



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.



MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

PASTORAL COUNCIL – Members of the council evaluate, under the leadership of the Pastor, the spiritual and temporal needs of the parish and coordinates parish activities to serve the interest of the people of the parish. The council also encourages participation by all members of the parish in the spiritual and apostolic life of the parish and promotes programs and activities of both the Diocese and the council itself. Contact person for council is Edward Aguero, 432-270-7393.

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.

SISTERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING

ALERT! Ending slavery is everyone's work. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) is a collaborative, faith-based network that offers educational resources, information about access to survivors' services, and engages in advocacy in an effort to eradicate modern-day slavery. Visit the web site: sistersagainstrafficking.org

ATENCIÓN. El fin de la esclavitud es trabajo de todos. Las Hermanas Católicas Contra la Trata de Personas (USCSAHT) es una red de colaboración, basada en la fe, que ofrece recursos educativos e información sobre el acceso a los servicios de supervivencia y defensa para erradicar la esclavitud moderna. Visite el sitio web: sistersagainstrafficking.org

Dear Holy Trinity Catholic parishioners,

This Thanksgiving offered me time to stop and reflect on the many things for which I am grateful. I am so blessed that Jesus asked me to serve as pastor here at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. My service is to the people of God, in other words, my service is to you in Howard County of West Texas!

Thanks to each one who has offered his/her time, talents, and treasures to make this people of God (church) alive and vibrant. We have 40 ministries serving the spiritual, intellectual, and physical needs of our people. Many have also helped with Diocesan events such as Cursillo, Youth conferences, the Mission team, a Music workshop, and many other committees which use our location to convene people from all around the diocese. We have Wayne Frost, a convert and a former Lutheran pastor, discerning and studying to be a Roman Catholic Priest. We have Jose Villagrana who is discerning and studying to become a deacon in the Roman Catholic Church. There are some youth discerning a vocation of ministry as priest or religious sister.

Our new Bishop Michael Sis is very pleased at your spiritual energy, your commitment in paying for our new Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Center, also your commitment in keeping our facilities maintained and updated.

Now, we look forward to Advent which prepares us to celebrate Jesus' birth, God becoming man and making a home among us. Traditionally we pray Las Posadas to open our hearts for Christmas. This is a 9 day Novena for prayer and reflection on our Father's gift of Jesus to the world. I encourage you to take part in all or some of the nights. Please see the bulletin for addresses and more information.

I join with Pope Francis in Central Africa Republic, quoting St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, 3:12, "Brothers and sisters, may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all men and women"
The love of Christ urges us forward!

Monsignor Bernard L. Gully

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



December 6 "We must appreciate the dignity of life in all its seasons, even the path of the elderly in the twilight of their years, to work toward the day when every child, born and unborn, is welcomed to life and protected by law."

--Gov. George W. Bush

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.

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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study is on Tuesdays from 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM in the East Room. The study is The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. All ladies are welcome to join in.

ADVENT COMPANION BOOKLETS

A limited number of booklets will be available in the church office.

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.

December 7-No class

December 8-Mass, Immaculate Conception at 7:00pm and have short discussion after.

December 10-Penance Service

December 14-Our Lady of Guadalupe – Video

December 21-La Posada at Alonzo and Dennette's

December 28-Holiday no class

January 4-Epiphany

**SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH
ROBERT VILLESCHAS**



Robert is in his 1st Year at Conception Seminary. His birthday is March 31, 1996 and is from San Angelo, TX. His favorite food is all food. Robert loves doing Insanity and having fun!

Please Pray for Our Seminarians!

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, 714-4930, at least six months prior to planning wedding.

SICK VISITATION

Please call the office, 714-4930, 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, 714-4930, 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
11/29/15

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	216	138
8:30 AM	100	67
11:00 AM	271	141
Total	587	346

St. Vincent de Paul
270-5029

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
Retirement For Religious Collection, Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 - Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

YEAR OF MERCY
DECEMBER 8, 2015 – NOVEMBER 20, 2016
The motto, "Merciful Like the Father, serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure."



