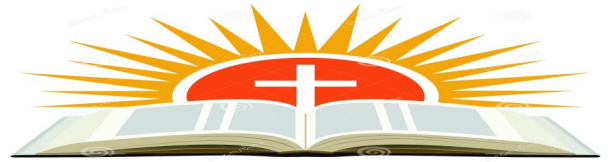




# Holy Family Catholic Church

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*The Word of the Lord*

## SUNDAY REFLECTION August 6, 2023

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9  
2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9**

High on the holy mountain in today's Gospel, the true identity of Jesus is fully revealed in His transfiguration. Standing between Moses and the prophet Elijah, Jesus is the bridge that joins the Law of Moses to the prophets and psalms. As Moses did, Jesus climbs a mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud as Elijah did, He hears God's voice on the mountain

Elijah was prophesied to return as the herald of the Messiah and the Lord's new covenant. Jesus is revealed today as that Messiah. By His death and resurrection, which He intimates today to the Apostles, He makes a new covenant with all creation.

The majestic voice declares Jesus to be God's own beloved Son, in whom the Father is well pleased. God here gives us a glimpse of His inner life. In the cloud of the Holy Spirit, the Father reveals His love for the Son, and invites us to share in that love as His beloved sons and daughters.

Shadowed by the clouds of heaven, His clothes dazzling white, Jesus is the Son of Man whom Daniel foresees being enthroned in today's First Reading. He is the king, the Lord of all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. But is He truly the Lord of our hearts and minds?

The last word God speaks from heaven today is a command—"Listen to Him". The Word of the Lord should be like a lamp shining in the darkness of our days, as Peter tells us in today's Second Reading.

**How well are we listening? Do we attend to His word each day?**

Let us today rededicate ourselves to listening. Let us hear Him as the word of life, the bright morning star of divine life waiting to arise in our hearts.

**Pastor : Arokiaraj "Raj" Samala**  
**Father Raj: 806-316-4146**

### Deacons

Dcn. Bob Birkenfeld .....806-627-8253  
Dcn. Joe Hochstein .....806-627-7026

### Parish Staff

|                              |                                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Office:</b>               | Barbara Schulte.....806-392-7019     |
|                              | Mary Verkamp..... 806-410-6074       |
| <b>Christian Formation:</b>  | Stephanie DeMoss..... 806-632-6871   |
|                              | Diane Heitschmidt ..... 806-543-3985 |
| <b>Lay Minister:</b>         | Vanessa Welps.....806-683-3452       |
| <b>Youth Director:</b>       | Allison Kleman..... 325-226-3999     |
| <b>Sacramental Records:</b>  | Theresa Birkenfeld.....806-627-7939  |
| <b>Mass Intentions:</b>      | Monette Schilling.....806-290-2560   |
| <b>RCIA:</b>                 | Dcn Joe Hochstein.....806-627-7026   |
| <b>Holy Family Inn:</b>      | Karleen Hoelting.....806-671-1839    |
|                              | Mandy Schilling.....806-945-5471     |
| <b>Church &amp; CCD</b>      | Esmeralda Sepeda..... 210-347-2898   |
| <b>Cleaning:</b>             | Dolores Quintana.....806-240-8986    |
| <b>Church Grounds:</b>       | Doyle Kleman..... 806-943-9812       |
| <b>Religious Articles:</b>   | Dorothy Kleman..... 806-945-2396     |
| <b>Parish Council Char:</b>  | Garrett Kleman .....806-369-5525     |
| <b>Finance Council Char:</b> | J.C. Pohlmeier..... 806-647-6295     |
| <b>Prayer Chain:</b>         | Lenora Braddock..... 806-367-3445    |

### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - Friday - 5:30pm

Saturday - 5:30pm

Sunday - 9:15am

Office Hours: M -W 10 - 4pm  
Th - Fr 9 - 1pm

Confessions on Saturday  
1 hour before Mass

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, Aug 12, at 5:30pm

**Servers:** Lincoln, Cameron & Gemma Pohlmeier

**Lectors:** Dana Kleman, Keith Hoelting

**Hospitality:** Judy Lange, Mary Verkamp

**Gift Bearer:** Darrin & Jennifer Heiman

**Ushers:** Parish Council

### Sunday, Aug 13, 2023 at 9:15am

**Servers:** Emerson & McKinley Moore, Alyssa Rios

**Lectors:** Jim Hoelting & Max Snead

**Hospitality:** Dwayne Acker & Lisa Braddock

**Gift Bearer:** Felipe Guerrero, Jr. Family

**Ushers:** Parish Council

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### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Tuesday, Aug 15, at 7:00am

