

## *Christmas Season*

### 2017-2018 SCHEDULE

- 1. New Year's Day Mass** – January 1, 2018 – 10:00 AM  
– Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
- 2. Weekend Masses of January 6 & 7, 2018** – Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM – Epiphany of the Lord
- 3. Weekend Masses of January 13 & 14, 2018** – Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM – Baptism of the Lord.

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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.

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December 26, 2017

I want to thank the Environment Team who decorated for the Christmas Season.

This year the Liturgical Calendar had the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent Masses to be celebrated on Sunday morning, December 24, 2017. This Mass completed the 4 weeks of Advent. The vestment colors for Advent Season are purple.

So after the 10:00 am Sunday morning Mass, the Environment Team quickly changed all the decorations to Christmas. These decorations include a lot of red Poinsetta's, the Nativity set, the Christmas Tree, the Christmas Wreaths and a lot of festive gold colors.

So on Sunday morning, Christmas Eve, the Environment Team spent their time to decorate the church. We had so many helpers, the church was decorated in less than 2 hours!

Fantastic Job!! Well Done!

Thanks again.

Monsignor Bernard L. Gully



### CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be closed Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of New Year's Day. The office will be open on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 AM.

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December 26, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank Inez Hines for her work in taking your pictures for the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish picture album. She spent at least 10 days taking pictures. She also spent many hours in preparation for the pictures. She scheduled the appointments for the pictures and followed up making sure everyone who wanted a picture was accommodated.

The picture album will be ready sometime in February 2018.

Thank you, Inez. Job well done!

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December 19, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

This letter is to inform you that our Pastoral Coordinator, Richard Light, is retiring from his position on January 1, 2018.

Richard was commissioned as Pastoral Coordinator on February 15, 2008 by Bishop Pfeifer to serve the newly consolidated parishes in Howard County. Bishop Pfeifer gave the name of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish after considering the many recommendations given by the members of the Catholic Community in Howard County.

Richard has his Master's in Pastoral Studies from the Jesuit University, Loyola University in New Orleans. He brought much expertise in the field of education, and management. He has served our parish faithfully for 10 years.

We are very grateful for his service all these years. We ask for the Blessing of the Trinity for all his family.

The love of Christ urges us forward,

Monsignor Bernard L. Gully

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**In honor of the 10 years of service that Richard Light has given to the church we will be having a reception for his retirement on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM, right after the 5:00 PM Mass. Reception will be held in Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Center, everyone is welcome to join us for this celebration.**

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



**December 31** “Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing.”  
For families in times of illness: and Joseph May they find strength and hope in the example of the Holy Family, 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.

**NO Class on Monday, January 1, 2018 due to the Christmas Holiday.**

**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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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**  
**12/24/17**

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	234	135
10:00 AM	284	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>251</b>

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

**CHRISTMAS MASS ATTENDANCE**  
**12/24/17**

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	382	210
7:00 PM	186	90
10:00 AM	284	204
<b>Total</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>504</b>

**SECOND COLLECTION THE WEEKEND OF SATURDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup> AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 14<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**  
**12/24/2017**

Envelope	<b>\$5,658.75</b>
Loose	<b>\$1,357.43</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,016.18</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	
Envelope	<b>\$2,573.00</b>
Loose	<b>\$1,379.10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,952.10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,968.28</b>

**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**

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**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.



The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.

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

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

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Jimmy DeLeon Jr., Nora Landin, Guadalupe Ornelas, Jeff Moery, Jesse Loya Jr., Melissa Gonzales, Mary Ann Franco, Martin Castaneda, 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.**



“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.”

