Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH AND HOPE

Faith and hope are closely united in today's readings. The Israelites knew when the Passover was coming, and so were not in fear, but had faith and courage, "putting into effect with one accord the divine institution." In this we can see a foretelling of the Eucharist that we celebrate according to Christ's command, "Do this in memory of me."

We see that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob died in faith, although they did not see fulfillment of the promise. We live in hope that our faith will be fulfilled every time we celebrate this sacrament. We too are not to be afraid, but to have hope that our faith will be fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

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REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

It's tempting to wish that our faith in God enabled us to have an unfailing trust that God will take us where we want to be. It would free us from diddling with decisions, vacillating and second-guessing. Only that wouldn't be faith because it would be our own script we'd have God carrying out.

Faith in God surrenders the script. It also surrenders the outcome, which is why Abraham, when asked by God to pack up kin and belongings and move to another land, did just that without knowing where or how he'd eventually settle in. And much later, like the unpredictable thread of a good novel, Abraham's story finds him and Sarah with child when they are 100 and 90 years old. A decade or so later, Abraham again finds himself without any sensible or sane understanding of the storyline as he leads young Isaac up a sacrificial mountain to what would seem to be a failure of God's promise to Abraham to father countless generations. Once more God rewrites the ending. Throughout Abraham's life it is God's script that Abraham lives out, not his own.

Faith is unpredictable, like good novels that twist and turn and keep us in suspense. If novels are well written, they keep us up long into the night. On the other hand, we like our lives quite the opposite. The appearance of the unpredictable tends to unsettle and undo our living. We presume that good lives, unlike a good novel, are interesting and engaging but always deliberately focused and free of unwarranted surprises. And so we expect good novels and good lives to be like the tracks of the railroad—parallel, but never touching or crossing lest someone or something be derailed.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday:	***Vigil:*** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 ***Day***: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

August 16 – Jamaica August 23 – Youth Group

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
2025 – 2026

R E G I S T R A T I O N
(Note: ALL CURRENT and NEW STUDENTS)

WHEN: Starts: Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Ends: Thursday, August 28, 2025
Days: Monday thru Thursday
Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Where: IHM Hall c/o Sister Tita, OND

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: NO REGISTRATION on WEDNESDAYS or SUNDAYS when CLASSES start!

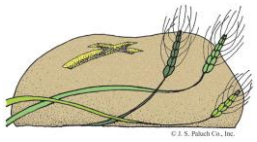
CLASSES BEGIN:
(a) Wednesday, September 3rd: 7th to 11th Grades
Class Time: 7:00-8:30pm
(b) Sunday, September 7th:Pre-K to 6th Grades
Class Time: 9:30-10:40am

***Religious Education Calendar 2025-2026 will be given upon registration.**

***Baptismal Certificate is required of all new registrants and current students without baptismal records.**

"Please come and register early!"

BACK TO SCHOOL - God's Blessings & Prayers for all our students, teachers, & school personnel!



Saturday, August 9th -
5:00PM-IHM – +Jovita & Benjie Olguin, Jennifer & Roger Gomez; +Román Solano

Sunday, August 10th -
8:00AM – Por Grupo Misionero y en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Araceli Montealvo, Maria y Adolfo Herrera, Roberto Gutierrez, Erick Medellin y Ana Islas; Por el Bien Estar de Humberto Diaz
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

Tuesday, August 12th 9:00AM - HF
+Margarito, Socorro, Pedro, Margarito, Jr., Eluterio, Alfredo y Florentino Gutierrez; Joe Angel y Brandon Ceballos

Wednesday, August 13th 6:00PM–IHM
For the well-being of Humberto Diaz

Thursday, August 14th
9:00AM HF – For the well-being of Tanis Moreno's family
●**7:00PM Vigil** *(Spanish)* **IHM -** +Ray T. Reyes

Friday, August 15th
●**9:00AM** *(English)* – **HF** – +Asuncion Martinez
●**7:00PM** *(English)*– **IHM**–For the People of Nolan County

Saturday, August 16th -
5:00PM-IHM–+Belinda Gomez, Tomas & Guadalupe Morales; +Fidela Gonzales; +Louis Torres

Sunday, August 17th -
8:00AM – En acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Sara Kelly; por Martin Luna; +Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; Rafael y Concha Acevedo
9:30AM-HF- For the people of Nolan County
11:00AM – +Roberto Sauceda, Jr.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Diocese of San Angelo Office of Vocations is seeking a skilled and creative part-time Content Creator to develop and manage multimedia content to promote vocational discernment and awareness within the Diocese of San Angelo. This position will focus on creating videos, social media, and print materials to inspire and inform individuals about vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Content Creator will work closely with the Vocations Director. This position requires a minimum of 2-3 years in a media, communications, or marketing role (a religious or nonprofit setting preferred), proficiency in video editing software and graphic design tools, and a strong understanding of social media platforms,
trends, and analytics. San Angelo residency is not required, but applicant must be available for regular travel within the Diocese of San Angelo. Job duties and other information regarding the position are available at the Diocesan website, www.sanangelodiocese.org. Resumes should be sent to Mike Wyse, Chancellor, at P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo, Texas 76902-1829, or emailed to
mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org by September 15, 2025.

