



CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed Thursday, December 31, 2015 and Friday, January 1, 2016 in observance of New Year's Holiday. Office will reopen on Monday, January 4th at 8:00 AM.



MINISTRY OF THE WEEK

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION-

Parishioners who assist in distribution of the Eucharist at all Eucharistic celebrations. Training is required. Elfi Tucker – 432-816-6247.

ADULT CONFIRMATION MEETING

Meeting for those 18 years and older needing the sacrament of Confirmation will be Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Family Center. If you have not called the office to sign-up for the class, please call 714-4930.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

Applications are being taken for a part-time custodian here at the Church. If interested in applying, please call Richard at 466-9703.

AWESOME JOB ELEMENTARY CATECHISM CLASSES!

The elementary classes had a Can Food drive and collected **302 cans** for St. Vincent de Paul!

Kindergarten – 34; 1st – 18

2nd – 80; 3rd – 48

4th – 60; 5th – 62

Thank you students and teachers for your donations!

ST. VINCENTde PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul will be open on Tuesday, December 29, 2015, and closed on Thursday, January 31, 2015 in observance of New Year's Eve.

St. Vincent de Paul will re-open on Tuesday, January 5, 2015. For emergencies call St. Vincent de Paul, 432-270-5029.

“...behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light”

Zechariah 14:5, 7

December 18, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

In Isaiah 12:2-3 God tells us, “cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel”.

Long ago, one silent night, God revealed his glory bright; his own image came to man for a salvation's matchless plan.

Jesus, Savior, Shepherd, King, Lord of all - to you we bring praises, wonder, thanks and love for this gift from God above.

I am remembering you this Christmas and praying your celebration brings a heart full of joy as you remember God's amazing love shown through his son Jesus.

May you have a Merry Christmas and a blessed new year!

Monsignor Bernard L. Gully

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS



During the month of November, through your generous donations, St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 93 families with food from our pantry. There were 19 families who received financial aid for assistance with rent, utilities, prescriptions and gasoline. God bless you for your continue support!

Thank you to all who contributed to the filling of Thanksgiving baskets. We were able to distribute 45 baskets with a turkey, all the side dishes and a dessert. Your gift of sharing made many families truly thankful this year.

From all the volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul, we wish you all a very blessed Christmas. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones during this celebration of our Savior's birth.

“Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of selfish individualism.”

Pope Francis

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



December 27 "In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ." Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life

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 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 Seminarists!
 O God, you wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of your truth: send, we beg you, laborers into your harvest, and grant them grace to speak your word with all boldness so that your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know you, the only God, and Him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns world without end. Amen

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY
 The Search for Christian Maturity, a weekend Catholic program for high school and college-age people of our Diocese. Jesus' answer to 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.
 The **deposit of \$50 is required** at the time of reservation.
 The **insurance fee** has to be sent to San Angelo Diocese **30 days before the event.**
Classroom Rental:
 Deposit \$50- Rental \$50- Insurance \$120
School Hall Rental:
 Deposit \$50- Rental \$150- Insurance \$120
OLG Family Center Rental:
 Deposit \$50- Rental \$300- Insurance \$120

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE
12/20/15

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

Monday, December 28, 2015 – Day of Rest
Tuesday, December 29, 2015 – Day of Rest
Wednesday, December 30, 2015 – Day of Rest



BOUNTFUL HARVEST
Let us pray more and more that the Kingdom of God may spread everywhere in the hearts of all. The harvest is great but there are no laborers. Let us work at becoming good laborers!
-St. Julie Billiart



Sunday Collection
12/20/2015

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."



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

Tuesday, January 5, 2016
7:00 PM in East Room.
Sunday, January 17, 2016
2:30 PM in Family Center

Please look at each date for location of Ultreya, as it is held in either the Family Center or the East Room.

All are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Engaged Encounter is a weekend for engaged couples of any age who are committed to marry in the Catholic Church. It is designed to give couples an opportunity to dialogue intensively and honestly about their future together. Self-identity, role expectations, money, sex, children, family, and religion are some of the topics of face-to-face dialogue with one's partner. Through a series of talks on the lived experience of the team of married couples and a priest, the engaged couples are encouraged to privately discuss all the aspects of married life.

Registration should be made at least 60 days prior to the planned wedding date and after an initial meeting with your priest.

Engaged Encounter schedule:
January 22-24, 2016
February 19-21, 2016
March 18-20, 2016
May 20-22, 2016
August 5-7, 2016
October 28-30, 2016

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.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Beatrice Franco, Olivia Hernandez, 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.**



“And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.”

