

MASS IN THE FAMILY CENTER

Starting the weekend of February 20/21, 2016 the weekend Masses will be celebrated in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Center. The relocation is due to the NEW CARPET PROJECT in the church.

ABSTINENCE AND FASTING DURING LENT

Abstinence The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatin which do not have any meat taste.

For most people the easiest practice to consistently fulfill will be the traditional one, to abstain from meat on all Fridays of the year. **During Lent** abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the United States as elsewhere.

Fasting The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th Birthday (Canon 97) to the 59th Birthday (i.e. the beginning of the 60th year, a year which will be completed on the 60th birthday) to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk). Alcoholic beverages do not break the fast; however, they seem to be contrary to the spirit of doing penance.

Those who are excused from fast or abstinence Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual laborers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

Aside from these minimum penitential requirements Catholics are encouraged to impose some personal penance on themselves at other times. It could be modeled after abstinence and fasting. Some people give up meat entirely for religious motives (as opposed to those who give it up for health or other motives). Such freely chosen fasting could also consist in giving up something one enjoys - candy, soft drinks, smoking, that cocktail before supper, and so on. This is left to the individual.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, February 20th **NO CONFESSIONS** due to Msgr. Gully is scheduled to attend a diocesan meeting from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Confessions will be available all Thursdays during Lent, starting Thursday, February 18th from 7:00 PM—8:00 PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 6:00 PM.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul will be having a meeting in the evening on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Anyone wanting to help with St. Vincent de Paul is welcome to come.

VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE

Youth group is having a bake sale after all Masses this weekend, Saturday, February 13, 2016 and Sunday, February 14, 2016.

Come by and buy some sweets for your sweet!

HOLY THURSDAY CANDLES

Candles are being sold for Holy Thursday, please call the office at 714-4930 or come by office at 1009 Hearn and we will put your name on the list. You will need to pay for your candles by Friday, March 18, 2016. Each candle is \$4.00.

CANDLES FOR HOLY THURSDAY WILL BE SOLD AT THE PARISH OFFICE ONLY!!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

During the month of January, through your generous donations SVdP was able to assist 95 families with food. 20 of those families were first time clients. 29 families requested financial assistance during this same month.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has three types of membership: one of those being contributing members. "Contributing members are those who regularly or in a substantial way provide in-kind or financial support but do not engage directly in the Society's work." All of our donors who so willingly provide monetary support throughout the year are, therefore, members of SVdP Society. Our ability to provide the most basic help to those in need can only be accomplished through the continued support of our contributing members.

In 2015 there were 280 parishioners who donated to SVdP. To all donors we give you our heartfelt thanks! God bless you.

Beginning Feb. 9 SVdP will be closed on Tuesdays and have extended hours on Thursday. In order to meet the needs of our clients we will be open from 8:30 AM until 11:00 AM every Thursday.

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



February 14 One long ago day at a Washington, D.C. Prayer Breakfast, a tiny nun proclaimed these words to those in high positions of power: "if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?" On that day, Mother Teresa of Calcutta captured the essence of love—respect for all human life.

PRAYER MEETING – Spanish – Todos los miércoles, 7:30 PM después de la Misa, en la capilla.
PRAYER MEETING – English – All are welcome on Wednesdays at 7 PM in East Room to join us for praise, teaching, and prayer for healing.

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
Ladies Bible Study is on Tuesdays from 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM in the East Room. The study is The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. All ladies are welcome to join.

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 on Monday at 6:30-8:00 PM in the East Room.

February 14-Rite of Sending 11:00 AM Mass
February 15 – Holy Orders, explain Rite of Election
February 21-Rite of Election, Midland
February 22-Reflect on Rite of Election
February 26-Stations of the Cross
February 28-First Scrutiny Catechumens only

DOORS OF MERCY IN THE DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO

San Angelo: Sacred Heart Cathedral, 19 S. Oakes St
Midland: Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, 1401 E. Garden Lane Abilene: Sacred Heart Church, 837 Jeanette
Odessa: St. Mary Church 612 E. 18th.
Holy Door Brochures at the entrance of church.

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CCE)

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 432-714-4930.
Sunday – K thru 5 - 9:45 AM-10:45 AM
Wednesday – 6 thru 12 – 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

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** has to 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
02/07/16

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	223	125
8:30 AM	213	125
11:00 AM	279	141
Total	715	391

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SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AND SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 14

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION/CATHOLIC
EXTENSION SOCIETY COLLECTION

The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States.

Catholic Extension Society made 1,221 grant payments and provided funding of \$32 million to 94 under-resourced mission dioceses across the country.



This Lent, as they have for four decades, millions of Catholics around the United States will place a colorful cardboard box and calendar in their homes to begin a spiritual journey that changes lives around the world.

They will be participating in the 41st year of CRS Rice Bowl, a program with an effect that goes far beyond the funds it raises for those who need support and services in communities throughout the United States and overseas.

SELF GIVING LOVE

This is the beauty of self-giving love: Men and women, driven by love, freely choose to give up their autonomy, to limit their freedom, by committing themselves to the good of the spouse. Love is so powerful that it impels them to want to surrender their will to their beloved in this profound way.

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."

-Pope Francis

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you. I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

-Isaiah 41:10



Sunday Collection

02/07/2016

Envelope	\$6,244.00
Loose	\$1,846.74
Total	\$8,090.74

Average Collections per week needed: \$9,335.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!

