

**MINISTRY OF THE WEEK**

FINANCE COUNCIL-The finance council exists to assist the parish Pastor in undertaking the more important acts of economic administration in the parish and to prepare and review annual budgets of income and expenditures for the governance of the parish. Rita Ornelas – 432-413-3240.

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.

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.

PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, December 14, 2015- 6:30 PM – St. Joseph, Stanton

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 - 7:00 PM St. Mary's, Odessa

Wednesday, December 16, 2015 - 7:00 PM – San Miguel Arcangel, Midland

Thursday, December 17, 2015 – 6:30 PM – Our Lady of Lourdes, Andrews

Monday, December 21, 2015 – 7:00 PM – Holy Redeemer, Odessa

Tuesday, December 22, 2015 – 7:00 PM – St. Ann Parish, Midland

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 13 The Christmas storytellers, Matthew and Luke begin with Jesus' conception. When Matthew sets out to tell us about the Nativity, he first talks of events taking place during the pregnancy. Luke gives us even more details of the pregnancy. The message? Jesus was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. He was God from the moment of conception. Life Date 1998

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.

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
12/06/15

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	14	103
8:30 AM	147	95
11:00 AM	401	205
Total	689	403

St. Vincent de Paul
270-5029

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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."



Sunday Collection
12/06/2015

Envelope	\$6,000.50
Loose	\$2,005.85
Total	\$8,006.35

Average Collections per week needed: \$9,335.00

Mariachi Monterrey
\$965.00

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."

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.

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

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 19, 2015 – Ordination of Tony Franco as a Transitional Deacon at 11:00 AM, at St. Ann Parish in Colorado City

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Beatrice Franco, Olivia Hernandez, Joe Olivares, Don Arroyo, Jean Arroyo, Emma Leos, Kirsten Marquez, Leonides Vela Jr., Sammy Ortega, Josh & Yvette Preston, 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.**

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

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



Our joy is Jesus Christ; his faithful love is inexhaustible! Therefore, when a Christian becomes sad, it means that he has distanced himself from Jesus. But then we must not leave him alone! We should pray for him, and make him feel the warmth of the community.

"Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start."

Pope Francis
Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Homes



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming."
Luke 3:16

**Readings for the Week of
December 13, 2015**

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

**Monday Saint John of the
Cross, Priest and Doctor of the
Church** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Friday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Sunday Fourth Sunday of
Advent** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



SANCTUARY CANDLE

**[HT] December 13 – Leticia &
Isabella Mendoza**
**[St. Joseph] December 13 –
Consuelo Morales**



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.*; Our Lady of Guadalupe T.G. by *Linda Paredes*

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*

MONDAY, December 14, 2015

- 7:00 AM-[Chapel] St. Therese by *Rita Franco*
- 1:30 PM-[State] NO MASS

TUESDAY December 15, 2015

- 7:00 AM [Chapel] +Michael Yanez by *Lucy Flores*

WEDNESDAY December 16, 2015

- 7:00 AM-[Chapel] Stephen Ewing's B'day by *Diane Ewing*

THURSDAY, December 17, 2015

- 7:00 AM – [Chapel] December B'days in Family by *Consuelo Morales*

FRIDAY, December 18, 2015

- 7:00 AM – [Chapel] John Escovedo B'day by *Family*

SATURDAY, December 19, 2015

- 5:00 PM – [HT] Isabella M. Mendoza B'day by *Salazar Family*; +Robert Anderson by *Wanda Anderson*; +George Martinez by *Luz Martinez*; +Alex Torres by *Beatrice Padron*; +Demetrio & +Monica Rocha by *Margie Valverde*; +Homer Tomerlin Jr. by *Cruz & Arthur Olague*; St. Anthony Spec. Int. by *Jean Govea*; +Esperanza Mendoza by *Beatrice Franco*; +Aida D. Sanchez by *Diane Ewing*

SUNDAY, December 20, 2015

- 8:30 AM – [HT] For the People; +Esther & +Lydia Hernandez by *Mary Vera*
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Valentin Corrales by *Margie Corrales*; +Lalo Rodriguez by *Gloria Rodriguez*; +Natalia DeLa Garza by *Petra Rios-Rios*; For All The Sick by *Mina & Tin Garcia*; +Jesus & +Nicolasa Molina by *T.J. Stewart*; +Alex Escañuelas Sr. by *Yolanda Escañuelas*; +Frank Vela by *Vela Family*; +Aida D. Sanchez by *Diane Ewing*; +Marybeth Jenkins Gerstner by *Wanda Anderson*



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.