

# Advent

## 2017-2018 SCHEDULE

- 1. Blessing of Expectant Mothers** – Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during all Masses.
- 2. Children's Christmas Pageant** – Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in the School Hall.
- 3. Las Posadas** – Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Locations to be announced.
- 4. Weekend Masses of December 23 & 24, 2017** – Saturday at 5:00 PM, Sunday at 10:00 AM
- 5. Decorate Church Environment** – Sunday, December 24, 2017 after 10:00 AM Mass.
- 6. Christmas Eve Masses** – December 24, 2017 at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM.
- 7. Christmas Day Mass** – Monday, December 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM

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### 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**.

Holy Trinity Youth Group would like to thank you, the parishioners of Holy Trinity for your donations for our 7<sup>th</sup> annual coat drive. Due to your generosity, we were able to help 20 families. This was our best year yet.

Thanks again for making our Community Service Project a great success.

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### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Dear Holy Trinity Catholic Parishioners,

With your donations we have fully paid the \$72,000.00 amount needed to remove the asbestos in the floor glue, refinish the pews, and install new carpet in the church.

This is very exciting for me. This tells me that you want the Catholic Church to continue in Howard County.

You actually gave more than needed, in the amount of \$79,475.00.

The extra amount of \$7,475.00 was used to pay the final payment on the parking lot upgrade. This included the sweeping away of the extra rock, patching any cracks in the old asphalt, resealing the asphalt, and painting the parking stripes. The total cost of the parking lot upgrade cost \$15,800.00.

You will stop receiving the pink envelopes in February. Thanks again!

Thanks again for your kind generosity. Your generosity tells me that you want the Catholic Church to continue in Howard County.

Thanks again for your generosity!

The love of Christ urges us forward!

Monsignor Bernard L. Gully

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### THIS WEEKEND

#### **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.

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### **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.

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



**December 17** "Every child with Down syndrome, every adult with special needs, in fact every unwanted, unborn child, every person who is poor, weak, abandoned or homeless—each one of these persons is an icon of God's face and a vessel of His love." Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver, Southern Cross, November 2009  
For those troubled with an untimely pregnancy that they may not give in to the despair of abortion, 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.

**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.

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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  
12/10/17**

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	179	116
8:30 AM	180	105
11:00 AM	293	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>401</b>

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

**THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT: JOY**

We light the third rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for Christmas is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS  
WEEKEND SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>  
AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER  
17<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  
12/10/2017**

**Envelope \$5,161.00  
Loose \$1,798.80  
Total \$6,959.80**

**Retirement Fund \$1,919.70**

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

**Goal: \$72,000  
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*

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.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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



**SCHEDULE OF ENGLISH  
ULTREYAS**

All are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

**Further dates will be  
announced soon.**

**SPANISH ULTREYA**

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

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Nora Landin, Gudalupe Ornelas, Jeff Moery, Jesse Loya Jr., Melissa Gonzales, Mary Ann Franco, Theresa Lewis, Martin Castaneda, Frances Holguin, Yazmin Martínez, 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.**

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

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of the late **Delanie Sandoval, Aiden Rodriguez, Esther Cano Teresa Brito and Luis Rios Sr.**, who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

**ADVENT IS A WAKE-UP  
CALL**

Advent is a wake-up call to the Church, a time when we're prodded into beginning again, taking more notice of our spiritual surroundings, once again getting going on the work of the kingdom in the world. For some of us, if we've neglected the spiritual side of our lives, this wake-up call is going to jar us into awareness, and at times we will want to pull a metaphorical pillow over our heads and pretend that it's still dark. For others of us, it's a welcome opportunity for a fresh start.

—from the book *Advent with St. Francis: Daily Reflections*



“Who are you...What do you have to say for yourself?”

— John 1:27

**Readings for the Week of  
December 17, 2017**

**Sunday Third Sunday of Advent** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Monday** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Wednesday** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Friday** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday Saint John of Kanty, Priest** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

**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 Mt 1:18-25

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**[HT] December 17 – Leticia & Isabella Mendoza**



**SATURDAY, December 16, 2017**

5:00 PM Mass – [HT] Stephen Ewing B'day by Diane Ewing; +Aida D. Sanchez & +Gilbert Duron by Diane Ewing; +Michael Yanez B'day by Lucy F. Chavarria; +Josie DeLeon by Rudy DeLeon & Family; +Melba Chavez by Manuel Chavez & Family; +Juan Rodriguez by Rodriguez Family; For All Deceased Rocha Family by Cruz & Arthur Olague; +George Martinez by Luz Martinez; Leticia Mendoza B'day by Salazar Family

**SUNDAY, December 17, 2017**

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; +Esther & +Lydia Hernandez by Mary Vera
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] ] +Mary P. Villanueva by Florian Villanueva; St. Jude by Jimmy & Nellie Robles; +Henry Valverde by Margie Valverde; +Eutimo Ortega by Sophia Ortega; +Aida D. Sanchez & +Gilbert Duron by Diane Ewing; +Bernabe, +Pascuala, & +Petra Ruiz by Jr. & Dora Escañuela; Correa & Redding Family by Celia Redding; +Elvira & +Fred Olivas Jr. by Sylvia Rodriguez & Family; +Katy & +Esequiel Hernandez by Nora Hernandez

**MONDAY, December 18, 2017**

- 7:00 AM [HT] NO MASS

**TUESDAY, December 19, 2017**

- 12:15 PM [HT] +Tomas Chavez by Mary Chavez

**WEDNESDAY, December 20, 2017**

- 7:00 PM [HT] Isabella M. Mendoza by Salazar Family

**THURSDAY, December 21, 2017**

- 7:00 AM [HT] +J.J. Morales B'day by Lucy F. Chavarria
- 10:00 AM [STATE]

**FRIDAY, December 22, 2017**

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

**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]



**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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