
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 16th thru December 24th.

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

SIMBAN GABI

Father will be having the Simban Gabi, which is a Novena Mass, starting Monday, December 16th thru Tuesday, December 24th at 7:30 PM in the church. Everyone is invited to join him.

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.

LECTORS/LECTORES

We need two English lectors for Wednesday, December 25th for the 11:00 AM Mass.

Necesitamos un lector de español para el miércoles 25 de diciembre para la misa de las 8:30 AM.

DIOCESAN IMMIGRATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

The services include processing documents for such things as Naturalization and Citizenship Applications, Alien Relative Petitions, Adjustment of Status Immigrations Benefit Applications, Temporary Protective Status, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (Dream Act), Waiver of Disability, and Work Permits. If you or someone you know needs legal assistance with immigration, please contact the following: **San Angelo Immigration Services Office, Franciscan Resource Center, 133 W. Concho, Suite 111, San Angelo, TX 76903 325-703-2002.**

**CHURCH OFFICE**

The office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will open on Thursday, December 26th at 8:00 AM.

The office will also be closed at Noon on Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in observance of New Year's Eve and New Year' Day. We will open on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 8:00 AM.

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

**CCE MEALS
OCTOBER MENU**

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.

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 16th.

WELCOME NEWCOMER'S

If you are new to our church, please register by obtaining a form from one of our Greeters and returning it to the office at 1009 Hearn.

PARISHIONERS UPDATE CENSUS FORM

Parishioners, if you have had a change of address or phone number please call the office at 714-4930 and update the census form.

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE WEST TEXAS ANGELUS?

Are you registered in the church and not receiving the West Texas Angelus? Please call the office at 714-4930 so this can be corrected.

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

**SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH
RYAN RAMIREZ**



Ryan is in his 2nd 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 1st 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, 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.

ANOIDING 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
12/08/2019

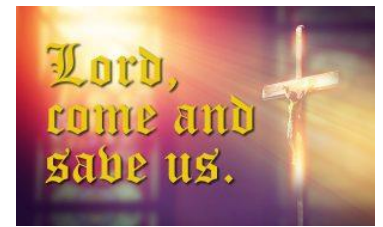
Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	133	100
8:30 AM	220	140
11:00 AM	350	198
Total	703	438

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR
DECEMBER

December 14 & 15, 2019 – St. Vincent de Paul

ONLINE GIVING

If interested in online giving, please go to church website. bigspringcatholic.org



Readings for the Week of
December 15, 2019

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

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

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

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

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

Saturday 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

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Faithfully United as the
Trinity

Unidos Fielmente como la
Trinidad



Sunday Collection
12/08/2019

Envelope	\$5,546.00
Loose	\$5,273.02
Children's	\$18.82
Total	\$10,837.84

Thanksgiving	\$220.87
Mission Appeal	\$892.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**



OCTOBER 2019

Monthly Income for
OCTOBER
\$42,668.95

Monthly Expenses for
OCTOBER
\$44,158.87

CCE CLASSES

CCE classes are on Wednesdays for 1st grade thru 12th 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 1st and 3rd 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

Ronnie Ruiz, Alicia Polvon, Diego Polvon, Richard Martinez, Marie Garza, Abraham Villafance, Nathaniel Hernandez, Sergio Espinoza, Brent Fowlkes. 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
James 5:7-10
PACIENTE ESPERANDO

Algunas cosas solo toman tiempo. Se necesita tiempo para que crezcan los cultivos, para que crezca el pan y para que el vino envejezca. Lleva tiempo aprender a tocar un instrumento musical o desarrollar habilidades atléticas. Algunas cosas no pueden ser apresuradas. Hacemos lo que podemos para preparar la tierra y fortalecer nuestros cuerpos para las tareas que tenemos entre manos. Pero al final, esperamos.

Es difícil esperar, especialmente cuando anticipamos buenos resultados. Deseamos que los niños dominen la lección, que el amado regrese de un viaje y que Dios conteste una oración. Es difícil esperar lo que queremos. A veces no nos comportamos lo mejor posible mientras esperamos. Nos volvemos impacientes e irritables.

Dios es lento Dios tardó miles de años en cumplir la promesa que le hizo a Abraham. Finalmente, el niño nació en Belén. Luego, la gente tuvo que esperar a que el niño creciera.

Entonces Jesús murió en la cruz, y la gente tuvo que esperar la resurrección. Luego se levantó, apareció y prometió volver de nuevo. Pero la gente tuvo que esperar. Aún estamos esperando.

La Carta de Santiago dice: "Sean pacientes, hermanos y hermanas, hasta la venida del Señor". Sabemos que debemos ser pacientes para que Cristo venga nuevamente. Mientras esperamos, nos esforzamos por vivir en armonía, porque es en nuestra comunidad donde experimentamos incluso ahora la venida de nuestro Dios.

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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*

MONDAY, December 16, 2019

- 10:30 AM Mass - PARKVIEW

TUESDAY, December 17, 2019

- 12:15 PM +Teresa & +Domingo Rocha by *Margie Valverde*

WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2019

- 7:00 PM +Robert Anderson by *Wanda Anderson*

THURSDAY, December 19, 2019

- 10:00 AM [BSSH] NO MASS
- 12:15 PM +Henry Valverde by *Margie Valverde*

FRIDAY, December 20, 2019

- 8:00 AM Mass [HT] Bella Mendoza B'day by *Salazar Family*

SATURDAY, December 21, 2019

- 5:00 PM Mass – [HT] +Lupe Urias by *Chance Urias*

SUNDAY, December 22, 2019

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] For the People
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] +Delia Ortiz Hoyte by *Valdez Family*

SANCTUARY CANDLE


December 15 – Leticia & Bella M.

Sunday's Reflections
James 5:7-10
PATIENT WAITING

Some things just take time. It takes time for crops to grow, for bread to rise, and for wine to age. It takes time to learn how to play a musical instrument or to develop athletic skill. Some things cannot be rushed. We do what we can to prepare the earth and strengthen our bodies for the tasks at hand. But in the end, we wait.

It is hard to wait, especially when we anticipate good results. We wish that children would master the lesson, that the beloved would return from a journey, and that God would answer a prayer. It is hard to wait for what we want. Sometimes we do not behave our best while we are waiting. We grow impatient and irritable.

God is slow. It took thousands of years for God to deliver on the promise to Abraham. Eventually, the child was born in Bethlehem. Then, people had to wait for the child to grow up.

Then Jesus died on the cross, and people had to wait for the resurrection. Then he rose, appeared, and promised to come back again. But people had to wait. We are still waiting.

The Letter of James says, "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." We know we must be patient for Christ to come again. While we are waiting, we strive to live in harmony, because it is in our community where we experience even now the coming of our God.

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