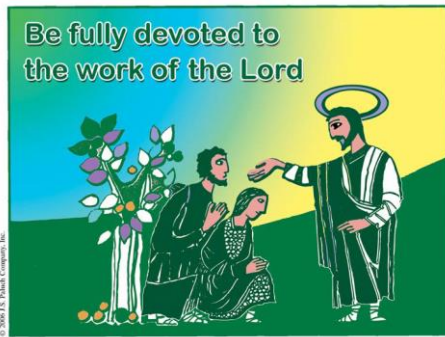


March 2, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE INSIDE SHOWS In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us. Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression—words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws. And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

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REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

A man was perplexed by his wife's refusal to admit she had hearing problem. He finally asked his physician, "How can I get my wife to admit she's hard of hearing?" "I'll tell you what you need to do," the doctor replied. "When you arrive home this evening, poke your head in the door and ask, 'What's for dinner?' If she doesn't answer, go into the living room and repeat the question. If she still doesn't hear, go right into the kitchen and shout. And if she doesn't hear that, speak it right into her ear and tell her what just transpired. That should convince her of her inability to hear." "Great!" the husband responded. "That should work."

That evening when he arrived home from work, he opened the door and hollered, "What's for dinner, Honey?" He listened but there was no response. So he walked into the living room and shouted: "What's for dinner, Honey?" Again there was no response. He then stood in the doorway of the kitchen and repeated the question. She still didn't respond. He then sneaked up behind her and shouted in her ear, "What's for dinner, Honey?" At that point, his wife turned to him and shouted, "For the fourth time, spaghetti and meatballs!"

—Rev. Richard Zajac

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A prayer for the health of Pope Francis

Lord God, shepherd and guide of all the faithful, look kindly upon your servant Pope Francis, whom you willed to preside over the Church as her shepherd.

May he bear this illness in union with the obedient suffering of your Son Jesus for the salvation of the world. Guide the doctors and nurses who are caring for him.

By your divine grace, restore him to health.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo

Lenten Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are obligatory days of both **fast and abstinence from meat**.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal per day. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may also be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. For members of our Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from the **18th birthday until the 59th birthday**.

All Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat.

Abstinence means not eating the meat of warm-blooded animals (such as beef, lamb, chicken, and pork). Fish and all cold-blooded animals may be eaten (such as shrimp, frogs, and clams). All those who have reached their **14th birthday and older are bound by the law of abstinence from meat.**

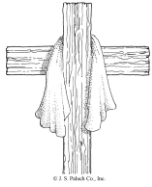
Abstinence from meat on other Fridays of the year is recommended but not required.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

THANK YOU to Deacon Bill and the choir for a beautiful Funeral Mass. We thank Deacon David for praying the Rosary for us. Thanks to everyone for all your prayers and support during the difficult time. To the Guadalupanas, thank you for the delicious meal after Mass. We love you deeply and appreciate it!

Palacios Family



Saturday, March 1st

5:00PM-IHM – Guadalupanas living and deceased

+Daniel Grimaldo; Sam Ramirez

7:00PM – Roscoe – For the People of Nolan County

Sunday, March 2nd –

8:30AM– +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; Por los cumpleaños de Arianni Martinez y Nayely Hernandez

11:00AM – +Martina Herrera;

In Thanksgiving for Kinsley Heredia’s birthday

Tuesday, March 4th 9:00AM – HF

For the well-being of Tanis Moreno’s family

ASH WEDNESDAY March 5th

9:00AM-HF - English - +Aurelia Garza

12 Noon –IHM–Spanish–Por el bien estar de familia Aguirre

5:00PM –IHM-English-In Thanksgiving for the birthdays of Jesus Madrigal, Jr., Kathrine Kelly y Eliselda Garcia;

+Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; Rafael y Concha Acevedo

7:00PM – IHM – English-+Antonio S. Mendez, Jr.

Thursday, March 6th 9:00AM-HF

In thanksgiving for Mikenna Ashley’s birthday

FIRST FRIDAY, March 7th 9:00AM-HF

Por la salud de Lisa Martinez-Soto

Saturday, March 8th

5:00PM-IHM – +Jovita & Benjie Olguin, Jennifer & Roger Gomez; +Manuel & Cuquita Heredia; In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Manuel & Gilbert Heredia

1st Sunday of Lent, March 9th –

8:30AM– Por el Grupo Misionero que Dios los bendiga y aumente su fe; en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Rosa Hernandez y Moises Jonas Aguayo

11:00AM – For the people of Nolan County

PENANCE SERVICES in the surrounding area:

All Penance Services begin at 6:30pm.

March

- 19 – Holy Family, Abilene
- 26 – Sacred Heart, Abilene
- 27 – St. Ann’s, Colorado City

April

- 02 – Sacred Heart, Coleman
- 03 – St. Vincent, Abilene
- 08 – St. Mary’s, Brownwood
- 10 – St. Francis, Abilene
- 16 – Holy Spirit, Sweetwater

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins next weekend! Don’t forget to move your clocks 1 hour ahead before going to bed next Saturday, March 8th.

