

Holy Family Parish in Chromtau Established 1988

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Mass Schedule:

Sundays 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays: from Tuesday to Friday
3:00 p.m.



In the 1980s the first efforts were made to register the parish – religious community. On June 7, 1988 permission was granted from Moscow to create a religious community in Chromtau. On September 14, 1988 Eugenia Martin presented half of her house together with the parcel of land to the parish. Since then the house has served as a chapel.



Since 1994 the parish entered a new chapter of its history, for two priests: Fr. Tadeusz Smereczynski and Fr. Guido Becker came to Aktjubinsk permanently. Particularly the latter looked after the religious community of Chromtau. Since then it has been possible also to call it a parish, as it is a branch of the parish in Aktjubinsk.

The then Apostolic Administrator in Atyrau – Fr. Janusz Kaleta, founded an independent Holy Family Parish in Chromtau on February 4, 2004. In that year an apartment for the priest was bought. Fr. Jan Trela, as the first Pastor, went to live there.

Since 2006 efforts have been made to obtain a building site for a new church. Regrettably, all our efforts have been to no avail thus far. It is expected that we will need to use the prayer house, which is currently owned by the parish, for at least another three to four years. Unfortunately, it is in a bad state of repairs. In order to be of further use, the building needs to undergo major repairs. According to preliminary estimations, the cost of the work will be around 30.000 – 40.000 USD.

