



Holy Family Catholic Church

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Sunday, December 3, 2023

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Isaiah 63:16–17, 19; Psalm 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19
1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:33–37

The new Church year begins with a plea for God’s visitation. “Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,” the prophet Isaiah cries in today’s First Reading.

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In today’s Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne—to save and shepherd His people. Today’s readings are relatively brief. Their language and “message” are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God’s covenant, their inability to save themselves.

And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can’t we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him?

God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today’s Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel’s sake and for ours to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love. In Jesus, we have seen the Father. The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him.

As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift—especially the Eucharist and penance—to strengthen us as we await Christ’s final coming. He will keep us firm to the end—if we let Him. So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning repeated three times by our Lord in today’s Gospel: be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

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

Liturgical Ministers**Thursday, Dec 7, 2023 at 6:00pm****Servers:** Olivia Raef, Noah Raef, Trace Schulte**Lectors:** Nicole Schulte, Ronnie Hoelting**Hospitality:** Joel Gerber, Mary Verkamp**Gift Bearer:** Nazareth Christian Mothers**Ushers:** Parish Council**Friday, Dec 8, 2023 at 7:00am****Servers:** Blaise, Xavier, Isabel Snead**Lectors:** Vera Huseman, JC Pohlmeier**Hospitality:** TBA**Gift Bearer:** Derrick Schacher Family**Ushers:** Parish Council**Saturday, Dec 9, 2023 at 5:30pm****Servers:** Kattey Gerber, Blakely Kleman, Brooklyn Kleman**Lectors:** Mary Lou Schmucker, Keith Hoelting**Hospitality:** Rocky & Dianne Wilhelm**Gift Bearer:** Marvin & Gwen Schmucker**Ushers:** Parish Council**Sunday, Dec 10, 2023 at 9:15am****Servers:** Bryson, Ethan & Emery Brockman**Lectors:** Harley Gerber, Max Snead**Hospitality:** Harold & Kay Venhaus**Gift Bearer:** Laurens & Ilona Schilderink**Ushers:** Parish Council

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Saturday, Dec 16, 2023 at 5:30pm**Servers:** Kambyl McLarty, Wylie Braddock, Declan Braddock**Lectors:** Mary Verkamp, Keith Hoelting**Hospitality:** Sandra Kleman, Mary Verkamp**Gift Bearer:** Heath & Nicole Schulte**Ushers:** Parish Council**Sunday, Dec 17, 2023 at 9:15am****Servers:** Kamden & Hudson Osmanski, Reagan Schulte**Lectors:** Dwight Acker, Felice Acker**Hospitality:** Dwayne Acker, Sandee Hoelting**Gift Bearer:** Doyle & LaDawn Schulte**Ushers:** Parish Council**This Week's Mass Intentions****Monday - Dec 4, 2023**

No Mass

Tuesday Dec 5, 20235:30pm - Raymond Braddock, RIP
Sam & Margie Albracht**Wednesday - Dec 6, 2023**5:30pm - Fred Ball, RIP
Family**Thursday - Dec 7, 2023**5:30 - Deceased members of
John & Gertrude Bellinghausen Family, RIP
(Mary Verkamp)**Friday - Dec 8, 2023**7:00am - Evelyn & Raef Albracht, RIP
(Julene Gerber)**Saturday - Dec 9, 2023**5:30pm - Angela Acker, RIP
(Dennis & Dolores Gerber)**Sunday - Dec 10, 2023**9:15am - Vincent Huseman, RIP
Anniversary (Bob & Theresa Birkenfeld)**STEWARDSHIP****November 25th & 26th, 2023**

Identifiable Contributors - \$6,407.00

Children Collection - \$62.00

Votive Collection - \$46.25

Total Collection - \$6,705.25***THANKS FOR YOUR SHARING
OF GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH US!******Please Pray For . . .*****All our sick and elderly**Kirkland Sperry, Jimmy Huseman, Ray Schmucker,
Joshua Moore, Floyd Birkenfeld,
B J & Madelyn Kern & baby Jane, Rita Kern,
Cory Walls, Edith Huseman**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, Dec 3, 2023

