

OFFICE IS CLOSED

The office will be closed Tuesday, December 8th, in observance of Immaculate Conception. The office will re-open on Wednesday, December 9th at 8:00 AM.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Class starts at 11:45 am on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

CCE CLASSES

After the Thanksgiving holidays, classes will resume on Wednesday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 6th.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will be having a meeting on **Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM** in the church. Please make plans to attend.



Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Christmas Bazaar next Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. **Deadline for booth rental is Thursday, December 3, 2015.** For booth rental and other information please contact Victor Torres at 263-6112.

ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

On **Friday, December 11, 2015 at 6:30 PM** with reception to follow in the ministry center courtyard.

The festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Nine Scripture lessons and songs. The lessons recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. The carol or song which follows reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

Hosted by the Sacred Heart Cathedral, with Rev. Fr. Lorenzo Hatch presiding.

Everyone is welcome to the service.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Any adult, 18 years old and out of high school, needing confirmation please call the office 714-4930. Holy Trinity will be having a class, deadline to register is **Friday, December 18, 2015.**

BISHOP TO ORDAIN SEMINARIAN

Bishop Michael J. Sis, of the Diocese of San Angelo, will ordain seminarian Tony Franco as a transitional deacon in the diocese, at **11:00 AM, Saturday, December 19, 2015**, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City.

NOVEMBER 16, 2015 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

1. **Members Present:** Frank Salinas, Rob Haney, Tim Green, Merlinda Morón, Bobby Porras
Members Absent: Edward Aguero, Maria Rosario, Candido Gonzales, Melinda Hernandez
2. Invocation: Msgr. Gully
3. Motion made to accept the September 28, 2015 minutes. Motion carried unanimous.
4. Report: Bob Zentner (Diocesan Architect) made a presentation on the new carpet for the church building facelift and made a recommendation on which commercial brand, style, and color to the council.
5. Motion: After much discussion on the color of carpet, a motion was made to accept the recommendation presented by Bob Zentner. Motion carried unanimous.
6. Report: given by Paisano Construction (the company who is also remodeling Scenic Mountain Hospital). The church facelift (which includes taking out the pews to be refinished, taking out the green carpet, abatement of the asbestos used to glue down the green carpet, installation of new carpet, replacing the pews) is scheduled to begin the first week of January and should take 5-6 weeks to complete. During this time, Mass will be in Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Center.
7. Benediction: Msgr. Gully

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

During the month of October, through your generous donations SVdP was able to assist 119 families for a total of 448 individuals. 19 new families requested assistance during this same month. God bless you for your continued support.

Please remember to bring non-perishable items to Mass to help fill the Thanksgiving baskets for the needy in our community. There is a box in the front of the church to place your donations or you may bring them by the church office. Thank you for helping us provide a joyful dinner for others.

As the needs of our community grow, we find that we are in desperate need of volunteers. Our hours are every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 AM-10:00 AM. There are many areas in which you can serve. Volunteers can work in the food pantry helping clients with their groceries, stocking shelves, or cleaning. Office help is needed to interview clients, file, or work the front desk to assist clients. Doing home visits are the primary focus of our mission. This service can be done after closing, and can be scheduled to suit your hours. Please contact the St. Vincent de Paul office at 432-270-5029 if you are interested in helping or have questions. Please give prayerful consideration to giving of your time and talent to help those who need a helping hand.

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



November 22 "Caring for the sick, frail, elderly and dying patient is a noble endeavor. Our future generations will use as a measure of civilization how well our society cared for the elderly and dying, how we protected our elders' rights and dignity, and, finally, how well we strove every day to enhance their care." Dr, Alex Kodiath in Elder Care: Precious Presence
 "Cuidado de los enfermos, frágiles, paciente de edad avanzado es un esfuerzo noble. Nuestras futuras generaciones utilizan como una medida de la civilización así nuestra sociedad cuida ancianos y moribundos, cómo nos protegen nuestros mayores derechos y la dignidad, y, por último, así se esforzó cada día para mejorar su atención." Dr, Alex Kodiath in Elder Care: Precious Presence

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.

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 on Monday at 6:30-8:00 PM in the East Room.

