

# Advent

## 2017-2018 SCHEDULE

1. **Rite of Acceptance and Dismissal** – Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 11:00 AM Mass
2. **Penance Service** – Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM
3. **Feast of Immaculate Conception** – Friday, December 8, 2017 at 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM Mass
4. **Warming Up Our Community** – Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 9:00 AM
5. **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:00 AM – Las Mañanitas and refreshments in Family Center
6. **Blessing of Expectant Mothers** – Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during all Masses.
7. **Las Posadas** – Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Locations to be announced.

### 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**.



### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Immaculate Conception.



### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We have completely paid for the new carpet project for our church.

This project included the asbestos abatement, the refinishing of the pews, and the installation of new carpet for the cost of \$72,000.00.

Well done!!! Thanks for taking care of your Catholic Faith in Howard County!

Monsignor Bernard L. Gully

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS!!

Holy Trinity Youth Group getting ready for their annual “Warming up our Community” service project. A box been set up in the entry way of the church. The youth group is collecting coats, blankets, gloves and warm attire. Date for distribution will be **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM** in the Family Center.

Thank You!!

### 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.

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



**December 3** "By focusing on the most vulnerable members of society, we strengthen the entire fabric of society to protect the rights of all."

For all our brothers and sisters King of the Universe fleeing persecution and war in the Middle East and around the world: May they find haven and protection; 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

11/26/17

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	259	131
8:30 AM	130	98
11:00 AM	399	151
<b>Total</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>380</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul 270-5029</b>		

### ATTENTION!!

Please pick up Church Calendar for 2018, during the Weekend of December 3<sup>rd</sup> & December 4<sup>th</sup> after the Masses.

**Special thanks to the sponsors who paid to produce the calendars.**

Rocket Panaderia, A&B Glass, Big A Shaved Ice, Inc., Kwikie Groceries, Kwik Kash, Myers & Smith Funeral Home, Nalley-Pickle & Welch, Papa Chon's Mexican Restaurant.

### SECOND COLLECTION FOR 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  
11/26/2017

Envelope	\$6,098.75
Loose	<u>\$2,029.45</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,128.20</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 LOVING MEMORY OF  
DEMETRIO . . .

### SPANISH ULTREYA

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

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

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

### WE BELONG TO GOD

When you take the full measure of yourself, in Christ, you, too, know your infinite value to the rest of the world, even if the world never knows or sees one thing about you. Every hair on your head is numbered. You are worth more than you know because you have lusts and longings and desires. Unto death and out of love, you consent to hold the tension of the conflict. And your infinite value doesn't cease when you die. It lives on, into eternity.

—from the book *Stumble: Virtue, Vice, and the Space Between*

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

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of the late **Juan Rodriguez and Miguel Bencomo**, who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Jeff Moery, Jesse Loya Jr., Melissa Gonzales, Mary Ann Franco, Theresa Lewis, Martin Castaneda, Frances Holguin, Yazmin Martínez, Jeffrey Carter, Josephine Uranga, Rocky Ramirez. 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.**



“What I say to you, I say to all:  
“Watch!”

— Mark 13:37

**Readings for the Week of  
December 3, 2017**

**Sunday First Sunday of  
Advent** Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7;  
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor  
1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

**Monday Saint John  
Damascene, Priest and Doctor  
of the Church** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-  
2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-  
2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday Saint Nicholas,  
Bishop** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a,  
3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday Saint Ambrose,  
Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and  
8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-  
27

**Friday The Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps  
98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6,  
11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday Saint Juan Diego  
Cuauhtlatotzin** Is 30:19-21, 23-  
26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt  
9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**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

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**[HT] December 3 – Leticia &  
Isabella Mendoza**



**SATURDAY, December 2, 2017**

5:00 PM Mass – [HT] **NOVENA MASS** +Alex  
Escañuelas Sr. by *Yolanda Escañuelas*; +Lori &  
+Eddie DeLeon Sr. by *Concha DeLeon*; +Katy &  
+Esequiel Hernandez by *Nora Hernandez*; **St.  
Anthony** by *Dora Escanuelas*; +Howard Stevens  
by *Karen Stevens*; **All Deceased Guzman Family**  
by *Luz Martinez*; +Josie DeLeon by *Rudy DeLeon*  
& Family; +Domingo S. Rocha by *Sylvia S. Rocha*;  
+Melba Chavez by *Violanda & Gary Harris*

**SUNDAY, December 3, 2017**

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] **San Judas Tadeo Apostol**  
by *Jose Enrique Gonzalez*
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] **FOR THE PEOPLE**; +Aida  
D. Sanchez & +Gilbert Duron by *Diane Ewing*;  
Casie Torres Abundez B'day by *Leticia & Albert  
Torres*; +Santos, +Erlinda & +Ismael Lujan by  
*Lujan Family*; +Ruben & +Rosalia Billalba,  
+Frances McKiski by *Lujan Family*; **St. Anthony** by  
*Jimmy & Nellie Robles*; +San Ramon by *Cecilia T.*;  
+Steven Valencia Jr. & +Ruben Anthony  
Gonzales by *Delma Valencia*; **Health of Rocky  
Ramirez** by *Essie & Lupe Ortiz*; **St. Jude & Virgen  
de San Juan** by *Patsy Sanchez*

**MONDAY, December 4, 2017**

- 7:00 AM [HT] **NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, December 5, 2017**

- 12:15 PM [HT] +Chon Yanez B'day by *Diane  
Yanez*

**WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2017**

- 7:00 PM [HT] **NOVENA MASS** Special Intention by  
*Mary Chavez*

**THURSDAY, December 7, 2017**

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

**FRIDAY, December 8, 2017**

- 7:00 AM [HT] +Conception Anderson by *Wanda  
Anderson*
- 7:00 PM [HT] **Holy Souls** by *Isabel Escovedo*

**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 Y & +Jose Ventura  
Gonzalez by *Abundia Gonzalez Y Familia*
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] **NOVENA MASS** +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*



**Sunday's Reflections**  
*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

**READY OR NOT**

When a new child is born, parents are excited. But they also wonder, “Am I ready for this?” Parenting carries responsibilities. A new child will cause unimaginable changes. There is never enough preparation for parenting. Eventually a parent realizes, “I’m as ready as I’ll ever be.” God usually provides them with the grace, wisdom and patience they seek. All the spiritual gifts they want are there.

The Christian community at Corinth was like a young family with new children. Having received the gift of faith, this community shared their determination to forge a way of life in union with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was an exciting time, but also a nervous time. They probably wondered, “Am I ready for this?”

They believed that the second coming of Christ was imminent. They believed they had to prepare each day to meet Christ whenever he returned. Most importantly, as they thought about the end, the day of their Lord Jesus Christ, they wondered, “Am I ready for this?”

Paul told them yes. “You are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

And neither are we. As we begin this Advent, filled with excitement and nervous about the weeks ahead, it is natural to wonder, “Am I ready?” You are not lacking in any spiritual gift. Open your arms and welcome Christ!

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