

OFFICE CLOSED

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Register now for Adult Confirmation classes. Classes will be starting soon.

Call the office 432-714-4930 to register.

PENANCE SERVICES IN SURROUNDING AREA

Holy Trinity, Big Spring, Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM

St. Lawrence, Garden City, Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM

San Miguel Arcangel, Midland, Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM

St. Ann's, Colorado City, Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Holy Redeemer, Odessa, Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM

St. Ann's, Midland, Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM

St. Mary's, Odessa, Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM

St. Joseph's, Odessa, Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM

2016-2017 ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

1. **Tuesday, December 6, 2016 - 7:00 PM** - Penance Service
2. **Thursday, December 8, 2016**- Feast of Immaculate Conception-(Holy Day)- **7:00 AM Mass, & 7:00 PM Mass Bilingual**, Tea after 7:00 PM Mass
3. **Friday, December 9, 2016 -7:00 AM** - Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlaticatzin
4. **Saturday/Sunday, December 10/11, 2016** -3rd Sunday in Advent
5. **Monday, December 12, 2016 -Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe 6:00 AM** Las Mañanitas – Bilingual, followed by Mass and then refreshments sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

EXTRA ORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers on Tuesday, December 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the church.

Junta para los Ministros Eucarísticos el martes, diciembre 5 a las 7:00 PM en la iglesia.

CONFESSIONS

NO Confessions on Thursday, December 8th due to Mass for Feast of Immaculate Conception.

LAS POSADAS – DECEMBER 16-24, 2016

Time for Las Posadas is getting near! To accomplish all nine days of Las Posadas we need various volunteers. Singers, musicians, people to open their homes to host Las Posadas, and safety persons for "crossing guards" are needed. If you and your family would like to participate in this beautiful event, please call **Erika Galvan - 432-270-3965 or Cruz Olague – 432-935-3042.**

¡Tiempo para Las Posadas está cerca! Para cumplir con todos los nueve días de Las Posadas necesitamos a varios voluntarios. Cantantes, músicos, personas que abren sus hogares y seguridad para "guardias de cruce" son necesarios. Si usted y su familia le gustaría participar en este hermoso evento favor de llamar **Erika Galvan - 432-270-3965 or Cruz Olague – 432-935-3042.**

thank you!

Holy Trinity would like to give a big thank you to the Ladies that made and sold the tamales. The ladies made \$755.00, which goes towards the Carpet Project.

Thank you Ladies for your hard work and for the great tasting tamales!

I want thank the youth group for their continued witness to our faith community Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

The Keep Big Spring Warm initiative was very successful. Thanks to everyone who contributed coats and blankets. The Youth Group did an awesome job cleaning, sizing, and making the coats and blankets available. This will help many keep warm this winter.

Also, on Sunday afternoon, November 20, 2016, the youth group put the new song books and missalettes in the plastic binders so that we could use them starting Advent.

Well done!!!

Monsignor Bernard L. Gully

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



Dec. 4 – Abortion, Poverty And Social Ills

Prior to 1973, abortion advocates argued that if abortion was legalized, the reduction in "unwanted children" would result in a dramatic reduction in poverty, child abuse and other social ills. This of course never materialized. On the contrary, poverty today is at record levels and child abuse has literally skyrocketed since 1973.

A very high percentage of Planned Parenthood abortion mills are located in poor and minority communities. It's no wonder that although abortions have decreased in America over the last few years, Planned Parenthood's abortion numbers continue to go up. By Pro-Life Articles Author www.pro-lifearticles.org

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.

PRAYER MEETING –

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

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?

Classes on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the East Room.

- December 5th Who Shepherds the Church
- December 12th Christmas
- December 19th –Pot Luck
- December 26th No Class
- January 2nd 5- Epiphany

**SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH
UPTON SEWELL**



Upton is 2nd Year Philosophy at Conception Seminary. His birthday is June 26, 1996 and is from Midland, TX. His favorite food is all kinds of food. Upton enjoys working out, but is not a morning person.

Please Pray for Our Seminarians!

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 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.

The **deposit of \$50 is required** at the time of reservation.

The **insurance fee** must 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

11/27/16

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	191	115
8:30 AM	130	88
11:00 AM	348	301
Total	669	504

St. Vincent de Paul
270-5029

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

Fr. Sam Matthiesen:

Thursday, December 8th and Friday, December 9th – Austin

Saturday, December 10th and Sunday, December 11th – weekend in Stanton



ADVENT

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT: HOPE

We light a second purple candle on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, tiqvah, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, elpis, depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return.

God's plan for humanity unfolded in the town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of the Messiah, joyously fulfilling a long-awaited promise. Today we confidently wait for the Messiah's triumphant return.

Advent resources can be found on -

www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent

MODEL OF JOY

At every Mass we assert that we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There is not a better time to reflect in joyful waiting than the quiet season of Advent, which comes before the celebration of Christmas. And there is no greater model of joy for us than Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

-from A Mary Christmas



Sunday Collection 11/27/2016

Envelope	\$4,503.00
Loose	<u>\$1,888.84</u>
Total	\$6,391.84

NEW CARPET PROJECT

As of October 31, 2016

\$41,162.87

Goal: \$75,000

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.