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

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

VOCATION PRAYER

O God, you have chosen the Apostles to make disciples of all nations and by Baptism and Confirmation have called all of us to build up Your Holy Church. We earnestly implore You to choose from among us, Your children, many priests, brothers, and sisters who will love You with their whole heart and will gladly spend their entire lives to make You known and loved by all. Amen.

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY

SEARCH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE –The Search for Christian Maturity, a weekend Catholic program for high school and college-age people of our Diocese. Jesus' answer too many of our problems are presented. It promises to be a worthwhile weekend. If you are interested in attending, contact Merlinda Morón or the church office, 714-4930.

MARRIAGE

Please call the office at least six months prior to planning wedding.

SICK VISITATION

Please call the office to give us the names of the people who would like to receive Holy Communion or have a visit from the priest.

QUINCEAÑERA

Two years of religious education is required by the diocese. Please call the office for more information.

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.

HALL RENTAL

The new policy on the hall rental was approved on January 26, 2015 by the parish council and Msgr. Gully. Rental fees are as follows:

Classroom	\$170
School Hall	\$270
OLG Family Center	\$420

Included in rental fee is \$120 insurance fee, which needs to be sent to the diocese 30 days before the event. A deposit of \$50 is required at the time of reservation.

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE
11/22/15

Due to bulletin being published early, we are unable to provide the attendance for the weekend.

St. Vincent de Paul
270-5029

MSGR. GULLY'S SCHEDULE

Friday, December 4, 2015 – Bishop's Diocesan Christmas Party, San Angelo

To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring the warmth of hope!

- Pope Francis

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

On the weekend of December 12-13, 2015 you will have an opportunity to express your gratitude to the multitude of women and men religious who have served God and the People of God through teaching, nursing, serving in the foreign missions and dedicating themselves to parish and pastoral ministry. For years they labored for little or no pay. Now their communities lack adequate savings for retirement and elder care. Many of these retired religious spend hours before the Blessed Sacrament thanking God for your generosity, while some volunteer to support the ministry of younger religious. You are being given an opportunity to "Give to those who have given a lifetime." Be assured of the prayer of 33,000 religious now over the age of 70, and the ever increasing numbers of those who will retire soon. May God reward your generosity. For more information, visit www.retiredreligious.org



Sunday Collection
11/22/2015

Due to bulletin being published early, we are unable to provide the collection for the weekend.

Average Collections per week needed: \$9,335.00

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."

CURSILLO CORNER

SPANISH ULTREYA - Todos los lunes, 7:00 PM en el salón de Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Todos están invitados a venir y disfrutar de la beca.

SCHEDULE OF ENGLISH ULTREYAS

Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 7:00 PM in East Room
Sunday, December 20, 2015, at 2:30 PM in Family Center

Ultrayas will be held in Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Center. All are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

VATICAN UNVEILS LOGO OF HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

During a news conference at the Vatican May 5, Archbishop Fisichella

unveiled the official prayer, logo, calendar of events and other details of the special Holy Year, which will be celebrated from **Dec. 8, 2015, until Nov. 20, 2016.**

The motto, "Merciful Like the Father," he said, "serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure."



FIX YOUR GAZE ON JESUS

Let us never tire of seeking the lord—of letting ourselves be sought by him—of tending over our relationship with him in silence and prayerful listening. Let us keep our gaze fixed on him, the center of time and history; let us make room for his presence within us.

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

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of the late **Guadalupe 'Chino' Hilario and Raymond Noble** who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Sammy Ortega, Angelita Bustamante, Alberto Morales, Josh & Yvette Preston, Ann Marie Lujan, Ambrosio Sanchez Jr., Gerardo Salcido, Consuelo Hinojos, Domingo Rocha. 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.**



“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

Luke 21:28

**Readings for the Week of
November 29, 2015**

Sunday First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8,9,10,11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

SANCTUARY CANDLE

[HT] November 29 – Alicia & +Leo Salazar

[St. Joseph] November 29 – OPEN



SATURDAY, November 28, 2015

- 5:00 PM – [HT] +Chon Yanez B'day by *Lucy Flores*; Eli Olague B'day by *Mike & Josie Sanchez*; +Tony Guzman Sr. by *Luz Martinez*; +Ray Martinez by *Paula Martinez*; +Henry Valverde by *Margie Valverde*; +Narciso & +Gavina Torres by *Frances Torres*; Virgen de San Juan by *Patsy Sanchez*; +Sabas Torres by *The Arroyo Family*; +Aida D. Sanchez by *Diane Ewing*

