



Holy Family Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - Thursday - 5:30pm
Friday - 7:00am
Saturday - 5:30pm
Sunday - 9:15am

Confessions on Saturday
1 hour before Mass

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

SUNDAY REFLECTION September 3, 2023

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials. What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have.

God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will.

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter. This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise. We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied.

Liturgical Ministers**Saturday, Sept 9, 2023 at 5:30pm**

Servers: Autumn Birkenfeld, Addie Schulte,
Kamden Osmanski

Lectors: JC Pohlmeier, Mary Lou Schmucker

Hospitality: Rocky & Dianne Wilhelm

Gift Bearer: Paul & Edith Huseman

Ushers: Parish Council

Sunday, Sept 10, 2023 at 9:15am

Servers: Xavier Snead, Isabel Snead, Steely Moore

Lectors: Joel Gerber, Vera Huseman

Hospitality: Harold & Kaye Venhaus

Gift Bearer: Riley & Shelby Huseman

Ushers: Parish Council

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Saturday, Sept 16, 2023 at 5:30pm

Servers: Jett, Riley, Lexi Ramaekers

Lectors: Dana Kleman, Jeanie Birkenfeld

Hospitality: Sandra Kleman, Mary Verkamp

Gift Bearer: Scott Huseman Family

Ushers: Parish Council

Sunday, Sept 17, 2023 at 9:15am

Servers: Spencer Acker, Drew & Colton Bennett

Lectors: Angela Fulkerson, Max Snead

Hospitality: Lisa Braddock & Dwayne Acker

Gift Bearer: Virgil & Dianne Huseman

Ushers: Parish Council

**This Week's Mass Intentions****Monday - Sept 4, 2023**

7:00am - Raymond Braddock, RIP
(Bill & Genevieve Ward)

Tuesday - Sept 5, 2023

No Mass

Wednesday - Sept 6, 2023

5:30pm - Jim Schmucker, RIP
(Family)

Thursday - Sept 7, 2023

5:30pm - Evelyn Albracht & Raef Albracht, RIP
(Dennis & Dolores Gerber)

Friday - Sept 8, 2023

7:00am - Randy & Monette Schilling
50th Wedding Anniversary

**Saturday - Sept 9, 2023**

5:30pm - Living & Deceased members
of the John & Meta Stork Family

Sunday - Sept 10, 2023

9:15am - David Ehly, RIP
(Bob & Theresa Birkenfeld)

STEWARDSHIP**August 26 & 27, 2023**

Identifiable Contributors -\$4,495.00

Children Collection - \$40.50

Votive Collection - \$48.75

Total Collection - \$4,584.25

***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,
Carol Reichert, Charlie Hannaman, Madelyn Kern & baby,
Clayton Acker, Allison Zunker & baby, David Schulte,
Ashlyn Birkenfeld, Carey Acker

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

N. DEAN JOHNSON, RIP

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Labor Day Picnic

8:00am - Mass in Holy Family

Monday September 4, 2023

7:00am - Labor Day Mass

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

No Mass

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

8am-1am - Adoration at the Chapel in the Inn

6:00pm - Opening Mass for CCD

Thursday, September 7, 2023

5:30pm - Mass in Holy Family Church

6 – 7pm - Home & School Tail Gate supper

7:15pm - Parade

7:30pm - Homecoming Pep Rally &

Lone Star Cup presentation

Friday, September 8, 2023

7:00am - Mass in Holy Family Church

7:30pm - Homecoming Football Game

Saturday, September 9, 2023

5:30pm - Mass in Holy Family Church

Sunday, September 10, 2023

9:15am - Mass in Holy Family Church

4:00pm - Youth Mass & Gathering

JH Youth Night following 4:00pm Mass

Announcements

We will have Mass on Monday, Sept 4th at 7:00am

No Mass on Tuesday, Sept 5th

Church Offices closed Monday, Sept 4th, in honor of Labor Day

Opening Mass for CCD: Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00pm.

(No 5:30 Mass that day)

JH Youth (grades 6th, 7th & 8th) will have Youth Night on Sunday, Sept 10th. Mass will be at 4:00pm Fellowship afterwards at Holy Family CCD Building. Invite a friend. SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED.

HS Youth - Mass at 4:00pm on Sunday 10th. Gathering at 5:00pm.

Father will be blessing crosses for Backpacks for those who did not get a cross the first time. This will be at Mass on Wednesday, Sept 6th. Hosted by the Catholic Daughters.

The Nazareth Library will begin a book study "Tuesday With Morrie". Come join us as we discuss the amazing wisdom that Morrie and Mitch Albom have for the readers. Book Study will begin the week of September 11, at 9 –10 on Tuesdays or 5:30-6:30 on Thursdays. Books available at library for \$5.