SCHEDULE OF ENGLISH ULTREYAS

All are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

DATE CHANGED:

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 – 7:00 PM in East room

Please try to participate in Las Posadas as part of our Ultreya activity.

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 **Lupe Pattin** who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Jesse Ramirez, Becky Mendoza, Juan Cervantes, Celia Lopez, Clara York, Jesse Loya Jr., Ida Sanchez, Martina Espinoza, Maria Dominguez, Miranda Tolle, Eric Hudson, Reynaldo Hernandez Sr. 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.**



“Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.”

Matthew 3:8

**Readings for the Week of
December 4, 2016**

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Saint Nicholas, Bishop Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2,3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday 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

Friday Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin Is 48:17-19; Ps: 1:1-2,3,4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



SANCTUARY CANDLE
[HT] December 4 – Mark, Dylan, & Coytt Corrales



SATURDAY, Dec. 3, 2016

- 5:00 PM – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; St. Jude by Mary Lou & Tony Saldana; +Lori & +Eddie Sr. DeLeon by Concha DeLeon; +Gary Flores by Luz Martinez; +Juan ‘John’ Rodriguez by Family & Friends; +Alex Escañuelas Sr. by Yolanda Escañuelas; +Cristino Sr. & +Cristino Jr. Correa by Maria Florez & Family; St. Joseph by Gary & Violanda Harris; +Donna Arroyo-Divine Child of the Light by Jean Govea; +Ramon & +Mary Torres-Our Lady of Guadalupe by Jean Govea

SUNDAY, Dec. 4, 2016

- 8:30 AM – [HT] +Valentin Corrales by Margarita Corrales
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Aida D. Sanchez by Diane Ewing; Cassie Torres Abundez B'day by Albert & Leticia Torres; +Juan ‘John’ Rodriguez by Family & Friends; +Santos & +Erlinda Lujan; +Ruben & +Rosalia Billalba; +Frances McKiski; +Ismael Lujan by Lujan Family; +Alex & +Santos Torres by Torres Family; +Ignacio, +Maria & +Andy Escañuelas by Jr. & Dora Escañuelas; Alonzo Landin B'day by Irma Ortega; +Gilbert Narbaiz by Patsy Sanchez; +Lucy Ochoa by Amanda & Amelia Islas

MONDAY, Dec. 5, 2016

- 7:00 AM [HT] +Virginia Diaz by Petra Rios-Rios

TUESDAY Dec. 6, 2016

- 7:00 AM [HT] Jimmy Marin-Health by Petra Rios-Rios

WEDNESDAY Dec. 7, 2016

- 7:00 PM [HT] +Johnny Flores by Arthur & Cruz Olague

THURSDAY, Dec. 8, 2016

- 7:00 AM [HT] +Wilbert Gully by Charles & Susie Gully
- 10:00 AM [BSSH] +Conception Anderson by Wanda Anderson

FRIDAY, Dec. 9, 2016

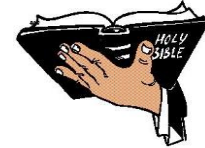
- 7:00 AM – [HT] +Wilbert Gully by M/M Leonard Gully

SATURDAY, Dec. 10, 2016

- 5:00 PM – [HT] +Juan ‘John’ Rodriguez by Family & Friends; +Celestino Correa Sr. by Maria Flores & Family; +Domingo & +Erlinda Torres-St. Jude by Jean Govea; +Luiz Martinez by Martinez Family; +Lucy Ochoa by Patsy Sanchez; +Olivia Guzman by Luz Martinez; +Jeannie Flores by Luz Martinez; +Juana Torres by Luz Martinez; Eddie & Gino Flores by Luz Martinez

SUNDAY, Dec. 11, 2016

- 8:30 AM – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; San Judas Tadeo Apostol by Jose Enrique Gonzalez
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Damacia M. Duron by Diane Ewing; +Aida D. Sanchez by Diane Ewing; Elle Torres B'day by Albert & Leticia Torres; +Sergio, +Jose Ventura Gonzalez by Abundia Gonzalez & Family; +Alex & +Santos Torres by Torres Family; Leticia M. Mendoza B'day by Salazar Family; +Lucia Cortez by Yolanda & Carlos Gonzales; +Juan ‘John’ Rodriguez by Family & Friends; +Ramon & +Mary Lou Torres, +Donna Arroyo by Jr. & Dora Escañuelas



Sunday's Reflections
Romans 15:4-9

GOOD MEMORIES

The memory of good times helps us through the bad times. Sometimes we wonder if we have enough strength to go on, enough charity to be kind again today, enough hope for tomorrow. The memory of good times in the past can give us strength to be virtuous. We know that adversity in the past has made us who we are today. We believe that the adversity of today will make us better for tomorrow.

God has promised good times. God made this promise through many generations of the chosen people. When they were beset by loss of property, exile, and the death of those they loved, they often wondered what their future would be. But God promised better days. They knew from the past that God delivered on promises like this, and they found hope for the present.

The promises of God were so sacred that they became our Scriptures. Saint Paul says, “Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” By examining God’s past promises, we take comfort. We know that even in the midst of adversity, we are still held in God’s hands.

Jesus came to confirm God’s promises to the patriarchs. During Advent we hear these promises over and over again. They prepare us for the joy of Christmas. God had prepared the way for Christ, and God is still guiding the church that is Christ’s body.

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