SUNDAY, November 29, 2015

- 8:30 AM – [HT] For The People; +Abraham Espinoza by *Martina Espinoza*
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Valentin Corralez by *Margie Corralez*; +Ruben Anthony Gonzalez Sr., +Steven Valencia Jr. by *Delma H. Valencia*; +Vickey Bustamante by *Sal & Gloria Diaz*; +Jose Fierro by *M/M Jimmy Marin*; +Pedro & +Nati Diaz by *Nay & Dora Diaz*; Elaine S. Martinez Health by *Salazar Family*; +Aida D. Sanchez 4th Death Anniversary by *Diane Ewing*; Malorie Eaton by *Ramona Molina*; Virgen de Guadalupe (T.G.) by *Cecilia Treviño*

MONDAY, November 30, 2015

- 7:00 AM-[Chapel] All Souls Novena; St. Joseph by *Rita Franco*
- 1:30 PM-[State] Infant Jesus T.G. by *Cecilia Treviño*

TUESDAY December 1, 2015

- 7:00 AM [Chapel] NO MASS
- 10:30 AM [Parkview] Nat DeLaGarza S.I. by *M/M Jimmy Marin*

WEDNESDAY December 2, 2015

- 7:00 PM-[HT] ALL November B'days in Family by *Consuelo Morales*

THURSDAY, December 3, 2015

- 7:00 AM – [HT] +Johnny Arispe Sr. by *Sylvia S. Rocha*

FRIDAY, December 4, 2015

- 7:00 AM – [Chapel +Steven Valencia Jr. by *Delma H. Valencia*

SATURDAY, December 5, 2015

- 5:00 PM – [HT] +Robert, +Juana Flores by *Jose & Mary Martinez*; +Howard Stevens by *Karen Stevens*; St. Jude by *Mary Lou Saldana*; +Alex Torres by *Beatrice Padron*; +Ramon & +Mary Lou Torres by *Jean Govea*; +Donna J. Arroyo, Child of the Light by *The Arroyo Family*; +Teresa Rocha by *Angie Hernandez*; +Esperanza Mendoza by *Beatrice Franco*; +Valentin Corralez by *Margie Corralez*; +Eddie Sr., +Lorie DeLeon by *Concha DeLeon*

SUNDAY, December 6, 2015

- 8:30 AM – [HT] +Alfonse Jr., +Eloisa Mendez by *Jose & Mary Martinez*;
- 11:00 AM – [HT] For The People; +Paul Patrick by *Anita Gaitan*; +Ruben, +Rosalia Billalba, +Santos, +Erlinda Lujan by *Family*; +Frances McKiski by *Family*; +Oscar Valencia Sr. by *Carol Valencia & Grandkids*; Cody Treviño by *Treviño Family*; For Deceased Madrid Family by *Sal & Gloria Diaz*; Timothy Valencia B'day by *Delma H. Valencia*; +Ray & +Petra Leos by *T.J. Stewart*; +Pedro & +Nati Diaz by *Nay & Dora Diaz*



Sunday's Reflections
1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

What would you like your last words to be? What final instructions would you like to give the ones you leave behind? Enjoy life? Work hard? Play more?

We do not know if Paul thought he was sending his last words to the Thessalonians, but it sounds like it as he nears the end of his letter. He believes Jesus is coming soon. He wants this community to be ready, and he does not know if and when he will see them again.

His final instructions are these: “May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.” Paul wants them to love one another.

He realizes it is something they cannot do alone. He asks that the Lord do it for them. He wants the Lord to increase their love. This will make them “blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus.”

As we begin Advent, our thoughts turn to preparations for Christmas. But Paul wants our thoughts turned toward the second coming of Christ, not the first. He wants us to be blameless in holiness before God when Jesus comes again.

This season gives us a perfect occasion to practice love. Let us practice it on those we know best and those we know least. Do these last words sound too hard? God will make it possible for us to love even more.

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