

2014 Advent Mass Schedule


1. **Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14, 2014**- 3rd Sunday of Advent - Blessing of Expectant Mothers and Diaper and Bath Products Drive
2. **Monday, December 16-24, 2014** – 6:30 pm Las Posadas (9 nights)
3. **Sat. /Sun. Dec. 20/21, 2014** – 4th Sun. Advent –3:00 PM Children’s Christmas Pageant.
4. **Monday, December 22, 2014**- Decorate Church environment for Christmas Masses
5. **Tuesday, December 24, 2014- Christmas Eve Masses**
5:00 PM Children’s Mass
6:30 PM Las Posadas
7:00 PM Mass (Bilingual)
6. **Wednesday, December 25, 2014**
10:00 AM - Christmas Day Mass

MENUDO TO GO

Menudo to go with all the trimmings, for \$9.00, will be available after Masses, Saturday, December 13, 2014 and Sunday, December 14, 2014.

PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM—San Miguel Arcángel, Midland
 Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 6:30 PM – St. Joseph, Stanton
 Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 PM – St. Mary’s, Odessa
 Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM – St. Ann’s, Midland
 Friday, December 19, 2014 at 6:30 PM – St. Joseph, Odessa
 Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM – Holy Redeemer, Odessa

ADVENT NOTES BY BISHOP SIS

Are you receiving the seasonal series entitled, "Advent Notes by Bishop Sis," a daily devotional that is moving on multiple platforms (Facebook, Twitter and DOSAMail) thru Christmas. Spread the word, and tell your friends to sign up for DOSAMail, friend the Diocese of San Angelo on Facebook or follow Bishop Michael Sis on Twitter (#bishopsis) in anticipation of this devotional.

Están recibiendo la serie titulado "Notas de Adviento por el Obispo Sis" un devocional diario que se mueve en múltiples plataformas (Facebook, Twitter y DOSAMail) a través de Navidad. ¡Corra la voz, y dile a tus amigos a inscribirse en DOSAMail, amigo de la diócesis de San Angelo en Facebook o seguir a obispo Michael Sis en Twitter (#bishopsis) en previsión de este devocional.

Advent Notes by Bishop Sis (Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Advent): May St. Juan Diego, teach us to be more open to the God of surprises. Que San Juan Diego, nos enseñe a ser más abiertos al Dios de las sorpresas.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS


The St. Vincent de Paul Society is getting ready for the preparation of Christmas Food Baskets. Boxes are being placed at the entrance of the church for any non-perishable food donations. You may also call 432-270-5029 for any drop offs at the St. Vincent de Paul office. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Please be generous and help us make this Christmas Day, one that our needy families will be grateful for.

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless you.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

O Most Holy Mother Maria de Guadalupe, you offered yourself long ago with generosity to be the Mother of Our Saviour, and at Tepeyac you again offered to be our refuge and sure comfort. We humbly implore your intercession for all our needs. We ask that our lives may mirror your own example of perfect discipleship. We ask this in the name of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Oh Santísima Madre María de Guadalupe, te ofreciste generosamente en la antigüedad para ser la Madre de Nuestro Salvador, y de nuevo en Tepeyac te ofreciste como nuestro refugio y consuelo seguro. Humildemente imploramos tu intercesión para todas nuestras necesidades. Pedimos que nuestras vidas sean reflejo de tu propio ejemplo del discipulado perfecto. Lo pedimos en el nombre de tu Hijo, Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina con el Padre y el Espíritu Santo. Amen.

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



December 14 - We should know by now, 3800 babies die each day from surgical abortion. But tens of thousands of babies die each day due to chemical abortions, the majority of which are caused by the so-called "pill" which is an abortifacient. Many women on the pill have an abortion early on in their pregnancy and are not even aware of this tragic event.

Debemos saber a estas alturas, 3800 bebés mueren cada día de aborto quirúrgico. Pero decenas de miles de niños mueren cada día debido a los abortos químicos, la mayoría de los cuales es causada por la llamada "píldora" que es abortivo. Muchas mujeres la píldora tienen un aborto temprano en su embarazo y no son ni siquiera conscientes de este trágico suceso.

Ultreya- Todos los lunes, 7:00 PM en el salón de Holy Trinity Parish Hall.

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

Prayer Meeting – Spanish – Todos los miércoles, 7:30 PM después de la Misa, en la capilla.