Luke 2:52

**Readings for the Week of
 December 27, 2015**

**Sunday The Holy Family of
 Jesus, Mary and Joseph** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

**Monday The Holy Innocents,
 Martyrs** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday Saint Thomas
 Becket, Bishop and Martyr** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday Saint Sylvester I,
 Pope** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

**Friday Solemnity of Mary,
 The Holy Mother of God** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday Saints Basil the
 Great and Gregory Nazianzen
 Bishops and Doctors of the
 Church** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Sunday The Epiphany of
 the Lord** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SANCTUARY CANDLE

**[HT] December 27 – Leticia &
 Isabella Mendoza**
**[St. Joseph] December 27 –
 OPEN**



SATURDAY, December 26, 2015

- 5:00 PM – [HT] Gilbert Leal B'day by *Mary Ann Leal*; Deceased Reyes Family Members by *Luz Martinez*; +Alex Torres by *Beatrice Padron*; +Melinda Garcia by *Mina & Tin Garcia*; +Joe Ortega by *Cruz & Arthur Olague*; Adryen Guerra 10th B'day, +Bobby Cordova by *Guerra Family*; +Olga Chavez by *Angie Hernandez*; +Esteban R. Duron by *Diane Ewing*; +Olga & +Johnny Hernandez by *Angie Hernandez*

SUNDAY, December 27, 2015

- 8:30 AM – [HT] +Valentin Corralez by *Margie Corralez*
- 11:00 AM – [HT] For the People; Jerry Holten B'day by *Dianna Valdez*; +Amelia Larez by *Jessie Martinez*; For All Veterans by *T.J. Stewart*; +Benito Sr. & +Benito Jr. Hilario by *Barbara Hilario*; Virgen de Guadalupe Spec. Int. by *Jose & Mary Martinez*; +Monika Kennemur by *Family*; +Aida D. Sanchez by *Diane Ewing*; +Bobby Cordova by *Diane Ewing*; For the Parishioners by *Linda Paredes*

MONDAY, December 28, 2015

- 7:00 AM-[Chapel] NO MASS
- 1:30 PM-[State] NO MASS

TUESDAY December 29, 2015

- 7:00 AM [Chapel] NO MASS

WEDNESDAY December 30, 2015

- 7:00 AM-[Chapel] NO MASS

THURSDAY, December 31, 2015

- 7:00 PM – [HT] Holy Souls by *Mary Chavez*

FRIDAY, January 1, 2015

- 10:00 AM – [HT] +Steven Valencia by *Delma H. Valencia*

SATURDAY, January 2, 2015

- 5:00 PM – [HT] For the People; +Howard Stevens by *Karen Stevens*; St. Jude by *Mary Lou Saldana*; +Ramon & +Mary Lou Torres by *Jean Govea*; Child of the Light, +Donna J. Arroyo by *Arroyo Family*; Our Lady of Guadalupe, +Erlinda & +Domingo Torres by *Jean Govea*; +Robert S. Ross Sr. by *Wanda Anderson*; +Alex Escañuelas Sr. by *Yolanda Escañuelas*; +Felix Robles Jr. by *Family*; +Gilbert & +Edward Reyna by *Demetria Reyna*

SUNDAY, January 3, 2015

- 8:30 AM – [HT] +Herminia Hernandez by *Mary Vera*
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Ruben, +Rosalia Billalba, +Santos, +Erlinda Lujan by *Family*; +Frances McKiski by *Family*; +Eva Madrid by *Gus Ochotorena Jr.*; +Elvira A. Olivas by *Sylvia Rodriguez*; +Paula Olague by *Irma Ortega*; +Jose Rivera by *Family*; +Elias Gamboa Sr. by *Gil Gamboa*; +Ramon Gonzales by *Christopher Gonzales*; +Michael Yanez by *Lucy F. Chavarria*



Sunday's Reflections
Colossians 3:12-21

THE FORGIVING FAMILY

The Christian family is a symbol of forgiveness and love. Every family has its rough spots. Within one family not everyone believes the same and prays the same. Some show love comfortably, others with embarrassment. Some naturally look out for someone else; others are concerned about themselves. Some boast about their accomplishments, others are humble. Some have old hurts that still ache, others have healed and forgiven. Families are not perfect, but they are designed for love.

On Holy Family Sunday, we remember that the model of family love is the love that Christ gives us. The Letter to the Colossians says, “As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.”

All society is a symbol of forgiveness and love. At least it should be. God loved us all enough to send Jesus into the world. He came to save us. We do not always respond to this love the way that we should. But at least we have a model for what love is like. It is compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Within the world, we have our differences, but we hold this in common: the ability to live in peace and the grace of God's forgiveness.

At Christmas we celebrate the gift of God's forgiveness, Christ, our redeemer. We try to imitate that forgiveness as individuals, as families, and as a community. If the forgiving Christ dwells in each family, each family will bring forgiveness to the world.

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