

# Advent

## 2017-2018 SCHEDULE

1. **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:00 AM – Las Mañanitas and refreshments in Family Center
2. **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** – Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during all Masses.
3. **Children's Christmas Pageant** – Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in the School Hall.
4. **Las Posadas** – Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Locations to be announced.
5. **Weekend Masses of December 23 & 24, 2017** – Saturday at 5:00 PM, Sunday at 10:00 AM
6. **Decorate Church Environment** – Sunday, December 24, 2017 after 10:00 AM Mass.
7. **Christmas Eve Masses** – December 24, 2017 at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.
8. **Christmas Day Mass** – Monday, December 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM

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### 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 **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 **Cruz Olague – 432-935-3042**.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Dear Holy Trinity Catholic Parishioners,

With your donations we have fully paid the \$72,000.00 amount needed to remove the asbestos in the floor glue, refinish the pews, and install new carpet in the church.

This is very exciting for me. This tells me that you want the Catholic Church to continue in Howard County.

You actually gave more than needed, in the amount of \$79,475.00.

The extra amount of \$7,475.00 was used to pay the final payment on the parking lot upgrade. This included the sweeping away of the extra rock, patching any cracks in the old asphalt, resealing the asphalt, and painting the parking stripes. The total cost of the parking lot upgrade cost \$15,800.00.

You will stop receiving the pink envelopes in February. Thanks again!

Thanks again for your kind generosity. Your generosity tells me that you want the Catholic Church to continue in Howard County.

Thanks again for your generosity!

The love of Christ urges us forward!

Monsignor Bernard L. Gully

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### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Come help us sing the Mañanitas to Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6:00 AM on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Refreshments will be provided after the Mañanitas in the Family Center.

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### BLESSING of EXPECTANT MOTHERS

We will be having the Blessing of Expectant Mothers on the weekend of **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** at all Masses. If you know of an Expectant Mother, please invite her to come and receive a Blessing for a healthy pregnancy and delivery.

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### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Any adult 19 years of age or older who want to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation please call the office at 432-714-4930 to sign up for Confirmation classes.

The classes will begin Jan. 14, 2018. If you complete all the studies, you will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, March 5, 2018.

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



**December 10** "If you know someone who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God's unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness."

For those grieving after abortion: May they trust in God's patient mercy and find healing through his Church; We pray to the Lord:

**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.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

Ladies Bible Study meets on **Monday at 12:00 PM** in the East Room. Please join for great studies and fellowship.

**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? New comers welcome.

**Class is on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Family Center.**

**SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH**



**FRANCISCO CAMACHO**

Francisco is 1<sup>st</sup> year Philosophy at Conception Seminary. He is from Midland, Texas and his birthday is April 29, 1999. Francisco's favorite food is Pizza and he likes playing the saxophone.

**PRAY FOR FRANCISCO!**

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd,  
May young people in our parish  
Hear your call and follow your voice  
As they discern their vocations.  
Lead your people to heaven  
Through the ministry of holy priests  
And consecrated men and women.  
Jesus, we trust in you! Amen.

**Formed.org**

Have you logged on to the see all the available videos, books and studies that can be done on this site?

Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org), register under the parish, enter the Parish Code **NJK8TT** and enjoy! This is a free subscription. If you experience any problems, please call the office and we can assist.

**SICK VISITATION**

If Catholics cannot come to church, then the church comes to them (priest/communion). 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.

**MARRIAGE**

Please call the office, 714-4930, at least six months prior to planning wedding.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTIZING:**

To baptize a child 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.

**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

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.**

**SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE**  
12/03/17

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	120	77
8:30 AM	240	124
11:00 AM	360	205
<b>Total</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>406</b>

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
**270-5029**

**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 us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Retirement Fund for Religious – The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) coordinates the annual Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) collection and distributes the proceeds to eligible religious communities. More than 32,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit. The RFR underwrites financial assistance, consultation, and education that help religious communities meet the immediate and ongoing needs of aging members.

Roughly 94% of donations directly aid senior religious and their communities. The remainder is used for administration and promotion of the nationwide appeal.

Faithfully United as the  
Trinity

*Unidos Fielmente como la  
Trinidad*



**Sunday Collection**  
12/03/2017

Envelope	<b>\$6,856.75</b>
Loose	<b>\$2,221.82</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,078.57</b>

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

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.

**Further dates will be announced soon.**

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

**EWTN**

**NEW CARPET PROJECT**  
As of November 28, 2017  
**\$79,727.430**

**Goal: \$72,000**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**SPANISH ULTREYA**

Todos los lunes, 7:00 PM en el salón de St. Frances. Todos están invitados a venir y disfrutar de la beca.

**ADVENT IS A WAKE-UP CALL**

Advent is a wake-up call to the Church, a time when we're prodded into beginning again, taking more notice of our spiritual surroundings, once again getting going on the work of the kingdom in the world. For some of us, if we've neglected the spiritual side of our lives, this wake-up call is going to jar us into awareness, and at times we will want to pull a metaphorical pillow over our heads and pretend that it's still dark. For others of us, it's a welcome opportunity for a fresh start.

