


CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed **Wednesday, December 24, 2014 thru Friday, December 26, 2014** in observance of Christmas Day. The office will reopen on Monday, December 29, 2014 at 8:00 AM.

2014 Advent Mass Schedule


1. **Monday, December 22, 2014-**
Decorate Church environment for Christmas Masses
2. **Tuesday, December 24, 2014-
Christmas Eve Masses**
5:00 PM Children's Mass
6:30 PM Las Posadas
7:00 PM Mass (Bilingual)
3. **Wednesday, December 25, 2014**
10:00 AM - Christmas Day Mass
4. **Sat. Sun. Dec. 27/28, 2014-** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph Sunday
5. **Tues., Dec. 31, 2014 New Year's Eve Mass-**7:00 pm-Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
6. **Wed., Jan. 1, 2015 New Year's Day Mass-**10:00 am-Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
7. **Sat./ Sun. Jan 3/4, 2015-** Epiphany of the Lord
8. **Sat. /Sun. Jan 10/11, 2015** Baptism of the Lord
9. **Sat. Jan. 10, 2015 – Pedro Rubalcava Workshop,** 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM – Holy Redeemer, Odessa


CONGRATULATIONS CHAD KEMPER!

Chad made a Hole-in-One in the Holy Trinity Annual Golf Tournament! Chad won the \$25,000 motorcycle. The motorcycle was provided by the Hole-in-One Association of America. The owner of Harley Davidson bought a Hole-in-one policy which pays for the motorcycle in the event of a hole-in-one. After requirements were met, the association paid for the motorcycle. Chad received his \$25,000 motorcycle last week.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISH!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Ladies Bible study will be taking a break for the holiday. Bible study will restart on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 11:45 AM in the East Room. Enjoy your holidays!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS


We are taking monetary donations for the Christmas Flowers. Envelopes are at the front of the church. Please ask a greeter for an envelope. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**ADVENT NOTES BY BISHOP SIS
(Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Advent)**

While preparing a Christmas card or gift for someone, say a prayer for them. This might have a greater impact than the card or gift.

Una característica inconfundible de la alegría cristiana es que puede convivir con el sufrimiento, ya que se basa totalmente en el amor.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reflection:

Sometimes the signs God gives are unmistakable. Sometimes the signs are not so obvious. What signs do we see when we look around us? Sometimes it is hard to see God's signs because the signs of our world are so ever present and large. How many times this month have you seen this sign: "ONLY 20 (or 18, or 10, or 6 or...) MORE SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS." Do we ever stop to think, "How many praying days left until **Christmas?**"

Pro-life Hotline...1-800-395-HELP



December 21 - As we celebrate Christ coming into the world as a child let us pray that all women who are pregnant this Christmas season will be open to God's gift of life so that he/she can be born into this world and thus be able to know Christ and help build His kingdom here on earth.

Como celebramos a Cristo entrando en el mundo como un niño nos ruega todas las mujeres que están embarazadas esta temporada de Navidad se abrirán para el regalo de Dios de la vida para que él/ella puede nacer en este mundo y así poder conocer a Cristo y ayudar a construir su reino aquí en la tierra.

Ultreya- Todos los lunes, 7:00 PM en el salón de Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

Prayer Meeting – English – All are welcome on Wednesdays at 7 PM in East Room to join us for praise, teaching, and prayer for healing.

Prayer Meeting – Spanish – Todos los miércoles, 7:30 PM después de la Misa, en la capilla.

Catholic Inquiry Class

Do you know someone who is always asking you WHY DO CATHOLICS GENUFLECT, WORSHIP IDOLS, AND MARY?? Have a friend or loved one who is thinking about joining the Catholic Church, or are you a baptized Catholic adult in need of Reconciliation (Confession), First Communion, and Confirmation? Come join us at RCIA on Monday Nights 6:30-8:00 in the East Room. It's not too late!!
RCIA Schedule 2014
December 22 Christmas/Pot luck dinner
December 29- Christmas Break
January 5-Epiphany

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH NICK RUIZ



Nick is in his 1st year Philosophy at Conception Seminary and is from Odessa, Texas. Nick likes Thai food, putt-putt, go-karts and pool.
Please Pray for Our Seminarians!

CHAOS

(Catholics Hyped About Our Savior)

Join **CHAOS, youth group**, at the next meeting, **December 21st from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**. New and old members always welcome. Hope to see you there!!
"Chaos" will not be meeting during the holidays, so that everyone can enjoy family time. See you in 2015! First meeting of 2015, will be January 11th at 3:00 PM.

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY

Teenagers, 16yrs old or Sophomores in high school, if you would like to attend a weekend of becoming closer to Our Lord, please consider signing up for the Search. Call Merlinda Morón, 432-213-3456 or the office, 714-4930, and obtain an application.

