



**CHURCH OFFICE**

The office will be closed Monday, January 2, 2017 for the New Year Holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**2016-2017 ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE**

1. **Saturday/Sunday, December 31, January 1, 2017** – Mary Mother of God, Solemnity.
2. **Saturday/Sunday, January 7/8, 2017** - Regular Schedule - Epiphany of the Lord
3. **Saturday, January 28, 2016** - Music Ministry Workshop
4. **Tuesday, February 7, 2016 - 7:00 PM** - Lenten Liturgy Committee Meeting

**CONFESSIONS**

Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 7:00 PM with Msgr. Bernard Gully.

**WE CONTINUE THESE PRAYERS:**

Recalling that Our Lord told his disciples to „let the children come to me“, that we may welcome the children of immigrants and work to provide security and dignity to the lives of their families, we pray to the Lord...

For immigrant families searching for life and dignity, that they may find it wherever God leads them as we work together for conversion of hearts and minds. Let us pray to the Lord,

For those fleeing the violence and corruption in their homelands of Mexico or South America, that they may find safety and security as they search for safety in a new land. Let us pray to the Lord,

**A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!**

To all who made the Christmas Liturgy so Beautiful: All the ministries involved – Environment, Music, Lectors, Eucharistic, Altar Servers, and Greeters, thank you for making it such a beautiful worship!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Msgr. Bernard L. Gully**  
**Fr. Sam Matthiesen**

**12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Today's man faces many challenges and is in search of the good for himself, his family, and his future. Come to the San Antonio Catholic Men's Conference for men of all ages on Saturday, March 18, 2017 in Bill Greehey Arena at St. Mary's University. The conference will offer powerful speakers, BBQ lunch, Mass with Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, and much more!

Individual registration is \$55.00 till March 13, 2017; after this date registration is \$65.00 at the door.

Check out [CMCSanAntonio.com](http://CMCSanAntonio.com) or call or come by the office for a brochure.

*“Master, I want to see.”*

*Mark 10:51*



**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
San Antonio, Texas

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



**Jan. 1** – All those who have contributed in any way to the pro-life movement should take comfort in recent statistics showing a decline of twelve percent in abortions nationwide. One reason, cited by a pro-life leader, is an entire generation of women who have seen a sonogram as their first “baby picture,” leading to an increased awareness of the humanity of the baby before it is born. (Scranton Times Tribune, AP report 6/8/15)  
For all families struggling with an untimely pregnancy that they may seek from God the strength needed to protect their child’s right to life, 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**

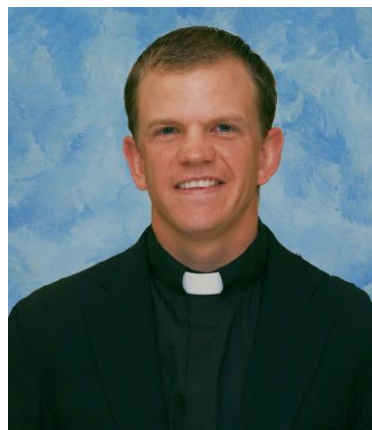
Do you know someone who is always asking you Why Do Catholics Genuflect, Worship Idols, And Mary?? Have a friend or loved one who is thinking about joining the Catholic Church, or are you a baptized Catholic adult in need of Reconciliation (Confession), First Communion, and Confirmation?

**Classes on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the East Room.**

January 2<sup>nd</sup> Epiphany

**SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH**

**DEACON TIMOTHY HAYTER**



Deacon Timothy is 4<sup>th</sup> Year Theology at St. Mary Seminary in Houston. His birthday is September 20, 1982 and is from Ft. Stockton, TX. His favorite food is all kinds of food. Deacon Timothy enjoys manual labor and outside activities.

**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 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** 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**

**12/25/16**

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	516	256
7:00 PM	218	91
10:00 AM	230	164
<b>Total</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>511</b>

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

**PRIESTS' SCHEDULE**

**Msgr. Bernard Gully:** Monday, January 2, 2017 – Day of Rest

**Fr. Sam Matthiesen:**

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – SEEK, San Antonio.

**CELEBRATE JESUS**

Oh Jesus, how humbly you have come, yet how great is your coming! My Lord and my God, I adore you!

-from **A Eucharistic Christmas**

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

**Second Collection next weekend Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – 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**

The vocation of the Society's members, who are called Vincentians, is to follow Christ through service to those in need and so bear witness to His compassionate and liberating love. Members show their commitment through person-to-person contact. Vincentians serve in hope. No work of charity is foreign to the Society. It includes any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and **promotes human dignity and personal integrity in all their dimensions.**

The Society works not only with individuals in need but also with families and communities. It helps an excluded or deprived local community to develop a sense of responsibility and solidarity which leads it to improve its economic, social or environmental well-being, always retaining the personal contact of members with those in need.



**Sunday Collection  
12/25/2016**

Envelope	<b>\$6,375.00</b>
Loose	<b>\$2,246.25</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,621.25</b>

**NEW CARPET PROJECT**

*As of December 27, 2016*

**\$41,241.14**

**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.

**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 **Herminia Garcia and Clara York** 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, 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.**



“All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.”

