

*Thank you  
from the  
bottom  
of my heart*

St. Vincent de Paul Society expresses a heartfelt of gratitude to all of you for the concern and the love you showed with your gift of the Thansgiving Baskets to the poor in our community.

May God bless you for your generosity!  
Thank you!! God loves a cheerful giver!

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### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Annual Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday, December 14, 2019 in the Family Center.**

For booth rental information, call 432-263-6112.

Bazaar will have food, crafts, and so much more. Come eat and do some Christmas shopping.

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### LAS POSADAS

It's that time of year again! We are looking for parishioners to open their homes during the Posadas. This year will be different, we need two homes per night, the third home will be the church for Mass. The dates are December 16<sup>th</sup> thru December 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to participate please call the office, 432-714-4930 to sign up.

¡Es esa época del año otra vez! Estamos buscando feligreses para abrir sus hogares durante las Posadas. Este año será diferente, necesitamos dos hogares por noche, el tercer hogar será la iglesia para la misa. Las fechas son 16 de diciembre hasta el 24 de diciembre. Si desea participar, llame a la oficina al 432-714-4930 para inscribirse

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### EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

The holiday schedule is in the Sacristy, please sign up for the Masses you can serve.

El horario de misas especiales está en la sacristía, regístrese para las misas que usted puede servir.

### PARISH MISSION LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING EL AMOR LO CAMBIA TODO

An Advent Recollection with Fr. Jun Limbaga  
Un recuerdo de adviento con el Padre Jun Limbaga  
on December 9-11, 2019 in English, 6:30 -8:00 PM.

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### CHURCH CLEANING

Anyone wanting to help give the church a thorough cleaning before the Advent Season may come at 1:00 pm on Thursdays.

Cualquier persona que quiera ayudar a limpiar a la iglesia antes de la temporada de Adviento puede venir a la 1:00 pm los jueves

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### PEWS FREE FOR THE TAKING

If you would like a pew(s) from the old Sacred Heart, you may call the office and make arrangements to pick up. Church will not deliver.

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### CCE MEALS OCTOBER MENU

December 11 - Burritos, cookies, lemonade

December 18 - Nachos, fruit snacks, lemonade

Catechists and parents are welcome to join children, all we ask is a monetary donation or items for the snacks.

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### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

If you are 18 or older and have not received your Confirmation Sacrament, call the office, 432-714-4930 and register for this class. There will be four Sunday classes to attend and then you may receive Confirmation at Holy Redeemer in Odessa on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

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### ST. VINCENT de PAUL

**Quarterly report for the months of July, August and September of 2019.**

	Donations	Client Aid	Expenses
July	3,028.00	884.66	388.64
August	2,536.74	1,1692.21	851.86
September	7,630.38	1,403.09	1,395.95

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

**SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH  
RYAN RAMIREZ**



Ryan is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Theology in Kenrick Glennon Seminary. His birthday is July 3, 1994, and is from Odessa, Tx. Ryan's favorite food is Buffalo Wild Wings and Chicken. He likes playing sports or just being with friends.

**KEEP RYAN IN PRAYER!**

**HALL RENTAL**

The new policy on the hall rental was approved on January 26, 2015 by the parish council.

**Classroom Rental:**  
Deposit \$50- Rental \$50- Insurance \$100

**School Hall Rental:**  
Deposit \$50- Rental \$150- Insurance \$100

**OLG Family Center Rental:**  
Deposit \$50- Rental \$300- Insurance \$100

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.**

**RCIA**

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?

All interested in RCIA, may call the office and sign up for the fall, classes are on Mondays at 6:30 PM. This is for newcomers and those already in the program. If you have questions please call the office, 432-714-4930.

¿Tiene un amigo o ser querido que esté pensando en unirse a la Iglesia Católica, o es usted un adulto católico bautizado que necesita Reconciliación (Confesión), Primera Comunión y Confirmación?

Todos interesados en RICA, por favor de llamar la oficina, clases los lunes a las 6:30 PM. Esto es para los recién llegados y los que ya están en el programa. Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la oficina al 432-714-4930.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN INITIATION 'CCI'**

**CCI CLASS is on Sunday's from 9:30 am – 10:45 am in the St. Francis room. Any child not having been baptized over the age of 7 should attend this class.**

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

All are welcome on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM** in East Room to join us for praise, teaching, and prayer for healing. Potluck on every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**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), click on ENTER CODE, 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.

Si los católicos no pueden venir a la iglesia, entonces la iglesia viene a ellos (sacerdote / comunión).

Llame a la oficina al 714-4930 para darnos los nombres de las personas que desean recibir la Santa Comunión o recibir una visita del sacerdote.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Anointing of the Sick is available by calling the office, 432-714-4930. If you have anyone needing the anointing call the office. Please do not wait till the last minute to call.

La Unción de los Enfermos está disponible llamando a la oficina, 432-714-4930. Si tiene alguien que necesite la unción llame a la oficina. Por favor, no espere hasta el último minuto para llamar.

