



Holy Family Catholic Church

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**Be a courageous
tenant in the
vineyard of God**



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Sunday Choir:	Darlene Schulte..... 806-647-7556

Mass Changes: For the Month of October

Saturdays - 5:30pm Mass
Sundays - 9:15am Mass
Wednesday - Oct 4th - Mass 5:30pm
Confession 4:30pm
Wednesday - Oct 25th - Mass 5:30pm
Confession 4:30pm
No Confession on the weekends
If needed: Contact Dcn Bob Birkenfeld &/or Dcn Joe Hochstein. For Emergencies: Call Father David Contreras 806-433-7881

SUNDAY REFLECTION October 8th, 2023

Isaiah 5:1–7; Psalm 80:9, 12–16, 19–20
Philippians 4:6–9; Matthew 21:33–43

In today’s Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. And the symbolism of today’s First Reading and Psalm is readily understood.

God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah’s words to describe the vineyard’s wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel’s religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel’s past. Instead of producing good fruits, they’ve killed the owner’s servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls.

In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants’ final outrage will be to seize the owner’s son and to kill him outside the vineyard walls. For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants—the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit.

We are each a vine in the Lord’s vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ, called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him and to be the “first fruits” of a new creation. We need to take care that we don’t let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today’s Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

Liturgical Ministers**Saturday, Oct 14, 2023 at 5:30pm****Servers:** Jaxton Schilling, Reagan Schulte,

Breyson Birkenfeld

Lectors: Carolyn Wilhelm, Joel Gerber**Hospitality:** Joel Gerber, Judy Lange**Gift Bearer:** Brad & Ashley Kleman**Ushers:** Parish Council**Sunday, Oct 15, 2023 at 9:15am****Servers:** Kamden Osmanski, Barrett Brockman,

Drew Brockman

Lectors: Dwight Acker, Felice Acker**Hospitality:** Dwayne Acker & Sandee Hoelting**Gift Bearer:** Mark & Missy Kleman**Ushers:** Parish Council

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Saturday, Oct 21, 2023 at 5:30pm**Servers:** Harper Johnson, Wylie Braddock,

Blakely Kleman

Lectors: JC Pohlmeier, Dana Kleman**Hospitality:** Mary Verkamp, Sandra Kleman**Gift Bearer:** Mark & Judy Kleman**Ushers:** Parish Council**Sunday, Oct 22, 2023 at 9:15am****Servers:** Oren Welps, Charlie DeMoss, Anna Prins**Lectors:** Vera Huseman, Samantha Fulkerson**Hospitality:** Harold & Kaye Venhaus**Gift Bearer:** Jay Meador Family**Ushers:** Parish Council**This Week's Mass Intentions****Monday - Oct 9, 2023**

No Mass

Tuesday - Oct 10, 2023

5:30pm - Communion Service

Wednesday - Oct 11, 2023

5:30 - No Mass

Thursday - Oct 12, 2023

5:30pm - No Mass

Friday - Oct 13, 2023

7:00am - Communion Service

Saturday - Oct 14, 20235:30pm - Evelyn & Raef Albracht, RIP
(Allen & Stephanie Dobmeier)**Sunday - Oct 15, 2023**9:15am – Catholic Daughters
Living & Deceased members**STEWARDSHIP****Sept 30 & Oct 1, 2023**

Identifiable Contributors - \$5,464.25

Children Collection - \$71.25

Votive Collection - \$246.36

Total Collection - \$5,781.86***THANKS FOR YOUR SHARING
OF GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH US!******Please Pray For . . .*****All our sick and elderly**Joshua Moore, Ralph Albracht, Glenn Ehly,
Madelyn Kern & baby, David Schulte, 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**

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, October 8, 2023

9:15am - Mass w/ Father David

10:30 - Christian Mothers

Monday October 9, 2023

No Mass

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

5:30pm - Communion Service

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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

11:30am Wed Meal - **Mexican Stack-up**

No Mass

6:10 - Rosary

6:30pm - CCD K-12

Thursday, October 12, 2023

5:30pm - No Mass

Friday, October 13, 2023

7:00am - Communion Service

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10:30am - Christian Mothers

3:30pm - Patriotic Rosary at the Grotto

4:00pm - Youth Gathering

6:30pm - Senior Citizens Meeting

Announcements

Mass changes through October :

- * Masses will be the same on Saturday & Sunday
- * No Confessions on Weekends
- * Communion Service on Tuesdays at 5:30pm & Fridays at 7:00am.
- ◆ Confessions at 4:30-5:30 on Wed Oct 25th
- Mass on Oct 25th at 5:30pm

Notice: CCD Students will lead the rosary every Wednesday in October at 6:10pm.