—from the book *Advent with St. Francis: Daily Reflections*

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

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of the late **Hilda Herrera and Virginia Cansino**, who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Nora Landin, Gudalupe Ornelas, Jeff Moery, Jesse Loya Jr., Melissa Gonzales, Mary Ann Franco, Theresa Lewis, Martin Castaneda, Frances Holguin, Yazmin Martínez, Josephine Uranga. 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.**



“A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths”

— Mark 1:3

**Readings for the Week of  
December 10, 2017**

**Sunday Second Sunday of Advent** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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

**Tuesday 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

**Wednesday Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday** 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 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**[HT] December 10 – Leticia & Isabella Mendoza**



**SATURDAY, December 9, 2017**

5:00 PM Mass – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; +Juan Rodriguez by *Rodriguez Family*; +Josie DeLeon by *Rudy DeLeon & Family*; +Hijinio Moreno Sr. by *Isabel Moreno*; +Tammy Payne; +Gilbert Narbaiz by *Saragosa Ochoa & Patsy Sanchez*; +Robert Ramirez by *Frances & Kevin Ramirez & Family*; +Josie DeLeon by *Rudy DeLeon & Family*; +Katy & +Esequiel Hernandez by *Nora Hernandez*; *Nora Landin Health by Family*

**SUNDAY, December 10, 2017**

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] +Sergio & +Jose Ventura Gonzalez by *Abundia Gonzalez Y Familia*
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] +Aida D. Sanchez & +Gilbert Duron by *Diane Ewing*; +Damacia M. Duron 11<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary by *Diane Ewing*; Elle Torres by *Leticia & Albert Torres*; Shannon Robles B'day by *Jimmy & Nellie Robles*; +Melba Chavez by *Manuel Chavez & Family*; Our Lady of Carmel-Thanksgiving by *Cecilia Trevino*; Health of Cruz & Jose Hinojos by *Delma Valencia*; Christopher Gonzales by *Essie & Lupe Ortiz*; Virgen de San Juan by *Amanda & Amelia Islas*

**MONDAY, December 11, 2017**

- 7:00 AM [HT] NO MASS
- 10:30 AM [Parkview]

**TUESDAY, December 12, 2017**

- 12:15 PM [HT] +Willie & +Esperanza Mendoza by *Rosanna Mendoza*

**WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2017**

- 7:00 PM [HT] +Conception Anderson by *Wanda Anderson*

**THURSDAY, December 14, 2017**

- 7:00 AM [HT] +Ted Podhirney by *Mary Chavez*
- 10:00 AM [STATE]

**FRIDAY, December 15, 2017**

- 7:00 AM [HT] +Alex Torres by *Torres Family*

**SATURDAY, December 16, 2017**

5:00 PM Mass – [HT] Stephen Ewing B'day by *Diane Ewing*; +Aida D. Sanchez & +Gilbert Duron by *Diane Ewing*; +Michael Yanez B'day by *Lucy F. Chavarria*; +Josie DeLeon by *Rudy DeLeon & Family*; +Melba Chavez by *Manuel Chavez & Family*; +Juan Rodriguez by *Rodriguez Family*; For All Deceased Rocha Family by *Cruz & Arthur Olague*; +George Martinez by *Luz Martinez*; Leticia Mendoza B'day by *Salazar Family*

**SUNDAY, December 17, 2017**

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; +Esther & +Lydia Hernandez by *Mary Vera*
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] +Mary P. Villanueva by *Florian Villanueva*; St. Jude by *Jimmy & Nellie Robles*; +Henry Valverde by *Margie Valverde*; +Eutimo Ortega by *Sophia Ortega*; +Aida D. Sanchez & +Gilbert Duron by *Diane Ewing*; +Bernabe, +Pascuala, & +Petra Ruiz by *Jr. & Dora Escañuela*; Correa & Redding Family by *Celia Redding*; +Elvira & +Fred Olivas Jr. by *Sylvia Rodriguez & Family*; +Katy & +Esequiel Hernandez by *Nora Hernandez*



**Sunday's Reflections**  
2 Peter 3:8-14

**DELAYS, DELAYS**

We wait for many reasons. We wait because others got in line before us, or because the staff is short-handed. We wait because someone hasn't come home yet, or because the soup isn't hot. Children can't wait to be treated like adults, but they must. They must wait until they mature, learning more about life, the character of others, and the character of themselves.

It is this kind of waiting—the waiting for children to mature—that is one of the characteristics of Advent.

When the Second Letter of Peter was written, people had been expecting the imminent return of Jesus Christ. He had promised to come again. His disciples believed him. Many thought they would live to see him return, but it hadn't happened yet. Now a new confusion arose. Where is Jesus? Why does he delay? What is he waiting for?

The letter says, “The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard ‘delay,’ but he is patient with you.” Jesus is not dragging his feet because he is slow. He is taking his time because we are slow. He does not wish “that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

The day of the Lord will come, and we'd better be ready. But one reason for the “delay” is to give us time to repent, reform our lives, and awaken our expectation for Christ. That is what Advent is for.

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