**Servers:** Bryson, Ethan & Emery Brockman

**Lectors:** Joel Gerber, JC Pohlmeier

**Gift Bearer:** Keith & Karleen Hoelting

**Ushers:** Parish Council

### Tuesday, Aug 15, at 5:30pm

**Servers:** Kattey Gerber, Jett & Kambyl McLarty

**Lectors:** Mary Lou Schmucker, Jeanie Birkenfeld

**Gift Bearer:** Jim & Sandee Hoelting

**Ushers:** Parish Council

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### Saturday, Aug 19, at 5:30pm

**Servers:** Dayne Schulte, Cooper Schulte, Wylie Braddock

**Lectors:** Joel Gerber, Mary Verkamp

**Hospitality:** Joel Gerber & Mary Verkamp

**Gift Bearer:** Dorothy Guggemos, Donna Gerber Charanza

**Ushers:** Parish Council

### Sunday, Aug 20, 2023 at 9:15am

**Servers:** Jesse Acker, Jack Wanjura, Ian Birkenfeld

**Lectors:** Jack Welps, Joshua Raef

**Hospitality:** Harold & Kay Venhaus

**Gift Bearer:** Roy & Diane Heitschmidt

**Ushers:** Parish Council

## This Week's Mass Intentions

**Monday - August 7, 2023**  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday - Aug 8, 2023**  
5:30pm - Sister Josella Birkenfeld, RIP  
(Mark & Vera Hoelting)

**Wednesday - Aug 9, 2023**  
5:30pm - Deceased members of  
Tony & Mary Gerber, RIP  
(Ronnie & Regina Hoelting)

**Thursday - Aug 10, 2023**  
5:30pm - Edna Rae Schilling, RIP  
(Roger Schilling)

**Friday - Aug 11, 2023**  
5:30pm - Parents of Julene Gerber, RIP  
(Julene Gerber)

**Saturday - Aug 12, 2023**  
5:30pm - Parishioners

**Sunday - Aug 13, 2023**  
9:15am - Bertha Huseman, RIP  
(Bob & Theresa Birkenfeld)

## STEWARDSHIP

July 29 & 30, 2023

Identifiable Contributors - \$4,494.00

Children Collection - \$57.85

Votive Collection - \$52.00

**Total Collection - \$4,551.85**

***THANKS FOR YOUR SHARING  
OF GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH US!***

## Please Pray For . . .

All our sick and elderly  
Joshua Moore, Ralph Albracht, Glenn Ehly,  
Curt Hinz, Dave Yonkers, Patricia Kern Butler

all those in Ministry, especially  
Our Parish Vocations: Father Raj Samala, Father Bala,  
Fr. Nick Gerber and Fr. John Dalton, Father Bhaskar;  
Dcn Bob Birkenfeld, Dcn Joe Hochstein and  
All Religious from Holy Family Parish

And for our deceased loved ones  
**RAYMOND BRADDOCK, RIP**

## This Week's Calendar

### **Sunday, August 6, 2023**

9:15am - Mass in Holy Family Church  
10:30am - Catholic Daughter's Meeting

### **Monday, August 7, 2023**

5:30pm - Mass

### **Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

6:00am - Men's Prayer Group  
5:30pm - Mass

### **Wednesday, August 9, 2023**

8am-1am - Adoration at the Chapel in the Inn  
5:30pm - Mass in Holy Family Church

### **Thursday, August 10, 2023**

5:30pm - Mass in Holy Family Church

### **Friday, August 11, 2023**

5:30pm - Mass in Holy Family Church

### **Saturday, August 12, 2023**

5:30pm - Mass in Holy Family Church

### **Sunday, August 13, 2023**

9:15am - Mass in Holy Family Church  
6:30pm - Senior Citizens Meal & Meeting

## NAZARETH LIBRARY

Open Monday 10am - 12pm

Thursday - 4pm - 6pm

Contact Bev Schulte 806-647-8217 or  
Rita Hoelting 806-781-8888



## Religious Article Store

Come see what we have!!!

Open after Each Weekend Mass  
Or call Dorothy Kleman 806-945-2396

## Announcements

### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Tuesday, August 15th - **7:00am Mass** and **5:30pm Mass** in Holy Family Church

### **HELP NEEDED:**

We are looking for CCD helpers and teachers for grades K-4. If you can gift our children with your time for one semester or two, please call Stephanie or Diane. We would love to have you on our team! *Pre-K will be available for CCD Teachers' children only.*

### **Labor Day** is approaching fast!

If you are going to be out of town Labor Day weekend, please let the Parish Council know before Sunday, Aug 6th. Call the office 945-2616 or Dawn Ramaekers 806-679-6931.