**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.

**SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE**  
12/01/2019

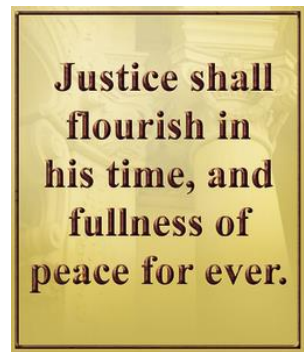
Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	193	117
8:30 AM	140	115
11:00 AM	330	172
<b>Total</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>404</b>

**SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR  
DECEMBER**

**December 7 & 8, 2019** – Retirement Fund for Religious  
**December 14 & 15, 2019** – St. Vincent de Paul

**ONLINE GIVING**

If interested in online giving, please go to church website. [bigspringcatholic.org](http://bigspringcatholic.org)



**Readings for the Week of  
December 8, 2019**

**Sunday Second**  
**Sunday of Advent** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**Monday Solemnity of 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

**Tuesday** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2,3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday Saint Damasus I, Pope** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Friday Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr** Is 48:17-19; Ps:1:1-2, 3,4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday Third Sunday of Advent** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Faithfully United as the  
Trinity

*Unidos Fielmente como la  
Trinidad*



**Sunday Collection**  
12/01/2019

Envelope	\$5,546.00
Loose	\$5,273.02
Children's	\$18.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,837.84</b>

Thanksgiving	\$220.87
Mission Appeal	\$892.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
GENEROSITY!**



SEPTEMBER 2019

Monthly Income for  
OCTOBER  
\$39,060.17

Monthly Expenses for  
OCTOBER  
\$44,158.87

**CCE CLASSES**

CCE classes are on  
Wednesdays for 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade with snack  
at 6:00 PM in the family  
center and class at 6:30 PM  
– 8:00 PM.

Registrations for the 2019-  
2020 CCE year are now  
closed!



**SCHEDULE OF ENGLISH  
ULTREYAS**

All are invited to come and  
enjoy the fellowship on the  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the  
month at 7:00 PM in the  
East room.

**SPANISH ULTREYA**

Todos los lunes, 7:00 PM  
en el salón de escuela.  
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 **Christopher Chavez and Ramon Franco**, who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Alicia Polvon, Diego Polvon, Richard Martinez, Marie Garza, Abraham Villafance, Nathaniel Hernandez, Sergio Espinoza, Brent Fowlkes, Tony Saldana, Cruz Olague. 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.**

**Reflexiones del domingo**
*Romanos 15:4-9*
**BUENOS RECUERDOS**

El recuerdo de los buenos tiempos nos ayuda a superar los malos. A veces nos preguntamos si tenemos suficiente fuerza para continuar, suficiente caridad para volver a ser amables hoy, suficiente esperanza para mañana. El recuerdo de los buenos tiempos del pasado puede darnos fuerzas para ser virtuosos. Sabemos que la adversidad en el pasado nos ha convertido en quienes somos hoy. Creemos que la adversidad de hoy nos hará mejores para mañana.

Dios ha prometido buenos tiempos. Dios hizo esta promesa a través de muchas generaciones del pueblo elegido. Cuando estaban acosados por la pérdida de propiedad, el exilio y la muerte de sus seres queridos, a menudo se preguntaban cuál sería su futuro. Pero Dios prometió mejores días. Sabían desde el pasado que Dios cumplió con promesas como esta, y encontraron esperanza para el presente.

Las promesas de Dios eran tan sagradas que se convirtieron en nuestras Escrituras. San Pablo dice: "Todo lo que se escribió anteriormente fue escrito para nuestra instrucción, que por la resistencia y por el estímulo de las Escrituras podríamos tener esperanza". Al examinar las promesas pasadas de Dios, nos reconforta. Sabemos que incluso en medio de la adversidad, todavía estamos en manos de Dios.

Jesús vino a confirmar las promesas de Dios a los patriarcas. Durante el Adviento escuchamos estas promesas una y otra vez. Nos preparan para la alegría de la Navidad. Dios había preparado el camino para Cristo, y Dios todavía está guiando a la iglesia que es el cuerpo de Cristo.

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**SATURDAY, December 7, 2019**

- 5:00 PM Mass – [HT] Fidel & Lupe Saldivar-70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by *Saldivar Family*

**SUNDAY, December 8, 2019**

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] +Conception Anderson by *Wanda Anderson*
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] +Mary Doporto by *Rosario Medrano*

**MONDAY, December 9, 2019**

- 10:30 AM Mass - BSSCC

**TUESDAY, December 10, 2019**

- 12:15 PM +Florence Prehan by *Wanda Anderson*

**WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2019**

- 7:00 PM Leticia Mendoza B'day by *Salazar Family*

**THURSDAY, December 12, 2019**

- 10:00 AM [BSSH] NO MASS
- 6:00 AM +Lupe Ortiz by *Valdez Family*

**FRIDAY, December 13, 2019**

- 8:00 AM Mass [HT] +Conception Anderson by *Wanda Anderson*

**SATURDAY, December 14, 2019**

- 5:00 PM Mass – [HT] +Elvira, +Jose Sr, +Lupe & +Jose Jr Hilario by *Elsa Hilario*

**SUNDAY, December 15, 2019**

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] For the People
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] +Howard Stevens by *Karen Stevens*

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**


**December 8 – Leticia & Bella M.**

**Sunday's Reflections**
*Romans 15:4-9*
**GOOD MEMORIES**

The memory of good times helps us through the bad times. Sometimes we wonder if we have enough strength to go on, enough charity to be kind again today, enough hope for tomorrow. The memory of good times in the past can give us strength to be virtuous. We know that adversity in the past has made us who we are today. We believe that the adversity of today will make us better for tomorrow.

God has promised good times. God made this promise through many generations of the chosen people. When they were beset by loss of property, exile, and the death of those they loved, they often wondered what their future would be. But God promised better days. They knew from the past that God delivered on promises like this, and they found hope for the present.

The promises of God were so sacred that they became our Scriptures. Saint Paul says, "Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." By examining God's past promises, we take comfort. We know that even during adversity, we are still held in God's hands.

Jesus came to confirm God's promises to the patriarchs. During Advent we hear these promises repeatedly. They prepare us for the joy of Christmas. God had prepared the way for Christ, and God is still guiding the church that is Christ's body.

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