

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	Dec. 29	† Rubi Pineda 5:00 PM by Lupe Moreno
Sunday	Dec. 30	Intentions of Dr. Joel & Nennette 8:00 AM Allas by Msgr. Gene 10:30 AM † Edith Allen by Pat Caruso
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary	Dec. 31	† Joseph Driscoll 5:00 PM by Msgr. Gene
Solemnity of Mary	Jan. 1	Intentions of Princess and the Nlekwa Family 9:00 AM
Wednesday	Jan. 2	Intentions of Anna Januta 7:30 AM
Thursday	Jan. 3	For the parishioners of Holy Spirit 7:30 AM
Friday	Jan. 4	For vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life 7:30 AM
Saturday	Jan. 5	† Jean Pasquini 5:00 PM by Bob Krug
Sunday	Jan. 6	Intentions of the Barinque Family 8:00 AM 10:30 AM † Doug Hildebrant by Mary Hildebrant

Please pray for...

Those who are sick or suffering, especially:

Shirley Brown, Florine Betzen, Della Sanchez, Bill Groux, Karen Carson, Carol Ann Freeman (PJ Mitchell's niece), Judy and John Glennan (Mary Ann Hardy's mother and father), Marivel Preciado (daughter of Cruz Delgado), Bonnie Loskill, Danny Stokes, Becky Cleveland, Bob Krug, Penny Adams (mother of Shane Adams), Teresa Groux, Sbarla Opperman, Jeanette Hussman, Marie Cook, Crystal Tofoya, April Smith, Elizabeth & Michael Young, Darrell Balmer (brother of Don Balmer), Frances McNeill, and Charles Hertel (brother of Rose Albus), Amy Wanjura, David Barrera, Jackie Solis, Tracy Grey, Emily Ray, Terry Grantham, Aaron Michaels, Fran Prukop, Karen Carson, Shannon Griffin and Grayson Young.

All others have been placed into our prayer book which has been placed on the altar.

"Gifts for God"

December 23, 2012

Due to the early transmittal of this week's bulletin, no "Gifts for God" will be listed for the weekend of December 23, 2012. The bulletin to be printed for the weekend of January 13, 2013 should have this information.

Thank you.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Lubbock

"O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas."

Blessed Pope John XXIII

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners & Staff:

Thank you for participating in our *Giving Tree* program! Your generosity will warm the hearts of precious children.

—and for your continued faith and support of our work! With your help we are able to continue our *Mission of Love* to serve "the least among us!"

Your support of Catholic Charities has been constant, generous and extremely helpful to the many families we serve.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas,

Beth Zarate
Executive Director

POPE JOHN PAUL, II EXHIBITION—"I have Come To You Again" will be coming to the Diocese of Lubbock, Catholic Renewal Center March 15-May 31, 2013. All ages will need a ticket to attend this event. Children under 5 years of age are FREE but will still need a ticket to attend. *You may purchase tickets at discount prices through December 24* at <http://startickets.com/event.php2event=3459>. Exhibit hours will be 9 a.m. Monday—Saturday, 12 p.m.—7 p.m. Sunday.

Friday, January 4, 2013 is the first Friday of the month. Come join the Serrans and others as they pray the Rosary for vocations. Rosary begins at 7:05 a.m. Followed by Mass at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY: December 30 2012

8:00 AM MASS
10:30 AM MASS

See Readings listed below for quick reference.

MONDAY: December 31, 2012

5:00 PM MASS OFFICE CLOSED
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6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Zumba
7:15 PM Rosary in the Chapel

TUESDAY: January 1, 2013

9:00 AM MASS OFFICE CLOSED
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WEDNESDAY: January 2, 2013

7:30 AM MASS OFFICE CLOSED
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6:30 PM Divine Mercy in the Chapel

THURSDAY: January 3, 2013

7:30 AM MASS
9:00 AM - Noon; 1- 5 PM Office Hours

FRIDAY: January 4, 2013

7:30 AM MASS
9:00 AM-Noon; 1-5 PM Office Hours
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Zumba Tone

SATURDAY: January 5, 2013

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY: January 6, 2013

8:00 AM MASS
10:30 AM MASS

NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR THE HOLIDAYS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012 AT 5:00 PM AND RE-OPEN ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013 AT 9:00 AM.

**Today's Readings - Feast of the Holy Family
Year C—No. 923 in the Saint Augustine Hymnal**

First Reading—#923 - Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14
Second Reading— I John 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel—Luke 2:41-52



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN
SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**



PFC Jennifer Ridley (niece of Bertie Rosiles) serving in Iraq, Cpl. Justin M. Howerton, Marine Special Operations Battalion, deployed to Afghanistan, and PFC E3, Rudy Michael Gonzales (nephew of Gloria & Jim Decker), serving in Afghanistan, Major Phillip Poteet (son-in-law of Larry & Gloria De La Garza) serving in Kuwait. *(If anyone has a loved one serving in the military that they would like us to add to our prayer list, please call the office. Kindly inform us of*

FAITH ALIVE

Religious education class for adults. Sr. high students also invited.
Meets Sundays, 9:15 - 10:15 AM in the chapel
This year's subject: The Catechism of the Catholic Church

No Class Dec. 23 & 30 - Have a blessed Christmas season!
Jan. 6 - Receive the Holy Spirit - The revelation of the Holy Spirit
The mission of the Son and the Spirit in the Church
Jan. 13 & 20 - The Church: Reflecting the Light of Christ

If you see a topic of interest, but have not attended the class, feel free to drop in that Sunday and join the discussion.

