

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

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. **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.
2. **Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 17/18, 2016 - 4th Sunday in Advent**
3. **Friday, December 16-24, 2016 – 6:30 PM** Las Posadas
4. **Monday, December 19, 2016 –** Decorate the church.
5. **Saturday, December 24, 2016 - Christmas Eve Masses** (Midnight Mass Readings)
5:00 PM - Mass
6:30 PM - Las Posadas
7:00 PM - Mass (Bilingual)
6. **Sunday, December 25, 2016 - 10:00 AM - Christmas Day Mass** - Bilingual.
7. **Saturday/Sunday, December 31, January 1, 2017** - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph.
8. **Saturday/Sunday, January 7/8, 2017** - Regular Schedule - Epiphany of the Lord
9. **Saturday, January 28, 2016** - Music Ministry Workshop
10. **Tuesday, February 7, 2016 - 7:00 PM** - Lenten Liturgy Committee Meeting

CONFESSIONS

Confessions on Thursday, December 15th from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

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**.

WELCOME NEWCOMER'S

If you are new to our church, please register by obtaining a form from one of our Greeters and returning it to the office at 1009 Hearn.

PARISHIONERS UPDATE CENSUS FORM

Parishioners, if you have had a change of address or phone number please call the office at 714-4930 and update the census form.

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE WEST TEXAS ANGELUS?

Are you registered in the church and not receiving the West Texas Angelus? Please call the office at 714-4930 so this can be corrected. Every registered family should receive this FREE Catholic newspaper monthly.

DIOCESAN IMMIGRATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

The San Angelo Diocese Immigration Services in our three deaneries have been open for a few years. The services include processing documents for such things as Naturalization and Citizenship Applications, Alien Relative Petitions, Adjustment of Status Immigrations Benefit Applications, Temporary Protective Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (Dream Act), Waiver of Disability, and Work Permits. If you or someone you know needs legal assistance with immigration, please contact the following: **Midland/Odessa deanery call the Catholic Charities in Odessa (432) 332-1387**.

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



Dec. 11 – 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 12th Christmas

December 19th –Pot Luck

December 26th No Class

January 2nd 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

12/04/16

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	260	122
8:30 AM	131	94
11:00 AM	330	166
Total	721	382

St. Vincent de Paul
270-5029

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

Fr. Sam Matthiesen:

Friday, December 16th – Day of Rest

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, December 10th and Sunday, December 11th - Retirement Fund for Religious

SECOND COLLENTION NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, December 17th and Sunday, December 18th – St. Vincent de Paul

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS - Aging religious need your help.

Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



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



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.

ADVENT

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT: JOY

Hot pink, pale pink, rose pink are all shades of pink painted into a sunrise. Like the various shades of pink, our expressions of joy can be so different. Joy can be exuberant when we experience the faithfulness of God, it can be calm confidence in His sovereignty, or pure delight as He expresses His love.

Joy has many shades. It should never be determined by how we feel, but on who God is. The joy of the Lord can thrill us or make us resolute in the secure knowledge of God's presence. Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16 to be joyful always. Jesus tells us "With God all things are possible." Mark 9:24 This combination of truth should help us be joyful each day.

Sunday Collection 12/04/2016

Envelope **\$6,049.00**
Loose **\$2,258.80**
Total **\$8,307.80**

Noisy Coin Collection **\$51.29**

NEW CARPET PROJECT
As of October 31, 2016
\$41,162.87

Goal: \$75,000

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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.



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

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

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Olga Trevino, Stephen Robles, Jesse Ramirez, Becky Mendoza, Juan Cervantes, Celia Lopez, Jesse Loya Jr., Ida Sanchez, Martina Espinoza, Maria Dominguez, Miranda Tolle. 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.**



"Go and tell John what you hear and see..."

Matthew 11:4

**Readings for the Week of
December 11, 2016**

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

Monday 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

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

Wednesday Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

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

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



SANCTUARY CANDLE
[HT] December 11 – Leticia & Isabella Mendoza



SATURDAY, Dec. 10, 2016

- 5:00 PM – [HT] +Juan 'John' Rodriguez by Family & Friends; +Celestino Correa Sr. by Maria Florez & 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

MONDAY, Dec. 12, 2016 Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

- 6:30 AM [HT] +Nicolasa Molina by Molina Family

TUESDAY Dec. 13, 2016

- 7:00 AM [HT] +Conception Anderson by Wanda Anderson
- 10:30 AM [Parkview] +Angelita, +Esperanza, +Alicia by Victor & Alicia Torres

WEDNESDAY Dec. 14, 2016

- 10:30 AM [BSSCC] +Mauricio & +Maria Torres, +Herman Padron by Victor & Alicia Torres
- 7:00 PM [HT] +Lucy Ochoa by Saragosa Ochoa

THURSDAY, Dec. 15, 2016

- 7:00 AM [HT] +Michael Yanez B'day by Lucy F. Chavarria
- 10:00 AM [BSSH] +Wilbert Gully by Bobby & Karen Eggemeyer

FRIDAY, Dec. 16, 2016

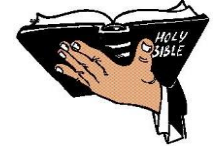
- 7:00 AM – [HT] Stephen Ewing B'day by Diane Ewing

SATURDAY, Dec. 17, 2016

- 5:00 PM – [HT] +Juan 'John' Rodriguez by Family & Friends; +Lucia Cortez & +Rebecca Rodriguez by Maria Florez & Family; +Elvira Hernandez by Joe Viera Jr.; +Luiz Martinez by Martinez Family; BSI Students & Families by Patsy Sanchez; +Gilbert Narbaiz by Patsy Sanchez & Saragosa Ochoa; +Jose 'Prieto' Martinez by Alicia Salazar; +Leo Salazar by Alicia Salazar; Mrs. Luiz (Elaine) Martinez by Paula Martinez

SUNDAY, Dec. 18, 2016

- 8:30 AM – [HT] +Esther, +Lydia Hernandez by Mary Vera
- 11:00 AM – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; +Robert Anderson by Wanda Anderson; +Aida D. Sanchez by Diane Ewing; +Alex & +Santos Torres by Torres Family; Daniel Foster B'day by Angie Foster; +Elvira Hernandez by Trevino Family; +Juan 'John' Rodriguez by Family & Friends; +Alex Escañuelas Sr. by Jr. & Dora Escañuelas; +Alberto Morales by Janie Rodriguez; +Johnnie Flores by Janie Rodriguez



Sunday's Reflections
James 5:7-10

PATIENT WAITING

Some things just take time. It takes time for crops to grow, for bread to rise, and for wine to age. It takes time to learn how to play a musical instrument or to develop athletic skill. Some things cannot be rushed. We do what we can to prepare the earth and strengthen our bodies for the tasks at hand. But in the end, we wait.

It is hard to wait, especially when we anticipate good results. We wish that children would master the lesson, that the beloved would return from a journey, and that God would answer a prayer. It is hard to wait for what we want. Sometimes we do not behave our best while we are waiting. We grow impatient and irritable.

God is slow. It took thousands of years for God to deliver on the promise to Abraham. Eventually, the child was born in Bethlehem. Then, people had to wait for the child to grow up.

Then Jesus died on the cross, and people had to wait for the resurrection. Then he rose, appeared, and promised to come back again. But people had to wait. We are still waiting.

The Letter of James says, "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." We know we must be patient for Christ to come again. While we are waiting, we strive to live in harmony, because it is in our community where we experience even now the coming of our God.

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