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? Come join us at RCIA on Monday Nights 6:30-8:00 in the East Room. It's not too late!!

RCIA Schedule 2014

December 15-Regular time and place-Christmas

December 22 Christmas/Pot luck dinner

December 29- Christmas Break

January 5-Epiphany

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH NICK RUIZ



Nick is in his 1st year Philosophy at Conception Seminary and is from Odessa, Texas. Nick likes Thai food, putt-putt, go-karts and pool.

Please Pray for Our Seminarians!

CHAOS

(Catholics Hyped About Our Savior)

Join **CHAOS, youth group**, at the next meeting, **December 14th from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**. New and old members always welcome. Hope to see you there!!

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY

Teenagers, 16yrs old or Sophomores in high school, if you would like to attend a weekend of becoming closer to Our Lord, please consider signing up for the Search. Call Merlinda Morón, 432-213-3456 or the office, 714-4930, and obtain an application.

Catholic Christian Education (CCE)

If you have any questions please give us a call at 432-714-4930.

Grades	Place	Time	CRE
K,1,2,3,4,5	H.T. Hall	9:40 am – 10:50 am- Sundays	Richard Light
6, 7, 8, 9,10,11, 12	H.T. Family Center	6:40 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday	Dianna Valdez

CLASSES START AT.....

9:40 AM, on Sunday mornings

6:30 PM, on Wednesday evenings.

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.



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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Ladies Bible study continues to meet at 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM in the East room.

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE
12/07/14

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	157	124
8:30 AM	160	114
11:00 AM	383	210
Total	700	448
12/08/14	241	180

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Second Collection next weekend Saturday, December 20th and Sunday, December 21st – St. Vincent de Paul – The funds help the needy people of Howard County and surrounding areas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



St. Vincent de Paul
270-5029

MSGR. GULLY'S SCHEDULE

Monday, December 15, 2014 – Penance Service, San Miguel Arcángel, Midland.

Thursday, December 18, 2014 – Penance Service, Our Lady of Lourdes, Andrews.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Support religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry." Writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Apoyo a las comunidades religiosas. "Su generosa contribución nos ayuda a cuidar a nuestras hermanas jubiladas y permite a nuestras hermanas continuar en el Ministerio activo", escribe una hermana religiosa. Su donativo a la colección de hoy para el fondo de jubilación para los religiosos proporciona apoyo vital para las necesidades de jubilación de senior hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de la orden religiosa. También ayuda a asegurar que los miembros más jóvenes puedan seguir las buenas obras de sus mayores.



Sunday Collection
12/07/2014

Envelope	\$7,400.50
Loose	1,388.12
Total	\$9,388.62

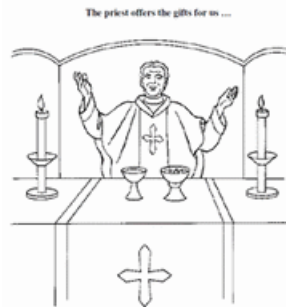
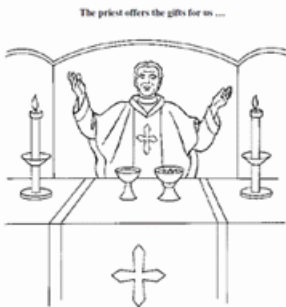
Average Collections per week needed: \$9,335.00

Immaculate Conception

Envelopes	\$553.40
Loose	\$284.50
Total	\$837.90

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

"Stewardship is planned giving and does not leave giving to chance. It challenges us to plan. It asks us to appraise – deliberately – what we are doing with our time, our talent and our treasure."



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

Liturgy of the Word:
The readings are done from a special book called the Lectionary, a word based on the Latin for "Book of Readings". Sometimes, especially on Sundays and more festive days, there is another special book for the readings of the Gospel, called the book of the Gospels. This is especially the book of the deacon, who always reads the Gospel at Mass if he is present.

Father Michael G. Witczak
Pflaum Publishing Group

COMPRENDER LA MISA

Liturgia de la palabra:
Las lecturas se realizan en un libro especial llamado el leccionario, una palabra basada en el latín para "Libro de lecturas". A veces, especialmente en los domingos y días festivos más, hay otro libro especial para las lecturas del Evangelio, llamado el libro de los evangelios. Este es especialmente el libro del diácono, que siempre lee el Evangelio en la misa, si está presente.