TO BE A CHRISTIAN
STEWARD

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.



CURSILLO CORNER

Spanish Cursillo

Men's – Thursday, April 28-Sunday, May 1 – St. Mary's, Odessa

Women's – Thursday, July 28-Sunday, July 31 – To Be Announced

English Cursillo

Men's – Thursday, July 21-Sunday, July 24 – St. Mary's, Odessa

Women's – Thursday, June 23-Sunday June 26 – St. Mary's, Odessa

For more information or questions please call the office, 432-714-4930.

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.

SCHEDULE OF ENGLISH
ULTREYAS

Sunday, February 21, 2016 7:00 PM in East Room.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 7:00 PM in East Room

All are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Allison Bose, Javier Hinojos, Mary Jo Guerra, Debbie Felts, Domingo Cerrato, Isabel Garza, Kaleb Zengar, Flora Willberg, Alberto Morales, Jeannie Adams, Josh & Yvette Preston, Domingo Rocha. 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.**

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

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of the late **Guadalupe 'Lupe' Sepeda** who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.



"When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time."

Luke 4:14

**Readings for the Week of
February 14, 2016**

Sunday First Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

SANCTUARY CANDLE

[HT] February 14 – Gabi Mendoza and Alicia Rivera



SATURDAY, February 13, 2016

- 5:00 PM – [HT] For the People; St. Anthony Thanksgiving by GML; +Edward & +Estella Martinez by Paula G. Martinez; Santo Nino de Praga by Librada Lopez; +Conception Anderson by Wanda Anderson; +Tony & +Irene Guzman by Margarita Corrales; Deceased Members of the Leo Starzyk Family by Joan LaFond; Mario Mier by Elsa Hilario; +Irma Rios by Yanez Family; Health of Augustin & Mina Garcia

SUNDAY, February 14, 2016

- 8:30 AM – [HT] +Pablo Abundez by Paul & Bonnie Abundez & children
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Gloria S. Ochotorena by Gus Ochotorena Jr.; +Elgen Suazo Death Anniv. by Adrienne Bides; Health of Lausara Perez by Petra Rios-Rios; +Ruben, +Rosalia Billalba, +Santos, +Erlinda Lujan, +Frances McKiski by Family; +Valentin Corrales by Margarita Corrales; +Mary Lou Rangel by Willie Rangel; +Raul Robles by Anita Robles & Family; George & Belen Alvarez 50th Anniv. by Belen Alvarez

MONDAY, February 15, 2016

- 7:00 AM [Chapel] +Yolanda Lara by Husband & Daughter

TUESDAY February 16, 2016

- 7:00 AM [Chapel] Santo Nino de Prague by Consuelo Morales

WEDNESDAY February 17, 2016

- 7:00 PM-[HT] COMMUNION SERVICE

THURSDAY, February 18, 2016

- 7:00 AM [Chapel] Santo Nino de Praga T.G. by Librada Lopez
- 10:00 AM [State] OPEN

FRIDAY, February 19, 2016

- 7:00 AM – [Chapel] +Robert Anderson by Wanda Anderson

SATURDAY, February 20, 2016

- 5:00 PM – [HT] St. Joseph Thanksgiving by GML; +Margarita & +Antonio Gonzalez by Paula G. Martinez; Virgen de Guadalupe by Librada Lopez; +Katie Hernandez by Nora Hernandez; +Amparo Franco by Concha DeLeon; Edward Mendez by Luz Martinez; +Yolanda Lara by Husband & Daughter; Luis Martinez Health by Paula G. Martinez; +Aida D. Sanchez by Diane Ewing; Deceased Barrera Fam., +Jose Damas Barrera by Viola & Gary Harris

SUNDAY, February 21, 2016

- 8:30 AM – [HT] For the People; +Abraham Espinoza by Marta Espinoza
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Lupe & +Crecencio Padilla by Albert & Leticia Torres & Fam.; +Edward Rodriguez by Gilbert & Martha Rubio; +Raul Robles by Anita Robles & Family; +Emma Leos by Fina Leos; +Petra & +Sonny Ruiz by Jr. & Dora Escañuelas; +Martha Arispe by Jr. & Dora Escañuelas; +Fr. James DeLaney, OMI by Petra Rios-Rios; +Elisa & +Gustavo Ochotorena Sr. by Gus Ochotorena Jr.; +Edward Flores by Lucy Flores-Chavarria; +Robert Rubio by Diane Ewing



Sunday's Reflections
Romans 10:8-13

HEART AND MOUTH

On the First Sunday of Lent the catechumens of the church gather at the cathedral for the rite of election. Their godparents testify that the catechumens have prepared for baptism, and the bishop announces that the church chooses them ("elects" them) for the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist. The catechumens set an example of faith at the beginning of Lent. Throughout this season we all rely in faith on the forgiveness of Christ. He who chose us will forgive us and redirect our steps. All it takes from us is faith.

Paul's Letter to the Romans says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." The belief we hold in our hearts rises up to our lips. In what we do and say, we demonstrate to all around us what we believe: that Jesus is Lord.

The catechumens will make that belief explicit at the Easter Vigil. Three times they will be asked, "Do you believe?" And three times they will answer, "I do." Then all of us will be asked the same—three times, "Do you believe?" And three times we will answer, "I do." Between now and then we spend our days in repentance and prayer, anxious for any chance to proclaim with our lips the faith in our hearts: Jesus is Lord.

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