

**CHURCH OFFICE**

The office will be closed Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas. Office will open on Tuesday, December 27th at 8:00 AM.

NO CCE CLASSES

No CCE classes till Sunday, January 8, 2017 and Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Have a safe and blessed holiday, see you next year.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Register now for Adult Confirmation classes. Classes will be starting on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the East Room.

Call the office 432-714-4930 to register.

PENANCE SERVICES IN SURROUNDING AREA

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

CARMELITES FROM CRISTOVAL

The Carmelites will be here this weekend, Saturday, December 17th & Sunday, December 18th after the Masses. They are a self-supporting community.

Carmelites will be bringing their famous baked bread, chocolates and jellies.

Please help support the Carmelites and buy some delicious goodies!

CONFESSIONS

NO Confessions on Thursday, December 22nd due to Las Posadas.

PARISH FLOCK NOTES

If you are not receiving our Flock Notes, please call the office so we can either add you to our list or to correct the problem.

Flock Notes are sent when there is bad weather and we need to cancel an event or to remind you of gatherings.

Please call the office 432-714-4930.

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. 18 – As we prepare to adore the newborn Christ child, let us see what the humble shepherds and wise men saw: the image of God in a newborn child. This was the same child, though invisible in Mary's womb, who had been a human being from the moment of conception. His birth only changed His place of residence.

As we welcome the Christ Child, may our hearts be open to see each as a precious gift from God, we pray.

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 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 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** 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

12/11/16

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	159	120
8:30 AM	178	121
11:00 AM	318	166
Total	655	407
St. Vincent de Paul 270-5029		

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

Msgr. Bernard Gully:
Monday, December 19th – Day of Rest
Fr. Sam Matthiesen:
Friday, December 23rd – Day of Rest

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
Saturday, December 17th and Sunday, December 18th – St. Vincent de Paul - The funds help the needy people of Howard County and surrounding areas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ADVENT

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT: The season is for most Christians one of anticipation and hope (if one looks beyond the commercialisation!), although at its beginnings the emphasis was much more on penitence, fasting and sin. For most Christians it is not just a celebration of a moment in time when a baby was born, but also looks beyond to a time when the Bible tells us that Jesus will come again, not as a weak and vulnerable baby but in power and with authority. The traditional Scripture readings for this time emphasise both the First and Second Coming of Jesus Christ, and our accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin and the hope of eternal life. Advent is also a spiritual journey that Christians take, through the truths of Scripture that point to the birth of Messiah, to a reaffirmation that he has come, is present in the world today and will come again in glory. It mirrors the journey of faith that Christians make after that moment of realisation and acceptance of who Jesus is, in that we take that first step of faith in commitment, continue hopefully to walk the road of faith and increasing understanding, and look forward to our destination, which is to be in his presence forever!

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**Sunday Collection
12/11/2016**

Envelope \$5,831.00
Loose \$1,658.20
Total \$7,489.20

Retirement for Religious
\$1,866.32

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.

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

Tuesday, January 3, 2017,
7:00 PM in East Room
Sunday, January 15, 2017,
2:30 PM in Family Center

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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 **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

Jovi Hilario, 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.**



“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.” —Matthew 1:20

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

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

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

Tuesday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday Saint John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79 **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Sunday The Nativity of the Lord Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

SANCTUARY CANDLE

[HT] December 18 – Leticia & Isabella Mendoza



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; +Johnny Flores by Janie Rodriguez

MONDAY, Dec. 19, 2016

- 7:00 AM [HT] +Thomasa Chavez by Mary Chavez

TUESDAY Dec. 20, 2016

- 7:00 AM [HT] Isabella Mendoza B'day by Salazar Family

WEDNESDAY Dec. 21, 2016

- 7:00 PM [HT] +J.J. Morales B'day by Lucy F. Chavarria

THURSDAY, Dec. 22, 2016

- 7:00 AM [HT] +Luiz Martinez by Paula Martinez & Family
- 10:00 AM [BSSH] +Wilbert Gully by Dennis & Barbara Fuchs

FRIDAY, Dec. 23, 2016

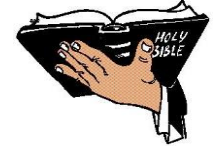
- 7:00 AM – [HT] +Ophelia Flores by Angie Foster

SATURDAY, Dec. 24, 2016 CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:00 PM – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; +Juan ‘John’ Rodriguez by Family & Friends; +Henry Valverde by Margie Valverde; +Demetrio Rocha by Margie Valverde; +Robert Baeza by Baeza Family; +Johnny Arispe by Baeza Family; +Domingo S. Rocha by Sylvia S. Rocha; +Esequiel & +Katy Hernandez by Nora Hernandez; +Cruz & +Joe ‘Prieto’ Martinez by Amelia Martinez; All Deceased Correa Family Members by Maria Florez & Family
- 7:00 PM – [HT] San Judas Tadeo Apostol by Jose Enrique Gonzalez

SUNDAY, Dec. 25, 2016 CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10:00 AM – [HT] +Aida D. Sanchez by Diane Ewing; +Pedro & +Manuela Baltazar by M/M Steve Escañuelas; +Alex & +Santos Torres by Torres Family; +Jose Angel Sr. & +Gloria Gonzales by Jose Angel Jr., Jovita, Linda; Gilbert Leal B'day by Leal Family; Tegan Ontiveros by Terri Ontiveros; +Bernabe & +Pascual, +Petra Ruiz by Jr. & Dora Escañuelas; +Juan ‘John’ Rodriguez by Family & Friends; +Jimmy & +Chon Yanez by Diane & Family



Sunday's Reflections
Romans 1:1-7

EXCHANGING GIFTS

Christmas presents are gathering under trees. The opening of gifts opens hearts as well. Gifts are given in love, and they promote love in return. We love all year round, not just on Christmas Day. We may not give wrapped gifts every day of the year, but we love every day. We say it, show it, and feel it.

At Christmas, we will celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the human race. It is not Christmas every day, but God is good to us every day, showing love in many and marvelous ways.

A Christmas gift of love prompts a response—a hug, a kiss, a note of thanks, or a favor in return. The greatest Christmas gift also prompts a response—a desire to live in ways that please Christ.

St. Paul calls himself an apostle “set apart for the gospel of God,” the gospel promised through the prophets in the Scriptures, the gospel about God’s Son, “descended from David according to the flesh.” Throughout Advent, we have heard prophecies foretelling the birth of Jesus. They help us experience the full wonder of Christmas Day: that God took on flesh and was born into a human family descended from David. That is the gospel, the good news. So great was that gospel, that Paul became its apostle.

And so did we. In all we say and do, we tell others how much the Christian faith means to us. It is the natural response to the greatest gift of all.

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