DESPEDIDA/FAREWELL – Congratulations Martin! Our parish is so happy for you! Prayers and best wishes as you prepare to enter the Seminary for your studies. All are invited to a Pot Luck meal honoring Martin Luna, this Sunday, August 10th after the 11 o'clock Mass, at Immaculate Heart Hall. Remember to bring a covered dish of your choice!

● **THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** is Friday August 15th, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass on Thursday will be at 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart in Spanish. Two Masses will be celebrated on Friday, both in English, 9:00am at Holy Family and 7:00pm, at Immaculate Heart. The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Friday, August 15th.

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm at IHM. Confession will also be available during Adoration.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC? Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

ULTREYA– meets Monday, August 11th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

GRUPO MISIONERO will meet Thursday in the hall @7:00pm.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – will meet this Sunday, August 10th at 4:00pm, Holy Family parish hall.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

¡ATTENCIÓN! Clases de catecismo para adultos en español son los miercoles a las 7:00pm, en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón, 507 W. Alabama Ave con el catequista Victor Rubio Jr.

August 2 /3, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

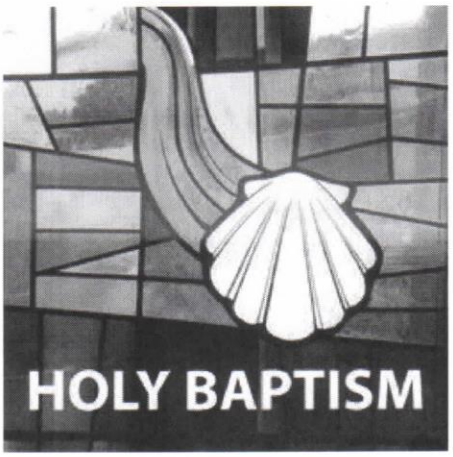
ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$4148.00
LOOSE PLATE……1215.00
CCD……924.23
TOTAL COLLECTION……..$6287.23
Thank you for your generosity

JAMAICA September 28, 2025

Holy Spirit Jamaica Committee is getting ready for our annual festival! Once again, we are asking for donations for the bingo prizes, cakes for the cake walk, 2 liter soft drinks, and stuffed animals for game prizes. All donations may be dropped off at the parish office and the cakes the day before the Jamaica. If you would like to help in any other way, please contact Ellie Mendez @ 725-0671. Please remember to pick up your raffle tickets and to return them to Patty Torres (finance). Someone from the finance council will be outside after all the masses. The raffle is the biggest money maker of the Jamaica! Thank you for all your help!

Need Sacraments?

Looking to grow closer to God through baptism, communion, or confirmation?



Then you are invited to sign up for OCIA.
Go by the office of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish at 507 W Alabama Ave. to register for class.

If you **need baptism** please bring a **copy of your birth certificate** to register.

If you are already baptized but **need other sacraments** please bring a **copy of your baptismal certificate** to register.

Then get ready for the first day of class on:
Thursday August 28th at 6:00pm
at Holy Family Hall at 507 Crane Street

Need to have a marriage issue resolved first?
Don't hesitate to talk to Father Josh, he is more than

¿Necesitas sacramentos?

¿Buscas acercarte más a Dios a través del bautizo, la comunión o la confirmación?

Entonces está invitado a inscríbese en OCIA.
Pase por la oficina de Holy Spirit Catholic Parish en 507 W Alabama Ave. para registrarte para la clase.

Si **necesita bautizarse**, traiga una c**opia de su acta de nacimiento** para registrarse.

Si ya está bautizado, pero **necesita otros sacramentos**, traiga una **copia de su acta de bautismo** para registrarse.

Luego prepárase para el primer día de clase:
Jueves 22 de agosto a las 6:00 p. m.
en el Salon de Holy Family en 507 Crane Street

¿Necesita resolver primero una circunstancia matrimonial?
No dude en hablar con el Padre Josh, él estará más que feliz de ayudarle.