9:15am - Mass

Monday, Dec 4, 2023

No Mass

Tuesday, Dec 5, 2023

5:30pm - Mass

Wednesday, Dec 6, 2023

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

6:30pm - 1st Reconciliation

11:30am Wed Meal - **No Meal**

5:30pm - CCD K-12

6:30pm - CCD

Thursday, Dec 7, 2023

5:30pm - Mass

Deadline for Christmas Card Project

Friday, Dec 8, 2023

7:00am - Mass

Saturday, Dec 9, 2023

5:30pm - Mass

Sunday, Dec 10, 2023

9:15am - Mass

Announcements

There will be "Paper Angles with the children's names from CPS " in the back of church. Please pick one up and help these children's have a good Christmas. Please return to church by December 19th.

The Wednesday Meal will be canceled through the month of December.

1st Reconciliation will be Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm. We would like to encourage all parents to attend.

Christmas Card Project: The box has been set up at Naz Stop. Please use the envelopes there and write your name as you want it to print in the paper. Just donate what you would spend on Christmas cards. **Deadline is December 7th.**

The Mary Undoer of Knots statue project Donations to support the project can be made to Holy Family Parish . Please include "Mary Undoer of Knots Project" on the memo of you check.

The Christian Mother's are sponsoring a Baby Shower for Mary. There will be boxes in the back of church to drop items in. The most needed items are baby wipes and larger diapers, size 3-5. Also needed is clothing size 3T-5T. Clothing can be gently used and in good shape. All items will be donated to pregnancy resource centers in Amarillo and Lubbock.

Jesse Acker will be holding a bake sale on December 16th and 17th to raise money for his BSA Eagle Scout Project. This will take place in the church foyer. His project will involve installing shelves and racks in the kitchen storage room and utility room at the Community Hall. He will be selling homemade cinnamon rolls, breads with jelly and Christmas candies. Thank you for supporting him and his project.

Christmas Open House at the Library, December 13th at 3:00pm - 6:00pm. Come see our library, enjoy treats, and stay and visit awhile!

AREA FARM AUCTION: Date: February 3, 2024
Advertising deadline: January 3
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
To list items, contact Alan Birkenfeld 806-570-6328

Religious Article Store



The Holidays are near,
come check us out for your early
holiday shopping!

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

NAZARETH LIBRARY

Open Monday 10am - 12pm

Thursday - 4pm - 6pm

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



Pray for moisture
good weather
and for peace around the world.

NAZARETH COMMUNITY HALL NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE

Live Music by Danny Cadra Band
Sunday, December 31, 2023
Nazareth Community Hall

Happy Hour 5:00-6:00
Meal 6:00- 8:30
Dance 9:00

\$150 per ticket - Includes 2 steak Dinners, drinks
and a chance to win a Raffle Prize
(Must be present to win)

Several Items to be sold on Live Auction

Venmo: @Nazhalltx
(Proceeds go toward improvement for the Community)

To ALL Senior Citizens of the parish

You are invited to s Stew Luncheon on
Wednesday, Dec 13th at the
Senior Citizens Building.

Meal Begins at 11:45am

Christmas entertainment at 12:30pm

If you need your meal delivered,
please contact the parish office 806-945-2616



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH HOLIDAY MASSES

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Thursday, December 7th - 6:00pm
Friday, December 8th - 7:00am

Christmas:

Sunday, December 24th - 4:00pm & 6:00pm
Monday, December 25th - 9:15am

January 1st :

Sunday, December 31st - 6:00pm
Monday, January 1st - 9:15am



Jr High - Sunday, Dec 10th

Leaving after 9:15 Mass - to go to
Plainview Roller Rink
Return to Nazareth at 2:15pm

High School - Sunday, Dec 17th

Topic: Relationship with God/Prayer
Mass: 4:00

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

Guadalupe Catholic Radio Network

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
No Noon Meal till January

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and Thursdays 4pm - 6pm
Come Check Us Out!

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Holy Family Inn 945-2605
Christine Acker 945-2683