



Holy Family Catholic Church

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

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, December 10, 2023

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-14
2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Our God is coming. The time of exile—the long separation of humankind from God due to sin—is about to end. This is the good news proclaimed in today’s liturgy.

Isaiah in today’s First Reading promises Israel’s future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today’s Gospel shows, Israel’s historic deliverance was meant to herald an even greater saving act by God—the coming of Jesus to set Israel and all nations free from bondage to sin, to gather them up and carry them back to God.

God sent an angel before Israel to lead them in their exodus toward the promised land . And He promised to send a messenger of the covenant, Elijah, to purify the people and turn their hearts to the Father before the day of the Lord .

John the Baptist quotes these, as well as Isaiah’s prophecy, to show that all of Israel’s history looks forward to the revelation of Jesus. In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has reached down from heaven and made His glory to dwell on earth, as we sing in today’s Psalm.

He has done all this not for humanity in the abstract but for each of us. The long history of salvation has led us to this Eucharist, in which our God again comes and our salvation is near. And each of us must hear in today’s readings a personal call. Here is your God, Isaiah says. He has been patient with you, Peter says in today’s Epistle.

Like Jerusalem’s inhabitants in the Gospel, we have to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. We have to straighten out our lives so that everything we do leads us to Him.

Today, let us hear the beginning of the Gospel and again commit ourselves to lives of holiness and devotion.

Liturgical Ministers

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

Sunday, Dec 17, 2023 at 4:00pm

Youth Mass

Servers: Harper Johnson, Mackenzie Wilhelm, Charlie DeMoss

Lectors: TBA

Gift Bearer: TBA

Ushers: TBA

Saturday, Dec 23, 2023 at 5:30pm

Servers: Zane Schulte, Addie Schulte, Knox Schulte

Lectors: Ronnie Hoelting, Jim Hoelting

Hospitality: Rocky & Dianne Wilhelm

Gift Bearer: Greg & Karen Schulte

Ushers: Parish Council

Sunday, Dec 24, 2023 at 9:15am

Servers: Pierce Wilhelm, Kennedy Wilhelm, McKinley Wilhelm

Lectors: Vera Huseman, Samantha Fulkerson

Lector: Lisa Braddock, Judy Lange

Gift Bearer: The Adam Schulte Family

Ushers: Parish Council

Sunday, Dec 24, 2023 at 4:00pm - Christmas Eve

Servers: Emerson & McKinley Moore, Brynli & Jaxton Schilling

Lectors: Bryan Charanza, Dana Kleman

Hospitality: High School Youth Group

Gift Bearer: The Kit Schulte Family

Ushers: Parish Council

Sunday, Dec 24, 2023 at 6:00pm - Christmas Eve

Servers: Jett Ramaekers, Spencer Acker, Zac Huseman,
Riley Ramaekers

Lectors: Dwight Acker, Jeanie Birkenfeld,

Hospitality: Harold & Kay Venhaus

Gift Bearer: The Landon Schulte Family

Ushers: Parish Council

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This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday - Dec 11, 2023

No Mass

Tuesday Dec 12, 2023

5:30pm - Anita Schilling, RIP
(*Family*)

Wednesday - Dec 13, 2023

5:30pm - Francis Gerber, RIP
Anniversary (*Julene Gerber*)

Thursday - Dec 14, 2023

5:30 - Renee Weinheimer, RIP
(*Leola Ramaekers Family*)

Friday - Dec 15, 2023

7:00am - Joe Drerup, RIP
(*Family*)

Saturday - Dec 16, 2023

5:30pm - Dan Schmucker, RIP
(*Family*)

Sunday - Dec 17, 2023

9:15am - Dwayne Schulte, RIP
(*Jolene Schulte*)

STEWARDSHIP

December 2nd & 3rd, 2023

Identifiable Contributors - \$4,084.00

Children Collection - \$50.00

Votive Collection - \$34.25

Total Collection - \$4,168.25

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

Please Pray For . . .

All our sick and elderly

Georgianne McCormick, Cecil Hoelting,
Kirkland Sperry, Joshua Moore, Floyd Birkenfeld,
B J & Madelyn Kern & baby Jane,
Jimmy Huseman, Rita Kern, Cory Walls,

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 10, 2023

9:15am - Mass

Christian Mothers Meeting

5:30pm - Senior Citizens Meeting

Monday, Dec 11, 2023

No Mass

Tuesday, Dec 12, 2023

5:30pm - Mass

Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023

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

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

5:30pm - Mass

6:10 - CCD Caroling & Party

6:30pm - No CCD

Thursday, Dec 14, 2023

6:00pm - Parish Advent Reconciliation - No Mass

Friday, Dec 15, 2023

7:00am - Mass

Saturday, Dec 16, 2023

5:30pm - Mass

Sunday, Dec 17, 2023

9:15am - Mass

4:00pm - Youth 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.

Senior Citizens Meeting time has changed to 5:30pm. Please make note of changes.

The Parish Advent Reconciliation will be Thursday, December 14th at 6:00pm in the Holy Family Church.

The Wednesday Meal is canceled through the month of December.

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

Christmas Open House at the Library, December 14th at 3:00pm - 6:00pm. Come see our library, enjoy treats, and stay and visit awhile!

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.

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

A List of Natural Family Planning Classes schedule 2024 will be posted in the glass bulletin board on the west side of the foyer. Contact James Schulte at 806-414-1059 if you have any questions. Brochures on these classes can be found in back of church or the office in the Rectory.

Remember when making your 2023 donations at the end of the year, we have several options: Cemetery Fund, Youth Fund, Building Fund, Holy Family Charity, Mary Untier of Knots Project' Thanks in advance!

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



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





ALL STUDENTS & CCD FAMILIES ARE
INVITED TO OUR

CCD CHRISTMAS PARTY!

WEDNESDAY, DEC 13

Mass @5:30
Caroling @6:10
Games & Hot Cocoa bar following at the
Community Hall

BUNDLE UP & WEAR YOUR SANTA HATS!

To ALL SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE PARISH



You are invited to a
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



Sunday, Dec 25, 2023 at 9:15am CHRISTMAS DAY



Servers: Blaise Snead, Olivia &
Noah Raef, Charlie DeMoss

Lectors: Joshua Raef, Stephanie DeMoss

Hospitality: Joel Gerber, Judy Lange

Gift Bearer: The Michael Snead Family



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

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