— Luke 1:30

**Readings for the Week of  
December 31, 2017**

**Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40 or, for Year B, Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

**Monday 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

**Tuesday Saint 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

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

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

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

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

**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] December 31 – Leticia & Isabella Mendoza



**SATURDAY, December 30, 2017**

5:00 PM Mass – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; +Esteban R. Duron by *Diane Ewing*; +Melba Chavez by *Cecilia Trevino*; +Angie Gutierrez by *Cecilia T.*; St. Nino de Atoche by *Josephine Uranga*; +Phillip Mendoza by *Yolanda & Family*; +Melba Chavez by *Manuel Chavez & Family*; Matthew, Brandon & J.D. Mendoza & Families by *Gary & Violanda Harris*; St. Rafael by *Cecilia T.*; +Ignacio & +Maria Escañuelas by *MM Steve Escañuelas*

**SUNDAY, December 31, 2017**

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] San Judas Tadeo Apostol by *Jose Enrique Gonzalez*
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] Our Lady of Carmel in Thanksgiving by *Cecilia Trevino*; +Dr. William Cox by *Elida Hinojos*; +Cruz Morón by *Wanda Anderson*; +Jesusita & +Gilbert Hinojos by *Elida Hinojos*; For All Deceased Veterans by *T.J. Stewart*; For the Protection of All Animals by *T.J. Stewart*; Health of Rocky Ramirez by *Essie & Lupe Ortiz*; +Gilbert Narbaiz by *Patsy Sanchez & Saragosa Ochoa*

**MONDAY, January 1, 2018**

- 10:00 AM Mass [HT] +Melba Chavez by *Manuel Chavez & Family*

**TUESDAY, January 2, 2018**

- 12:15 PM Mass [HT] In Thanksgiving by *Cecilia Trevino*

**WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2018**

- 7:00 PM Mass [HT] Julie Anderson B'day by *Jimmy & Nellie Robles*

**THURSDAY, January 4, 2018**

- 7:00 AM [HT] COMMUNION SERVICE
- 10:00 AM Mass [STATE] +Domingo S. Rocha by *Sylvia S. Rocha*

**FRIDAY, January 5, 2018**

- 7:00 AM Mass [HT] In Thanksgiving by *Consuelo Morales*

**SATURDAY, January 6, 2018**

5:00 PM Mass – [HT] All Souls in Purgatory by *Gary & Violanda Harris*; +Alex Escanuelas by *Yolanda Escanuelas*; +Luis Rios Sr. by *Concha DeLeon*; Deceased Rubio Family by *Friend*; +Reyes Delira-Padilla by *Saldana Family*; +Richard Torino by *Mary Chavez*; +Lori & +Eddie Sr. DeLeon by *Concha DeLeon*; Blessed Mother-In Thanksgiving by *Cruz & Elyse Salazar*; +Juan Rodriguez by *Rodriguez Family*

**SUNDAY, January 7, 2018**

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; San Judas Tadeo Apostol by *Jose Enrique Gonzalez*
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] +Melba Chavez by *Manuel Chavez & Family*; +Lupe Ortiz by *Wanda Anderson*; +Virginia Diaz by *Petra Rios-Rios*; +Narcissa Abundez 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Of Death by *Jimmy & Nellie Robles*; +Elvira & +Jose Sr. Hilario, by *Elsa Hilario*; +Jose Jr., & +Guadalupe Hilario by *Elsa Hilario*; +Manuel Sosa by *Cecilia Trevino*; Our Lady of Guadalupe-Thanksgiving by *Demetria Reyna*; +Theresa Lewis by *Family*



**Sunday's Reflections**  
*Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*

**FAMILY SACRIFICE**

Holy Family Sunday reminds us of the loving home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. But it also recalls the challenges that families face.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, for example, the story of Abraham's family is retold. He had already established a home in one country when God asked him to move to another. In that new land, God promised Abraham his own property and a long line of descendants. "Abraham went out, not knowing where he was to go."

However, for many more years he and his wife remained childless. When they were both well beyond the years of having children, Abraham and Sarah had their first child, "for Abraham thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy."

God then asked Abraham to sacrifice his only child, Isaac, before Isaac had any children of his own. Abraham was ready to do this because he trusted God's promise. "He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead." God spared Isaac, and Abraham, our father in faith, had descendants "as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore."

Every family faces challenges. "How many hours should I work?" "Should I put my child through this stressful situation?" "Can we afford to be generous?" "Can we afford not to be?" Jesus is anxious to share his wisdom. A holy family is any family where Christ is born.

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