**CCD Teacher Meetings** : Monday, August 7th for all elementary teachers - Atrium at 6:30; 2nd-6th at 7pm. Tuesday, August 8th for all the JH & HS teachers at 7pm. Have any questions call Stephanie DeMoss 806-632-9687 or Diane Heitschmidt 806-543-3985

**2023-24 CCD Registration** will be the 3rd & 4th weekends in August after both Masses. All new & returning students need to register.

### **THANK YOU NOTES:**

Thank you so much for all the prayers, Cards, food, visits and donations to the Nazareth Library. Mom really felt welcome and so enjoyed her time here at the Birch Villas!

### **The Joanne Lacy Family**

I am writing to you today with a thankful heart! I want to thank you for praying for me and my family. I am doing very well and surpassing the doctors expectations, but it is a 2 year process to fully recover. Please keep the prayers coming. Thank you and May God Bless one & all.

### **Phillip Birkenfeld & Family**

**Pray for Moisture!!**  
**Pray for Peace!!**



**Holy Family Catholic Church + Retreat Notes from Steubenville**

I just want to thank everyone who supported us to go on this trip and all who donated! I had an amazing experience and look forward to going in the future years!

I enjoyed the speakers and having a Mass with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

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Thank you for letting me come to Steubenville!

I had such a blast!

A Happy Kid

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Thank you for the prayers and supporting this great opportunity. Adoration was truly powerful. Also, Fr. Mike is the best. I enjoyed everything he had to offer.

Fr. Raj was the best to be around and

I hope he comes next year!

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Thank you for letting us go to Steubenville West. It was an amazing experience that I can only hope it will stay with me.

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Thank you for sending me to Steubenville. I enjoyed the adoration the most because I feel like it brought me closer to God and it was very powerful.

Thank you for bringing me on this great trip and giving me the opportunity to grow closer to my faith.

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I really enjoyed the trip, especially adoration. I encourage anyone who has thought about coming to come on the trip.

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Thank you all for being supportive on our trip to Arizona for Steubenville. My favorite part was the great talks from everyone especially Fr. Mike. I am very grateful to have been able to go on this trip.

Thank you.

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Thank you for letting us go on this awesome experience. It was a great time. The best part was David's talk about prayer.

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Thank you so much for supporting our spiritual journey. You all have contributed to an experience that I will cherish forever and be able to look back on. You have helped me better myself and become closer to God! God Bless each one of you.

## Welcome Visitors!!

Please feel right at home.  
We are glad to have you.

### Like to Join Our Church:

Call the Parish Office 806-945-2616  
or Dcn Joe Hochstein 627-7026

**For Baptisms, Marriages,  
Home Blessings  
Sick, Hospital Visits, or Funerals**

Call Father Raj  
806-316-4146 or the  
Office 806-945-2616

**Baptism** - One sponsor must be  
Catholic, confirmed & 14 years old

**Marriage** - contact office  
6 months in advance  
Engaged Encounter &  
Natural Family Planning  
classes needed.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Wed 10:am - 4pm  
Thurs- Fri 9am - 1pm

**Bulletin Deadline:** Wed by noon

**Parish Website:** [hfpc.org](http://hfpc.org)

**Parish Email:**  
[Holyfamilynaz@gmail.com](mailto:Holyfamilynaz@gmail.com)

### ADORATION

Wed 8am - Thurs 1am  
Holy Family Inn

Family Eucharist Adoration will  
be held the 1st Sunday of  
every month from 4 - 5pm.

### To Book Community Hall

Alyssa Barton  
806-367-3438

### Book Home Merc

Kamber Kleman  
806-240-5594

### Book Senior Citizens

David Olvera - 945-2249

### Book Rooms at the INN

Karleen Hoelting  
806-671-1839

### EWTN Local Radio

**Nazareth** - 105.5 FM  
1010 AM

**Hart** -102.3 FM (Spanish)

### THE RELIGIOUS ARTICLE STORE

In the foyer of Church  
Open after Mass  
on Weekends.

Call: Dorothy Kleman  
806-945-2396  
Vera Hoelting  
903-450-7742

### RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYERS

during Blessed Sacrament  
Adoration

8:00am Wednesday thru  
1:00am Thursday  
The Chapel of the  
Holy Family Inn

### THE FOOD PANTRY

Open every other Saturday  
at the Boy Scout Building  
Donations and volunteers  
are welcome!

### WEDNESDAY - NOON MEAL

Will return in  
September

### NAZARETH LIBRARY

Open Mondays 10am - 12pm  
and Thursdays 4pm - 6pm  
Come Check Us Out!

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or Rita Hoelting 806-781-8888

### MEALS ON WHEELS

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**

Holy Family Inn 945-2605  
Christine Acker 945-2683