—Luke 2:18

**Readings for the Week of  
January 1, 2017**

**Sunday Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Monday Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday The Most Holy Name of Jesus** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday Saint John Neumann, Bishop** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

**Friday Saint André Bessette, Religious** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Saturday Saint Raymond of Penyafort** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b; Jn 2:1-11

**Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

[HT] January 1 – Mark, Dylan, Coytt Corrales



**SATURDAY, Dec. 31, 2016 NEW YEAR'S EVE**

- 5:00 PM – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; +Juan 'John' Rodriguez by *Family & Friends*; Jerry Holten B'day by *Dianna Valdez*; +Joe 'Prieto' Martinez by *Maria Florez & Family*; +Luiz Martinez by *Martinez Family*; +Gilbert Narbaiz by *Patsy Sanchez*; +Leo Salazar by *Alicia Salazar*; +Domingo S. Rocha by *Sylvia S. Rocha*; +Maria Rodriguez by *Arthur & Cruz Olague*; +Luiz Martinez by *Paula, Elaine & Martinez Family*

**SUNDAY, Jan. 1, 2017 NEW YEAR'S DAY**

- 8:30 AM – [HT] San Judas Tadeo Apostol by *Jose Enrique Gonzalez*
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Juan 'John' Rodriguez by *Family & Friends*; +Nati & +Pedro Diaz by *Petra Rios-Rios*; +Elvira, +Guadalupe, +Jose Maria Hilario by *Elsa Hilario*; +Wilbert Gully by *Mark Gully*; +Evelyn & +Moises Flores by *Petra Rios-Rios*; +Frances & +Juana Torres by *Wanda Anderson*; +Maria Rodriguez by *Fernandez Family*; +John T. Becker Jr. by *Carol & Larry Becker*; In Thanksgiving by *Socorro Escañuelas*

**MONDAY, Jan. 2, 2017**

- 7:00 AM [HT] Holy Souls by *Mary Chavez*

**TUESDAY Jan. 3, 2017**

- 7:00 AM [HT] +Wilbert Gully by *Bill & Amy Fuchs*

**WEDNESDAY Jan. 4, 2017**

- 7:00 PM [HT] +Aida D. Sanchez by *Diane Ewing*

**THURSDAY, Jan. 5, 2017**

- 7:00 AM [HT] +Wilbert Gully by *Nell Fischer Edmiston*
- 10:00 AM [BSSH] +Wilbert Gully by *Barbara & Dennis Fuchs*

**FRIDAY, Jan. 6, 2017**

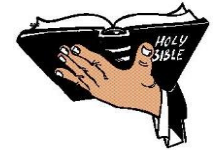
- 7:00 AM – [HT] Pristina & Sylvia Barrera by *Gary & Violanda Harris*

**SATURDAY, Jan. 7, 2017**

- 5:00 PM – [HT] +Alex Escañuelas Sr. by *Yolanda Escañuelas*; +Juan 'John' Rodriguez by *Family & Friends*; +Donna Arroyo-Divine Child of the Light by *Jean Govea*; +Ramon & +Mary Lou Torres-Our Lady of Guadalupe by *Jean Govea*; +Domingo & +Erlinda Torres-St. Jude by *Jean Govea*; +Bernabe & +Pascuala Ruiz-St. Jude by *Jean Govea*; +Luiz Martinez by *Martinez Family*; +Wilbert Gully by *Craig Biedermann*; +Alberto Morales by *Arthur & Cruz Olague*;

**SUNDAY, Jan. 8, 2017**

- 8:30 AM – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; +Mary Lou Rangel by *Mary Vera*
- 11:00 AM – [HT] +Juan 'John' Rodriguez by *Family & Friends*; +Wilbert Gully by *Leonard & Sandra Jansa*; +Beverly James by *Fernandez Family*; +Elizabeth J. Becker by *Carol & Larry Becker*; St. Joseph-In Thanksgiving; +Aida D. Sanchez by *Diane Ewing*; +Mary Smith by *Wanda Anderson*; +Lori & Eddie Sr. DeLeon by *Concha DeLeon*; Lupe G. Ortiz B'day by *Dianna Valdez*



**Sunday's Reflections**  
*Galatians 4:4-7*

**MOTHER OF GOD, CHILD OF GOD**

We inherit a lot from our parents—name, nationality, ethnicity, genes, and health. All children receive formation and habits important to the parents who raise them. Whether by birth or adoption, receiving a child into a family is a moment weighted with the importance of history. The child receives what the family values.

St. Paul tells the Galatians that God's Son came to us "born of a woman." Jesus came as a very different kind of child—a divine child, "adopted" by humanity. He shared all that we share in our human nature.

Jesus accepted this in order that we might become very different kind of children—human children, "adopted" by divinity. God sends the Spirit into our hearts so that we may fully inherit all that is ours as children of God: a name, a family of believers, a system of values, the guidance of love, and a global community that has more hope than it could possibly imagine.

Today's solemnity remembers Mary as the Mother of God. On this day we acclaim her for her decision to cooperate with God's plan of salvation. We do it under a special title: Mother of God. In that phrase we meet the mystery of God's love for us. God became human, so that we might inherit everlasting life.

On this day we express our gratitude to God for Mary's example of service. And we rejoice that because of her we can all be called children of God.

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