“Happy Birthday Fr. Josh!” Father’s birthday is Monday, March 3rd. Thank you for all that you do for our parish. God bless you always for your dedicated & devoted ministry. ¡Felicidades!

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS to all our March celebrants!

ASH WEDNESDAY collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Via Crucis - all Fridays during Lent, 6:00pm @Immaculate Heart, followed by a light meal and reflection in the parish hall.

FIRST FRIDAY – Friday, March 7th, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00pm until 10:00 pm at Holy Family. Confession is available

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE – Our Parish Penance Service is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16th, 6:30pm at Immaculate Heart.

ULTREYA – Meets Monday, March 3rd, 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall. You don’t have to be a cursillista to attend. All are welcome!

GRUPO MISIONERO - Meets on Thursdays, at 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall.

MANUEL & REFUJIA HEREDIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – Applications are available in the parish office. You must be a 2025 Graduating High School Senior and a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Sweetwater, Texas to apply. Deadline is April 25, 2025 by 6:00 p.m.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – meets at Holy Family Hall, this Sunday, March 2nd, from 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

February 22/23, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$3644.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1113.00
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$4757.00

Thank you for your generosity

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

March 8– Grupo Misionero. March 15–Guadalupanas

NOTE: MASS CHANGES –

- Beginning Sunday, June 22, 2025, the 8:30AM Spanish Mass will be moved up to 8:00AM
- Mass will be celebrated @ Holy Family beginning June 22nd and every 3rd Sunday of the month thereafter, @9:30am.
- No Sunday morning confessions on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
Same schedule for the other weekend Masses.

#18 – The Institution Narrative

This is the highest point of the Mass. The priest changes the way he speaks. Instead of saying we, or our, he now speaks in the first person. This is because in this moment, the priest gives his voice to Christ. It is now Christ speaking and causing the miracle of the Eucharist. The priest says the words that Christ himself said 2000 years ago at the Last Supper, and the exact same thing happens. Bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. As the priest says the words, the whole Church is transported back in time to the moment that Christ died on the Cross. When we hear, “This is my body which will be given up for you,” we hear these words spoken and lived by Christ as he offers himself on the Cross for our salvation.

Jesus was celebrating the feast of the Passover with his disciples when he ate with them during the Last Supper. During that first Passover, God freed the chosen people from slavery in Egypt and instructed them to sacrifice an unblemished lamb, eat the lamb, and mark their doorposts with the blood of the lamb in order to be saved from death. When Jesus speaks of his Blood which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins, the blood of the new covenant, he is changing history. He institutes a new covenant and invites us to be members of his family. The Israelites were used to sacrificing animals and pouring the blood of the animals on the altar for the forgiveness of sins. And now Christ identifies himself as the sacrificial lamb.

The priest lifts up the Body, and then the Blood. This is just like what happened with Moses and the Israelites in the desert. Many of them had sinned and disobeyed God and were dying. God asked Moses to make a bronze serpent and raise it up on a pole, and everyone who looked at that serpent would live. Now we do not raise a bronze image, but the living God in the form of bread and wine.

Este es el punto más alto de la Misa. El sacerdote cambia su forma de hablar. En lugar de decir nosotros o nuestro, ahora habla en primera persona. Esto se debe a que en este momento, el sacerdote da su voz a Cristo. Ahora es Cristo quien habla y causa el milagro de la Eucaristía. El sacerdote dice las palabras que Cristo mismo dijo hace 2000 años en la Última Cena, y sucede exactamente lo mismo. Pan y vino se transforman en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesucristo. Cuando el sacerdote dice las palabras, toda la Iglesia se transporta en el tiempo al momento en que Cristo murió en la Cruz. Cuando escuchamos, “Este es mi cuerpo que será entregado por ustedes”, escuchamos estas palabras pronunciadas y vividas por Cristo mientras se ofrece a sí mismo en la Cruz por nuestra salvación.

Jesús estaba celebrando la fiesta de la Pascua con sus discípulos cuando comió con ellos durante la Última Cena. Durante la primera Pascua, Dios liberó al pueblo elegido de la esclavitud en Egipto y les ordenó que sacrificaran un cordero sin defecto, comieran el cordero y marcaran los postes de sus puertas con la sangre del cordero para ser salvados de la muerte. Cuando Jesús habla de su Sangre que será derramada por ti y por muchos para el perdón de los pecados, la sangre de la nueva alianza, está cambiando la historia. Instituye una nueva alianza y nos invita a ser miembros de su familia. Los israelitas estaban acostumbrados a sacrificar animales y a derramar la sangre de los animales sobre el altar para el perdón de los pecados. Y ahora Cristo se identifica a sí mismo como el cordero sacrificial.

El sacerdote eleva el Cuerpo y luego la Sangre. Es lo mismo que sucedió con Moisés y los israelitas en el desierto. Muchos de ellos habían pecado y desobedecido a Dios y estaban muriendo. Dios le pidió a Moisés que hiciera una serpiente de bronce y la levantara sobre un poste, y todo aquel que mirara a esa serpiente viviría. Ahora no levantamos una imagen de bronce, sino al Dios vivo en forma de pan y vino.