Please read chapters 1– 5 (p.1-31) for first meeting.

American Legion Auxiliary Bingo Sunday, September

17, at 2:00pm at the Senior Citizens.



Christian Mother's meeting Sept 10 at 10:30 a.m. in Holy Family Inn. We will have refreshments and a discussion on social media/apps used to help grow your faith. Bring your ideas and appetite!

Home Merc Board will be cleaning out the kitchen on Sunday, Sept 17. If you would like any dishes, please come pick them up for free at 11:30 a.m. that day.

RCIA will begin soon: These classes are open to anyone. If you need to refresh your faith or know someone who wants to join our church, please give Dcn. Joe 806-627-7026 or Father Raj 806-316-4146 a call.

Legion Auxiliary is collecting peanut butter or cheese crackers for soldier's boxes. Must have by September 11th. They can be brought to Nazareth Library or contact Bev Schulte 806-647-8217 for a pickup.

The Boy Scout casserole fundraiser pick up date has been **changed back to Sept 9th.** At the Boy Scouts Bldg. We apologize for any inconvenience. If you are needing your items before then, we will try to accommodate you, so please reach out to Christine Acker (806)-945-2683 or Lindsay Wilhelm (806)676-2244. Thank you for your support and patience!

There will be a "Seniors 55+ Retreat at Mercy Retreat Center in Slaton on September 15-17, 2023. If interested, registration forms will be in back of church. For details go to www.MercyRC.com. Mark Meurer Cell/text 806-789-8456 Also, a **Veterans Retreat** on September 29 thru October 1st at Mercy Retreat Center in Slaton, Texas. Registration Forms are in the back of church.

GRILLIN & CHILLIN

PARKING LOT PARTY

THURSDAY, SEPT 7
NAZARETH COMMUNITY HALL

HOMECOMING PEP RALLY

NAZARETH VS. GROOM

BROWN BAG SUPPER

SAUSAGE WRAP OR HOT DOG, CHIPS, DRINK & BROWNIE SUNDAE

\$5 KIDS

4TH & YOUNGER

\$10 ADULTS

5TH & OLDER

SCHEDULE

6-7 MEAL 7:30 PEP RALLY
LONESTAR CUP PRESENTATION TO FOLLOW

A BIG THANK YOU TO:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK- HEREFORD, FRIONA, AMARILLO/CANYON
BLUE SKY FARMS & CHICK FIL-A!

Holy Family Labor Day Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPT 3rd 2023

- * 8:00am **MASS** at Holy Family Church
- * 9am-sold **BAKE SHOPPE** (Little Kitchen inside Hall)
- * 10:00am **PARADE** (prizes: 1st- \$50 2nd- \$35 3rd- \$25)
- * 11am-2pm **ROAST BEEF DINNER**
Adults - **\$15** 10yrs & younger -**\$8**
- * 11am-2pm **ADULT RAFFLE** (inside Hall) **\$10** per ticket
- * 11am-sold **COW PATTY BINGO** (under Hall awning) **\$10** per square
- * 11am-6:30pm **ADULT BINGO** (under Hall awning) **\$1** per card
- * 11am-5pm **CONCESSIONS** (under Hall awning & at Children's games)
- * 12pm-3pm **CHILDREN'S RAFFLE** (inside CCD Bldg) **\$1** per ticket
- * 12:30-3:30pm **CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR GAMES & CHILDREN'S BINGO** (CCD building area)
- * **Wristbands** - purchase at BANK in hall parking lot or inside CCD Bldg
\$10 – 8yrs & older **\$5** – 7yrs & younger
- * 1:30pm **LIVE TRAILER AUCTION** (north of Hall)
CATTLE AUCTION (after Trailer Auction)
- * 5pm-7pm **HAMBURGER SUPPER**
\$10 - Meal Deal **\$5**-burger only
- * 6:30pm **CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT** (Hall Parking Lot)
\$40 per team Register at BANK in hall parking lot by 4:30pm

CCD Opening Mass

Wednesday, Sept 6
at 6:00

*Students can sit with
their teachers.
CCD classes will begin
after Mass.*

*In His
Presence
there is
Peace*

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
PRESENTS

JH YOUTH
(6th, 7th, & 8th grade)

NIGHT

SUNDAY, SEPT 10
MASS @ 4:00
Fellowship afterwards!

Invite a Friend

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

Holy Family CCD Building
SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED

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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: hfpn.org

Parish Email:
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

Is Returning!
Sept 13th
Smothered Steak

NAZARETH LIBRARY

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

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

MEALS ON WHEELS

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Holy Family Inn 945-2605
Christine Acker 945-2683