Catholic Christian Education (CCE)

If you have any questions please give us a call at 432-714-4930.

Grades	Place	Time	CRE
K,1,2,3,4,5	H.T. Hall	9:40 am – 10:50 am- Sundays	Richard Light
6, 7, 8, 9,10,11, 12	H.T. Family Center	6:40 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday	Dianna Valdez

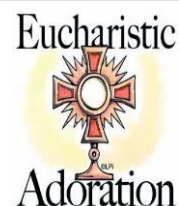
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Classes will start again in January, Wednesday the 7th at 6:30 PM and Sunday, the 11th at 9:40 AM. Enjoy your holidays!

Requirements for Baptizing:

To baptize infants we require Parents to provide the child's court issued Birth Certificate. Parents must be registered in the Church. Godparents must provide a copy of their Baptismal, First Communion, and Confirmation Certificates. Married Godparents will also need to provide their certificate of marriage in the Catholic Church. For more information, please call the Parish Office, 714-4930.

Bautismo de niños/as los papás necesitan presentar el certificado de nacimiento de la corte del niño(a). Los padres deben estar registrados en la iglesia. Los padrinos necesitan presentar sus certificados de Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Los padrinos casados deben de presentar su certificado de matrimonio en la iglesia católica. Para más información por favor llame a la oficina parroquial, 714-4930.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Fridays starting after the 7:00 AM Mass till Noon in the side Chapel.

Pro-Life Rosary from 12 to 12:15 PM
Benediction - after the Rosary.

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE
12/14/14

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	207	141
8:30 AM	178	102
11:00 AM	367	205
Total	752	448

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Second Collection this weekend Saturday, December 20th and Sunday, December 21st – St. Vincent de Paul – The funds help the needy people of Howard County and surrounding areas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



St. Vincent de Paul
270-5029

MSGR. GULLY'S SCHEDULE

Friday, December 26, 2014 – Day of Rest

St. Vincent de Paul

The vocation of the Society's members, who are called Vincentians, is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love. Members show their commitment through person-to-person contact. Vincentians serve in hope. No work of charity is foreign to the Society. It includes any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and **promotes human dignity and personal integrity in all their dimensions.**

The Society works not only with individuals in need but also with families and communities. It helps an excluded or deprived local community to develop a sense of responsibility and solidarity which leads it to improve its economic, social or environmental well-being, always retaining the personal contact of members with those in need.



Sunday Collection
12/21/2014

Envelope \$6,495.00
Loose 2,689.50
Total \$9,184.50

Average Collections per week needed: \$9,335.00

Retirement Fund

Envelopes \$991.00
Loose \$700.27
Total \$1,691.27

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

"Stewardship is planned giving and does not leave giving to chance. It challenges us to plan. It asks us to appraise – deliberately – what we are doing with our time, our talent and our treasure."



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

Liturgy of the Word:

The readings are done from a special book called the Lectionary, a word based on the Latin for "Book of Readings". Sometimes, especially on Sundays and more festive days, there is another special book for the readings of the Gospel, called the book of the Gospels. This is especially the book of the deacon, who always reads the Gospel at Mass if he is present.

Father Michael G. Witzcak
Pflaum Publishing Group

COMPRENDER LA MISA

Liturgia de la palabra:

Las lecturas se realizan en un libro especial llamado el leccionario, una palabra basada en el latín para "Libro de lecturas". A veces, especialmente en los domingos y días festivos más, hay otro libro especial para las lecturas del Evangelio, llamado el libro de los evangelios. Este es especialmente el libro del diácono, que siempre lee el Evangelio en la misa, si está presente.

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PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THE FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED:

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of the late **Ramon Rivera** who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Alonzo Landin, Linda Paredes, Belinda Hinojos, María Mendoza, Kirsten Lujan, Pablo Tovar, Doris Varley, Joe Hernández, Rosa de la Garza, Lydia Valdez, Ignacia Rodríguez, Navi Hernández. Call the office at 714-4930 to add the names in the bulletin. **Only the person needing or immediate family member may request to be added to the prayer list.**



While we await the full and unending experience of God drawing near to us, we must continue to work in the vineyard. We must continue to make God's love real in every condition and circumstance of our lives.



"He was not the light, but came to testify to the light."