For more information about the class,
call David Powell - 239-0804; Laurel Johnson -794-3995;
or George Goretskie -778-1685

Affordable marriage and family counseling offered by the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office, in collaboration with TTU Marriage & Family Clinic. To schedule an appointment call Dr. Nicole Springer at 806-742-3074. Counselors can meet at Saint John Neumann Church

Holy Spirit will be offering a Catholic DivorceCare series for anyone who is separated or divorced. Through this healing journey we will discuss topics such as Anger, Depression, and Forgiveness. This 12 week video series uses the Sacrament and Catholic teaching to aid in the healing process. Classes will begin on February 4th at 6:45pm. For more information contact Diane Svoboda at 790-6220.

Widow/Widower Support Group meet Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Marriage & Family Life Office, in the Catholic Renewal Center, 4620 4th Street, Lubbock. For more information call Richard or Elaine at 792-3943 or email familylife@catholiclubbock.org

CCE NEWS

Sunday, January 6th - Classes Resume
Wednesday, January 9th - Classes Resume

St. Joseph's Grade School in Slaton, Texas, will be selling raffle tickets in our Gathering Space each weekend until January 4-5, 2013. All proceeds from ticket sales benefit St. Joseph's Catholic School. Please support Catholic Education and St. Joseph students!

Msgr. Gene & Fr. Joseph

Wow! A huge **THANK YOU** to all who helped with Breakfast with Santa. Over 250 were in attendance. A special thanks to: Mom's Group, Boy Scout Troop 114, Fr. Joseph and Monsignor Gene, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, Youth Group, Gloria de la Garza's Hospitality Committee, and the donor of the Escalade golf cart for usage. We are truly a blessed parish. All in attendance signed a scriptural photograph that will be mailed to St. Lima Rose Parish of Connecticut as an offering of our condolences. Thanks be to God for the treasures of our little ones and the happy moments we share with them.

In Christ,
Jessica Kelly

Holy Spirit Parents Day Out & Preschool

Parents, do you need a day to yourself?
Do you need time to get something's done without your little helpers?
Let your children come learn, have fun and make some new friends.

Holy Spirit Parents Day Out and Preschool
Still has spots available for the 2012 - 2013 school year.
We accept children 4 months to 5 years.
Our hours are Tues. and Thurs. from 9 am - 2:45 pm
with extended stay until 4:30 pm available.
For more information call 698 - 1668

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - February 15 - 17, 2013

A Christmas Gift for Married Couples:
Husbands and wives...do you want to give each other something really special for Christmas? A gift that will keep on giving filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. To sign up contact: Richard and Elaine Ybarra, Directors of Marriage and Family Life 806-972-3943 or familylife@catholiclubbock.org

ZUMBA® BASIC & ZUMBA® TONE

Just a reminder that Zumba classes will resume on Friday, December 28th and will continue their regular schedule of Monday and Friday evenings at 6PM.

One change—effective January 4th regular Zumba classes will be on Monday evenings and Zumba Tone will be on Friday evenings. Zumba Tone combines targeted body-sculpting exercises and high-energy cardio work with Latin-infused Zumba moves to create a calorie-torching, strength-training dance fitness-party. Students learn how to use lightweight, maraca-like Toning Sticks to enhance rhythm and tone all their targeted zones.

Come on out, bring your Zumba toning sticks or light weights and join the other enthusiasts to sculpt your body naturally while having a total blast.

New Year's Eve Dance: Knights of Columbus Saint Joseph Council 8097 will host its annual New Year's Eve Dance on Monday, December 31 at the K of C Hall located at 1619 Erskine. Door prizes and party favors provided along with DJ music. Cost is \$25.00 per couple or \$13.00 for individual. Table reservations will be accepted on the 31st, and will be held up to 8 p.m. only. For more information, please contact Joe Leos, 806-787-4506.

Stewardship Reflections:

Feast of the Holy Family December 29/30—The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach the new year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?



Bible Enthronement in the Home

Inspired by Vatican II that says Jesus is present in His Word (the Bible) just as He is present in the Eucharist, this practice of Enthroning the Bible in the Home is transforming many homes to be a place where the presence of Jesus is felt by every member of the family who believes.

Sisters Rose & Ping will go to your home to pray with the presence of your family. Please call the parish office to make an appointment.

CONFIRMATION RETREATS—January 19 or January 26, 8:30-3:30 for both retreats. For first year Confirmation candidates. Retreats limited to 50 youth. Fee includes noon meal and snacks. \$15 if paid Thursday before retreat; \$20 afterwards. Groups must be accompanied by one adult for every 10 youth. Our Lady of the Angels Convent, 8202 CR 7700, Wolfforth. To pre-register, contact Sister Celine: (806) 863-4904 or rebuildchurch@gmail.com.

Living the Year of Faith

The U.S. bishops have approved a **pastoral strategy** to advance a movement for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty— a **call to prayer, penance, and sacrifice** for the sake of renewing a culture of life, marriage, and religious liberty in our country.

- * Starting with the Sunday after Christmas (Feast of the Holy Family) and continuing on or near the last Sunday of every month through Christ the King Sunday, November 2013, parishes are encouraged to hold a **Eucharist Holy Hour for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty**.
- * Families and individuals are encouraged to pray a **daily Rosary**, especially for the preservation of Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty in the nation.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL