

# Advent

## 2017-2018 SCHEDULE

- 1. Decorate Church Environment** – Sunday, December 24, 2017 after 10:00 AM Mass.
- 2. Christmas Eve Masses** – December 24, 2017 at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.
- 3. Christmas Day Mass** – Monday, December 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM
- 4. Weekend Masses of December 30 & 31, 2017** – Saturday at 5:00 PM, Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
- 5. New Year's Day Mass** – January 1, 2018 – 10:00 AM – Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
- 6. Weekend Masses of January 6 & 7, 2018** – Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM – Epiphany of the Lord
- 7. Weekend Masses of January 13 & 14, 2018** – Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM – Baptism of the Lord.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.



### CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas Day. The office will be open on Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

December 19, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

This letter is to inform you that our Pastoral Coordinator, Richard Light, is retiring from his position on January 1, 2018. Richard was commissioned as Pastoral Coordinator on February 15, 2008 by Bishop Pfeifer to serve the newly consolidated parishes in Howard County. Bishop Pfeifer gave the name of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish after considering the many recommendations given by the members of the Catholic Community in Howard County.

Richard has his Master's in Pastoral Studies from the Jesuit University, Loyola University in New Orleans. He brought much expertise in the field of education, and management. He has served our parish faithfully for 10 years.

We are very grateful for his service all these years. We ask for the Blessing of the Trinity for all his family.

The love of Christ urges us forward,

Monsignor Bernard L. Gully



**In honor of the 10 years of service that Richard Light has given to the church we will be having a reception for his retirement on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM, right after the 5:00 PM Mass. Reception will be held in Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Center, everyone is welcome to join us for this celebration.**

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



**December 24** “An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it’s important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. ...Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone’s life.”  
For couples longing for a child: May God strengthen and comfort them as they strive to follow his plan, 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 will be on holiday until Monday, January 8, 2018. Please join us at 12:00 PM 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.

**NO Class on Monday, December 25, 2017 due to the Christmas Holiday.**

**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.

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Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org), register under the parish, enter the Parish Code **NJK8TT** and enjoy!  
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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  
12/17/17**

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	186	136
8:30 AM	173	100
11:00 AM	371	185
<b>Total</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>421</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul 270-5029</b>		

**FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT: PEACE**

Today we light again the candles of hope, love, and joy, and the fourth PURPLE candle, the candle of peace. Christ is the Prince of peace, come to reconcile us with God and others. Christ helps us to see that peace is possible.

**SECOND COLLECTION THE  
WEEKEND OF SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup>  
AND SUNDAY, JANUARY  
14<sup>th</sup>**

St. Vincent de Paul—



St. Vincent de Paul was a French Roman Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. He was canonized in 1737. He was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity. St. Vincent helps the surrounding counties of Howard, Martin and Glasscock.

**Faithfully United as the  
Trinity**

**Unidos Fielmente como la  
Trinidad**



**Sunday Collection  
12/17/2017**

Envelope	<b>\$5,601.00</b>
Loose	<b>\$1,998.70</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,599.70</b>
<b>St. Vincent</b>	<b>\$3,210.60</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**

**IN MEMORY OF OUR  
FAMILY  
JOSE & DORA...**

**SPANISH ULTREYA**

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

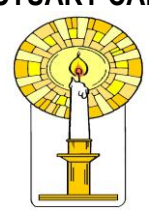


“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.”

— Luke 1:30

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
GENEROSITY!**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**



**[HT] December 24 – Leticia  
& Isabella Mendoza**

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

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of the late **Chila Serrato, Guadalupe ‘Lupe’ Ortiz and Cruz Morón**, who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Jimmy DeLeon Jr., Nora Landin, Guadalupe Ornelas, Jeff Moery, Jesse Loya Jr., Melissa Gonzales, Mary Ann Franco, Theresa Lewis, Martin Castaneda, 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.**

**Readings for the Week of  
December 24, 2017**

**Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 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

**Monday 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 Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Tuesday Saint Stephen, The First Martyr** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Wednesday Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

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

**Friday Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord / Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

**Saturday Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

**Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40 or, for Year B, Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40


**SATURDAY, December 23, 2017**

5:00 PM Mass – [HT] +Ofelia Flores B'day by Angie Foster; +Domingo S. Rocha & +Leo Salazar by Sylvia S. Rocha; +Petra Arguello by Alicia & Victor Torres; +Gabriel Garcia DeLeon by Gary T. & Violanda Harris; +Mary Ann Halfmann by Bill & Grace Phelps; +Melba Chavez by Manuel Chavez & Family; +Pilar, +Petra & +Goya Escañuela by M/M Steve Escañuela; St. Rafael by Cecilia T.; +Elias R. Chavez by Isabel & Ramona

**SUNDAY, December 24, 2017**

- 10:00 AM Mass – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; +Domingo, +Demetrio, +Monica Rocha by Sylvia S. Rocha; Our Lady of Carmen by Larry Martinez & Cecilia T.; In Thanksgiving by Grace & Bill Phelps; +Hijinio Moreno Sr. by Isabel Moreno; +Felix & +Matilda Robles by Conchita Rodriguez; +Rafael & +Hilario Cantu by Essie & Lupe Ortiz; +Delia O. Hoyte by Ortiz & Valdez Family; Adryen Guerra 12<sup>th</sup> B'day by Guerra Family; +Robert Anderson by Wanda Anderson;
- 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass – [HT] +Juana & +Santos Torres by Torres Family
- 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass – [HT] +Elvira Olivas by Sylvia Rodriguez & Family

**MONDAY, December 25, 2017**

- 10:00 AM [HT] +Pedro & +Manuela Baltazar by M/M Steve Escanuelas

**TUESDAY, December 26, 2017**

- 12:15 PM [HT] COMMUNION SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2017**

- 7:00 PM [HT] COMMUNION SERVICE

**THURSDAY, December 28, 2017**

- 7:00 AM [HT] COMMUNION SERVICE
- 10:00 AM [STATE] NO MASS

**FRIDAY, December 29, 2017**

- 7:00 AM [HT] John Escovedo B'day by Isabel Escovedo

**SATURDAY, December 30, 2017**

5:00 PM Mass – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; +Esteban R. Duron by Diane Ewing; +Melba Chavez by Cecilia Trevino; +Angie Gutierrez by Cecilia T.; St. Nino de Atoche by Josephine Uranga; +Phillip Mendoza by Yolanda & Family; +Melba Chavez by Manuel Chavez & Family; Matthew, Brandon & J.D. Mendoza & Families by Gary & Violanda Harris; St. Rafael by Cecilia T.; +Ignacio & +Maria Escañuelas by M/M Steve Escañuelas

**SUNDAY, December 31, 2017**

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] San Judas Tadeo Apostol by Jose Enrique Gonzalez
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] Our Lady of Carmel in Thanksgiving by Cecilia Trevino; +Dr. William Cox by Elida Hinojos; +Cruz Morón by Wanda Anderson; +Jesusita & +Gilbert Hinojos by Elida Hinojos; For All Deceased Veterans by T.J. Stewart; For the Protection of All Animals by T.J. Stewart; Health of Rocky Ramirez by Essie & Lupe Ortiz; +Gilbert Narbaiz by Patsy Sanchez & Saragosa Ochoa


**Sunday's Reflections  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**
**LIGHTEN UP**

Christmas is serious business, but it shouldn't be taken too seriously. Christmas will be a time for joy, as we gather with family and friends, and as we worship at church to celebrate the good news that Christ is born for us. All this celebrating demands hard work. Work is rarely fun, but the preparation for Christmas brings along with it some of the enjoyment of Christmas Day. This work helps us think about the love we have and the hope we share.

Even Advent can get too serious. True, this is a time of preparation. We confess our sins and mend fences so that Christmas will have more meaning for us. But Advent aims to keep us joyful all the way to Christmas. "Rejoice always," we hear Paul say today. "In all circumstances give thanks."

Paul was addressing the Christian community in Thessalonica. He reaffirmed their belief that the second coming of Christ was very close. He prayed for them, that they "be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

One sign of their blamelessness would be their joy. Rejoice always, Paul says. Always.

Throughout Advent, we get distracted. We have many duties in the weeks ahead. There isn't much time to get everything done. But even this time of preparation is a time to lighten up. Let us not lose sight of where we're headed: Christmas Day! Rejoice!

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