John 1:8

**Readings for the Week of
December 21, 2014**

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Monday 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday Saint John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Lk 1:67-79
Vigil: Is 62:1-5, Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Thursday The Nativity of the Lord Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday Saint Stephen, the First Martyr Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 105; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8; 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



SANCTUARY CANDLE

[HT] December 21 – Leticia & Isabella Mendoza

[St. Joseph] December 21 – In Thanksgiving by Julie Hernandez



SATURDAY, December 20, 2014

- 5:00 PM – [HT] For the People; Isabella M. Mendoza B'day by Salazar Fam.; D.J. Alviar by M/M Domingo Rocha; St. Lucy Spec. Int. by Jean Govea; Divine Child of the Light +Donna J. Arroyo by Jean Govea; +Demetrio & +Monica Rocha by Margie Valverde; +Marie & +Lupita Lopez by Alice Lopez; +Aida D. Sanchez by Diane Ewing; +Lucy Ochoa by Amanda & Amelia Islas; +Lalo Rodriguez by Robert & Lori Rodriguez

SUNDAY, December 21, 2014

- 8:30 AM – [HT] +Jose J. Lopez by Julia Lopez & Fam.
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Francis McKiski by Family; +Evangeline M. Sturm by Patsy & Roy Rohmfeld; M/M Manuel Sanchez Anniversary by Sanchez Girls; +Bernabe, +Pascuala +Petra Ruiz by Dora & Jr. Escañuelas; +Valentin Corralez by Margie Corralez; +Evaristo Padron by Consuelo Morales; +Douglas Hattenback by Wanda Anderson; +Sabas & +Marcello Torres by Ruiz Fam.; (T.G.) Virgen de Guadalupe by Cecilia Treviño

MONDAY, December 22, 2014

- 7:00 AM-[HT] +Monica & +Demetrio Rocha by Arthur & Cruz Olague & Fam.
- 1:30 PM-[State] Holy Souls by Mary Chavez

TUESDAY, December 23, 2014

- 7:00 AM [Chapel] +Belen Gonzales by Gonzales Family

WEDNESDAY, December 24, 2014 - Christmas Eve

- 5:00 PM [HT] +Lori & +Eddie Sr. DeLeon by Concha DeLeon
- 7:00 PM-[HT] Marissa Aranda Sanchez B'day by Michelle Sanchez

THURSDAY, December 25, 2014 – Christmas Day

- 10:00 AM-[HT] For the People; +Pedro & +Manuela Baltazar by M/M Steve Escañuelas

FRIDAY, December 26, 2014

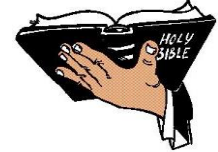
- 7:00 AM – [Chapel] +Camilo Chavez by Mary Chavez

SATURDAY, December 27, 2014

- 5:00 PM – [HT] +Teresa Rocha by M/M Domingo Rocha; +Henry Valverde by Margie Valverde; +Esteban R. Duron by Diane Ewing; +Joe Sr., +Olivia, +Joe Jr., +J.J. Rocha by Margie Valverde; +Alex Escañuelas Sr. by Yolanda Escañuelas; +Maria Cochran by Yolanda Escañuelas; +Antonio & +Antonia Marquez by Ray Marquez; +Mary Martinez by Tony Martinez; +Aida D. Sanchez by Diane Ewing

SUNDAY, December 28, 2014

- 8:30 AM – [HT] For the People; +Neti Diaz by M/M Jimmy Marin
- 11:00 AM – [HT] Jerry Holten B'day by Dianna Valdez; +Evangeline M. Sturm by Patsy & Roy Rohmfeld; +Alex Escañuelas Sr. by Jr. & Dora Escañuelas; +Valentin Corralez by Margie Corralez; Virgen de San Juan by Patsy Sanchez; +Mary Lou Morales by Consuelo Morales; +Luz & +Juan Subia by Gary & Yolanda Harris; +Amelia Larez by Jessle Martinez; Francisco R. Molina & Fam. by Ramon & Isabel



Sunday's Reflections

Romans 16:25-27

A GREAT ENDING

A good story has a great ending. It features good characters, a fanciful setting, and an interesting plot with a good share of twists. But it needs an ending that pulls everything together—sometimes with a surprise.

God has written a good story with a great ending. The story appeared not in a few chapters, but in thousands of years of human history. For all those generations, people were waiting on God to fulfill a promise. They believed in their hearts that one day God would deliver, but they did not know when or how.

The ending of the story was the beginning of Christianity: the birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus entered human history as our Messiah. He was not what believers were expecting—he seemed like less, yet he was much more. He seemed like a mere vulnerable human, born in poverty, killed in dishonor. But he was more. He was the Son of God, born human like each of us, crucified for our sins—and risen from the dead.

St. Paul says God kept this mystery secret for long ages, like the surprise ending to a good book. The prophets gave clues to what the ending would be, but God revealed it much later in time. God made this good news known not just to the children of the covenant—the people who were reading the book—but to all the nations of the world. The God who did that, Paul says, deserves our praise.

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