Flu Shots - There will be flu shots given on Friday, October 13 by the Castro County Hospital at the Senior Citizens Building at 8am - 12pm. Shots are \$20.00.

Nazareth School Book Fair, will be held on October 10-13 in the school library.
 On Oct 10th - fair open until 6:00pm
 On Oct 11th & 12 - fair will be open until 4:30pm
 On Oct 13th - fair will be open until 3:00pm.
 Thank you for your support!

The Christian Mother's October meeting will be in the Holy Family Inn on **Sunday, Oct 15th** following Sunday morning mass. We will be making bags for our elderly and shut-ins. Please bring a dozen items to share your love with them. We will be having drinks and a breakfast charcuterie board.

Catholic Daughter's will host a Patriotic Rosary, Sunday Oct 15th at 3:30pm at the Grotto, weather permitting.

Youth Gathering Sunday, October 15th, at 4:00pm. There will be no Mass.

American Legion Auxiliary Bingo Sunday, October 22nd at 2:00pm at the Senior Citizens.

Lost & Found: We have some items for a little girl, that has been placed in the lost & found box from Labor Day. Please check at the CCD Building.

Needing Volunteers for Kolbe Prison Ministers to be team members. At Childress, Texas, November 9th - 11th. Also, donations of cookies would be appreciated for that weekend.



Religious Article Store

Come see what we have!!!

Open after each Weekend Mass
 Call Dorothy Kleman 806-945-2396

NAZARETH LIBRARY

Open Monday 10am - 12pm

Thursday - 4pm - 6pm

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



Pray for much needed rain,
 good weather and for
 peace.



Events	Income	Minus Expenses	Total
Dinner	\$14,075.00	\$4,193.38	\$9,881.62
Hamburger Supper	\$5,867.00	\$1,397.33	\$4,469.67
Concession CCD	\$158.00		\$158.00
Adult Bingo	\$1,442.00		\$1,442.00
Cow Patty Bingo	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Armbands Child Games	\$816.00	\$3,196.00	-\$2,380.00
Adult Raffle	\$6,910.00		\$6,910.00
Children's Raffle	\$813.00		\$813.00
Bake Shoppe	\$835.00		\$835.00
Concession in Hall	\$200.00		\$200.00
Corn Hole	\$540.00		\$540.00
Donations	\$2,750.00		\$2,750.00
Trailer Auction	\$30,886.00		\$30,886.00
Cattle Auction	\$17,100.00		\$17,100.00
Bank	\$3,960.00	\$110.00	\$3,850.00
Total	\$87,852.00	\$8,896.71	\$78,955.29

NO CHANGES THIS WEEK

YOUTH GATHERING

October 15th

(No Youth Mass this month)

****Jr. High Youth 2:30-3:45 at CCD Building****
 All 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Welcome
 Topic: "Jesus as The Center of My Life"

****High School Youth @ 4:00 at KC Hall****
 All High School Welcome

There will be a Steak Supper
 Fundraiser
 for **BJ and Madeline Kern and Family**

October 21st at the Nazareth Community Hall
 Happy Hour 5pm + Meal at 6pm.
 And Silent & Live Auction

If you would like to donate items for the
 auction call Mary Verkamp 806-410-6074 or
 Alisha Womack 806-240-2811

Diapers or Gift cards would be appreciated.
 Monetary Donations may be taken to the
 Peoples Bank.

Meal donation provided by: Nazareth Catholic
 Daughters, Christian Mothers, Nazareth KCs,
 Nazareth Volunteer Fire Department, Naza-
 reth Lions Club, Nazareth Boy Scouts and
 Cub Scouts

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Hosted by Home Merc

October 28th

6:30pm - 8:30pm



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

To Book Community Hall Call:

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

Every Wednesday
 Senior Citizen's Bldg
 \$10.00 a plate - 11:30am -12:30pm
 October 11th Meal:
Mexican Stack up

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 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