grades
7:00 p.m.	Parish Choir Practice
Thursday, January 14	
9:30 a.m.	Adult Scripture Study
7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council Meeting Room 201
7:00 p.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group in the Chapel
Friday, January 15	
Saturday, January 16	
3:30 p.m.	Bereavement Group Meeting in Room 121
4:00-5:15 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday, January 17	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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

Please pray for

Emma Torres Afable, Mariel Afable Guico, Father Romanus Akamike, Joyce and Joe Bayer, Ben and June Benigno, Curtis Caffey, Terry Chavez, Jim Cantrell, Mac Davis, Tracy Desrochers, Earl Dees, George Deeb, 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, Landry Robinson, 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.)

THE LADIES SHARE GROUP will resume their weekly meetings this Tuesday, January 12th, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. If you are a newcomer or have been thinking of joining, now will be a good time.

CELEBRATE LIFE BASSINET will be in the church foyer this weekend; January 9th and 10th to accept contributions of new baby supplies such as diapers, formula, clothing, and blankets in support of the Pregnancy Resources of Abilene. Please help PRA help others choose life. You may call Mary Clark at 698-7373.

THE CROSSROADS BEREAVEMENT GROUP meets monthly to address the spiritual needs of those coping with the loss of a loved one. Our next meeting will be Saturday, December 16th from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the church building, room 121. For more information please call Grace O'Connell at 437-3800 or Fran Friesen at 232-7045.

PARISH MISSION FEBRUARY 6 – 10, 2010

Holy Family's Annual Parish Mission begins with the 5:30 Mass on Sunday, February 6th and ends Wednesday evening, February 10th. Childcare will be available for all sessions. 10:00 a.m. morning sessions include Mass followed by the talk. There will be no Mass at the 7:00 p.m. evening sessions.

Topics are:

Monday "What Good is God?"

Tuesday "Why Prayers Don't Work"

Wednesday "Ten Kinds of People We Don't Have to Love"

Father Cedric Pisegna, C.P will conduct this year's mission. He is a very dynamic and gifted Passionist Priest. He will help us open our eyes to God's presence in our lives and soften our hearts to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

PARISH MISSION will be February 6th – 10th. Father Cedric Pisegna, C.P., a very dynamic and gifted Passionist Priest, will preach our Mission. Father Pisegna has studied scripture in Israel and Greece and theology at the North American College in Rome, Italy. He has authored nine books and numerous tapes and videos on Christian living. He has preached over 200 missions. All are

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invited. Babysitting will be provided. Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to deepen your relationship with our Lord Jesus!

SENIOR "HELPING HANDS" NETWORK 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.

THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will meet each Thursday evening in the Chapel from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Join us in contemporary Praise and Worship, Thanksgiving, Talks on Living Life in the Spirit, Intercessory Prayer, and Healing Prayer. On the third Thursday of each month, a special evening called "Thy Kingdom Come" will be devoted to Charismatic and Contemplative Adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited! For more information, please contact Dee Halbert at 668-6828.

Envelopes and Checks.....	53,842.56
Loose Plate.....	4,469.03
RE Registration/Youth Activities.....	35.00
Reimbursements for Expenses.....	76.00
Building Fund.....	524.00
St. Vincent De Paul.....	4,832.35
Total Income.....	63,778.94

Save the Date!!!

Family Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance

At
Holy Family Parish Center
Saturday, February 13, 2010

Honoring
Msgr. Fred Nawarskas
During the "Year for Priests"

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTERS DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL will be held Saturday, January 23, 2010, at Christ the King Retreat Center, 802 Ford Street in San Angelo, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop Pfeifer will conclude this day of presentations by Sr. Estela Tovar, CDP, Director of Office of Criminal Justice Ministry; Brenda Maiman, M.A. in Christian Spirituality; Inmate Testimonials and Music Ministers. Lunch will be provided. Please bring your Bible. Kindly RSVP to Sr. Estela at: sr.estela@att.net or call 432-520-7394. Early registration is recommended.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR will be held in the parish center beginning February 18th and continuing through March 25th. The weekly meetings will take place each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please mark your calendars to "Come and open God's ultimate gift of the Holy Spirit". For more information and to register for the seminar, please contact Dee Halbert at 668-6828.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY will continue at Planned Parenthood Perini Center, 3449 North 10th Street, Abilene. We encourage everyone to join Sacred Heart parishioners from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11th, and St. Francis parishioners from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12th, in praying for an end to chemical abortions in Abilene and for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the "lost and found" table in room 101 behind the Welcome Table in the foyer. Please check to see if you have left any items at the church. Items not claimed by Monday, February 8, 2010 will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Store. Thank you.

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 10th – The Hall Family
January 17th – Alcario and Gloria Mendoza

Please pray for seminarian, Michael Lopez, this week.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: December 24-27, 2009 and December 31-January 3, 2010 with 1,144 families.

dear Padre

January 10, 2010

Why did Jesus need to be baptized?

I was taught that Jesus was born without original sin. Since the whole point of baptism is to take away original sin, why did John need to baptize Jesus?

Dan


Dear Dan,

Jesus' baptism and ours are two different realities. You are right: Jesus was sinless; original sin never touched him. Jesus' baptism was actually the baptism of John. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* quotes Luke 3:3 to teach us that John's baptism was "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (535). It was more like receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday than the sacrament of baptism you and I received.

The sacrament of baptism removes original sin by joining us to the sinless life of Jesus. Life in him is death to all sin, especially original sin. "We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

What, then, was the point of John's baptizing Jesus? It was to express Jesus' oneness with all the people who confessed their sinfulness by seeking John's baptism. Jesus was saying by his baptism that he was one of them, and one of us, sinners all. This humility so pleased his Father that a voice was heard from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11). And it has also saved us by making us children of God, the Son of God.

John Hamrogue, C.Ss.R.



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PRAYER REQUEST BOOK AND LADIES SHARE GROUP PRAYER CHAIN: A prayer request book is located in the church foyer. Please write all your prayer requests in this "Parish Prayer Intention Book". Persons listed in the book are included in our prayers at daily and weekend masses, as well as by the members of the Ladies Share Group. You can also submit your prayer requests through our website at: www.HolyFamilyAbilene.org. Please go to the "Home Page" and click on "Events".

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

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