TO BE A CHRISTIAN STEWARD

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Pt 4:10).
What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

SCHEDULE OF ENGLISH ULTREYAS

Monday, December 14, 2015, 7:00 PM in Family Center will be a combined English/Spanish Ultreya.
Sunday, December 20, 2015, at 2:30 PM in Family Center
Ultreyas will be held in Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Center. All are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

MSGR. GULLY'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 12, 2015 – 12:30 PM - Confessions at Retreat in Stanton

Dear Monsignor Gully,
On behalf of the poor living throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, I want to thank you for hosting Father Pat and allowing us to share our ministry of serving children and families in need.
Msgr. Gully, you and the good people of your parish have made a real difference in saving lives and transforming communities in a part of our world so often forgotten. Thanks to you and the people of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, those living in desperate poverty will be blessed with the hope and promise of a better tomorrow.
Msgr. Gully once again, thank you for your loving kindness to the poorest of our brothers and sisters. May God bless you and the people of your parish in abundance as you continue to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Servant of the poor,
Dale R. Avery,
Food for the Poor



Sunday Collection
11/29/2015

Envelope	\$4,022.00
Loose	\$1,755.75
Total	\$5,777.75

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.

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

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

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Kirsten Marquez, Leonides Vela Jr., Sammy Ortega, Angelita Bustamante, Alberto Morales, Josh & Yvette Preston, Ann Marie Lujan, Ambrosio Sanchez Jr., 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.**



“In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee... the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.”

Luke 3:1-2

**Readings for the Week of
December 6, 2015**

**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

**Monday Saint Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor of the
Church** Is 35:1-10; Ps 89:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday Saint Damasus I,
Pope** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, an6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday Our Lady of
Guadalupe** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Sunday Third Sunday of
Advent** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

SANCTUARY CANDLE

**[HT] December 6 – Mark, Dylan,
Coytt Corrales**

**[St. Joseph] December 6 –
OPEN**



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 Corrales by Margie Corrales; +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

MONDAY, December 7, 2015

- 7:00 AM-[Chapel] All The Angels by Rita Franco
- 1:30 PM-[State] Infant Jesus T.G. by Cecilia Treviño

TUESDAY December 8, 2015

- 7:00 AM [Chapel] +Conception Anderson by Wanda Anderson
- 7:00 PM [HT] +Nettie Diaz by M/M Jimmy Marin

WEDNESDAY December 9, 2015

- 7:00 PM-[HT] +Estella Macias by M/M Jimmy Marin

THURSDAY, December 10, 2015

- 10:30 AM – [BSSC] Infant Jesus T.G. by Angelita & Cecilia Treviño

FRIDAY, December 11, 2015

- 7:00 AM – [Chapel] Leticia Mendoza B'day by Salazar Family
- 6:00 PM – [FCI] OPEN
- 7:00 PM – [FCI] OPEN

SATURDAY, December 12, 2015

- 5:00 PM – [HT] For the People; +Robert, +Juana Flores by Jose & Mary Martinez; Joshua & Yvette Preston Anniversary by Boney & Kathy Salazar; +Alex Torres by Beatrice Padron; +Francisco, +Porfidia Flores, Deceased Fam. Members by Jose & Mary Martinez; +Henry Valverde by Margie Valverde; St. Joseph Spec. Int. by Jean Govea; +Aida D. Sanchez by Diane Ewing; +Damacia M. Duron by Diane Ewing; Int. of Isabel Escovedo by Ramona M.

SUNDAY, December 13, 2015

- 8:30 AM – [HT] +Conception Anderson by Wanda Anderson
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Pedro & +Nati Diaz by Petra Rios-Rios; +Pedro & +Nati Diaz by Nay & Dora Diaz; Pat Deanda Health by T.J. Stewart; Virgen de San Juan del Valle T.G. by Librada Lopez; +Fidel Martinez by Treviño Family; +Trine Cochorn by Yolanda Escañuelas; Health of Lucy Holten Lee by Jerry Holten; +Frank Vela by Vela Family; +Sergio & +Jose Ventura Gonzales by Abundia Gonzalez & Family



Sunday's Reflections
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

GROWING IN FAITH

We learn a few things as we go through life. We advance in education. We get better at our jobs. We figure out more about politics. We discern what makes people tick. We learn by our mistakes and through the wisdom of others. Our tolerance grows. So does our love. We get wiser in love, more patient with its pains, more grateful for its virtues. We learn throughout our lives.

We also grow in faith. As children our faith is simple, but it grows more complex as we age. We appreciate how deep are the promises of God, how profound is the love of Christ, and how much we need forgiveness as well as redemption. God helps us grow in faith.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul expresses his hopes as they prepare for the second coming of Christ. Paul believed that Jesus would return very soon. He had confidence that the Philippians would be all right. “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Just as we grow in wisdom throughout our lives, Paul was confident that the Philippians would grow in faith.

As we prepare for Christmas, we have the same reassurance. God, who began a good work in us, will continue it right up to the day of Christ Jesus. May this Advent increase our faith.

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