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

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of the late **Estevan Valencia Jr. and Ruben Gonzales Sr.** who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Alonzo Landin, Linda Paredes, Belinda Hinojos, Maria Mendoza, Kirsten Lujan, Pablor Tovar, Doris Varley, Joe Hernández, Rosa de la Garza, Lydia Valdez, Ignacia Rodríguez, Navi Hernández. 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.**



“He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.”
John 1:8

**Readings for the Week of
December 14, 2014**

**Sunday Third Sunday of
Advent** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1; 1
Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;
Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps
34; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps
72; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72;
Mt 1:18-25

Friday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk
1:26-38

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



SANCTUARY CANDLE

[HT] December 14 – Leticia &
Isabella Mendoza

[St. Joseph] December 14 – All
Souls by Juana Torres



SATURDAY, December 13, 2014

- 5:00 PM – [HT] +Howard Stevens by Karen Stevens; +Juan Gonzales by Gonzales Fam.; +Juan Chavez by Mary Jessie & David Arguello; Nina Alviar by M/M Domingo Rocha; +Conception Anderson by Wanda Anderson; St. Anthony of Padua Spec. Int. by Jean Govea; +Alex Escañuelas by Yolanda Escañuelas; +Antonio & +Antonia Marquez by Ray Marquez; +Lucy Ochoa by Patsy Sanchez & Gilbert Narbaiz

SUNDAY, December 14, 2014

- 8:30 AM – [HT] +Esther & +Lydia Hernandez by Mary Vera
- 11:00 AM – [HT] For the People; +Evangeline M. Sturm by Patsy & Roy Rohmfeld; +Ramon, +Mary Lou, +Donna Torres by Dora & Jr. Escañuelas; +Valentin Corralez by Margie Corralez; +Lalo Rodriguez by Ester Rodriguez; +Bernabe, +Pascuala Ruiz, +Petra Arguello by Ruiz Fam.; +Teresita R. Molina by Consuelo Morales; +Damas Barrera, +Eleno, +Jose Jr. by Gary & Violanda Harris; +Aida D. Sanchez by Diane Ewing; +Esther Hernandez by M/M Jimmy Marin

MONDAY, December 15, 2014

- 7:00 AM-[HT] Sacred Heart by Sofia Ortega
- 1:30 PM-[State] St. Jude (T.G.) by Albert Franco Jr.

TUESDAY, December 16, 2014

- 7:00 AM [Chapel] COMMUNION SERVICE
- 10:00 AM [Parkview] Stephen Ewing B'day by Diane Ewing

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 2014

- 1:30 PM [LLS] +Robert Anderson by Wanda Anderson
- 7:00 PM-[HT] NO MASS

THURSDAY, December 18, 2014

- 7:00 AM-[Chapel] COMMUNION SERVICE

FRIDAY, December 19, 2014

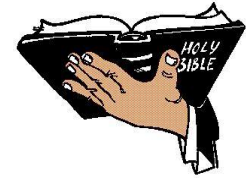
- 7:00 AM – [HT] John Escovedo B'day by Family

SATURDAY, December 20, 2014

- 5:00 PM – [HT] For the People; Isabella M. Mendoza B'day by Salazar Fam.; D.J. Alviar by M/M Domingo Rocha; St. Lucy Spec. Int. by Jean Govea; Divine Child of the Light +Donna J. Arroyo by Jean Govea; +Demetrio & +Monica Rocha by Margie Valverde; +Marie & +Lupita Lopez by Alice Lopez; +Aida D. Sanchez by Diane Ewing; +Lucy Ochoa by Amanda & Amelia Islas; +Lalo Rodriguez by Robert & Lori Rodriguez

SUNDAY, December 21, 2014

- 8:30 AM – [HT] +Jose J. Lopez by Julia Lopez & Fam.
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Francis McKiski by Family; +Evangeline M. Sturm by Patsy & Roy Rohmfeld; M/M Manuel Sanchez Anniversary by Sanchez Girls; +Bernabe, +Pascuala +Petra Ruiz by Dora & Jr. Escañuelas; +Valentin Corralez by Margie Corralez; +Evaristo Padron by Consuelo Morales; +Douglas Hattenback by Wanda Anderson; +Sabas & +Marcello Torres by Ruiz Fam.; (T.G.) Virgen de Guadalupe by Cecilia Treviño



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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