

SIMBANG GABI

Simbáng Gabi, which means Night Mass, is a series of Catholic Masses in the Philippines during the nine days leading to Christmas. We will be celebrating these Masses from Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 PM thru December 24th at 8:00 PM.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM
Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve at 8:00 PM
Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day at 10:30 AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friday, January 1, 2021 at 12:15 PM with Adoration following the Mass.

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

Our Pro-life Committee needs to be restarted! Anyone interested in being a member please call the office. There are so many activities that could be happening in our community to promote Pro-life. Pro-life is from the "Womb to the Tomb". Call the office 432-714-4930 for more information and to sign-up

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

For those Adult Catholics that need Confirmation and First Holy Communion, our adult confirmation classes will be in January. Dates will be announced later. Classes will run from 2-5 pm. We will meet in the family center. please call the church office and register. The adult confirmation date with the Bishop be in February. Watch bulletin for details. Please call the church office.

LECTORS NEEDED

We need Lectors, if this ministry is calling you please call the office. We especially need English Lectors for the 5:00PM Mass and the 11:00 AM Mass. Training will be provided.

Necesitamos lectores en español para la misa de las 8:30 AM, si este ministerio los está llamando, por favor llame a la oficina. Serás entrenado.

PER BISHOP SIS

Due to the COVID pandemic, Catholics in the Diocese of San Angelo are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday's and holy days of obligation until further notice.

**DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO
COVID-19 GATHERING PROTOCOLS**

All attendees over the age of 2 are to wear face masks or cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth).

Those who are age 65 or older, those of any age with serious underlying medical conditions, and those who are sick, are encouraged to stay home and watch a livestream Mass.

Proper spacing is required between attendees:

- 1) Every other row must be left empty. The empty pews should be blocked off by something that does not damage the finish on the pews.
- 2) There should be at least six feet of separation between parties in any row.
- 3) These spacing requirements also apply to those in choirs and music groups.

The above spacing requirements will result in fewer people getting into the church for Mass. After all the available spaces are filled, additional people must not be admitted to the church building. Ushers must inform those who arrive after the church is full that they are not allowed to enter for this Mass, and they should explain to them the other options that may be available to them (such as listening to the remote broadcast from their car or home and receiving Communion after the Mass, or returning for another Mass or Communion service or coming to a Weekday Mass during the week).

Anyone attending Mass are to be screened before coming into the building. Their temperature is to be checked with the use of a medical-type noncontact infrared thermometer. They are to be sent home if they have any of the following signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19:

Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste, loss of smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish, having a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, or known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service.
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, click on ENTER CODE, enter the Parish Code **NJK8TT** and enjoy! This is a free subscription. for problems, please call the office.



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. 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. Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la oficina al 432-714-4930.

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

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.

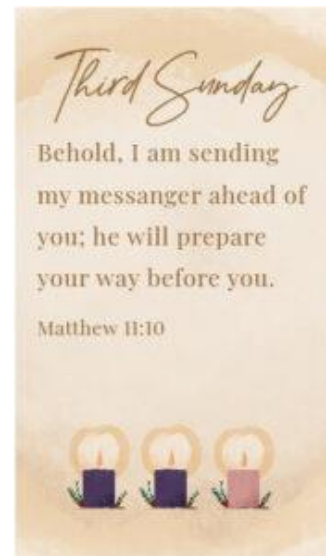
SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE 12/06/2020

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	55	28
8:30 AM	55	39
11:00 AM	99	57
Total	209	124

ONLINE GIVING

If interested in online giving, go to church website. bigspringcatholic.org click on **ONLINE GIVING** click green letters, 'click here' in Holy Trinity Catholic Parish Online Giving you have three options

- 1) login if you have an account already;
- 2) create new account; or
- 3) Quick Give-one time donation.



Readings for the Week of December 13, 2020

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 Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

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

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

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

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

Faithfully United as the
Trinity

Unidos Fielmente como la
Trinidad



Sunday Collection
12/06/2020

Envelopes	\$3,133.00
Loose	<u>\$834.00</u>
Total	\$3,967.00

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SEPTEMBER 2020
Monthly Income for
SEPTEMBER
\$40,521.61

Monthly Expenses for
SEPTEMBER
\$34,180.93

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Prayer meetings are
canceled till further notice
for the safety of everyone.

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



SCHEDULE OF ENGLISH ULTREYAS

All are invited to come and
enjoy the fellowship on the
3rd Tuesday 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 **Rudy DeLeon, Eufrasia Gonzales, Maria de la Garza and Margie Barron** who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Mike Martinez, Tina Martinez, Trina Martinez, Javier Hinojos, Martina Espinoza, Emily Carrillo, Devon Robles, Andrew Chavarria, Olivia Hernandez. 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
1 Tesalonicenses 5: 16-24
ALIGERAR

La Navidad es un asunto serio, pero no debe tomarse demasiado en serio. La Navidad será un momento de alegría, ya que nos reunimos con familiares y amigos, y adoramos en la iglesia para celebrar las buenas nuevas de que Cristo ha nacido para nosotros. Toda esta celebración exige trabajo duro. El trabajo rara vez es divertido, pero la preparación para la Navidad trae consigo algo del disfrute del día de Navidad. Este trabajo nos ayuda a pensar en el amor que tenemos y la esperanza que compartimos.

Incluso el Adviento puede volverse demasiado serio. Es cierto que este es un momento de preparación. Confesamos nuestros pecados y arreglamos las vallas para que la Navidad tenga más significado para nosotros. Pero el Adviento tiene como objetivo mantenernos alegres hasta la Navidad. "Regocíjense siempre", escuchamos a Pablo decir hoy. "En toda circunstancia da gracias."

Pablo se estaba dirigiendo a la comunidad cristiana de Tesalónica. Reafirmó su creencia de que la segunda venida de Cristo estaba muy cerca. Oró por ellos, para que "sean preservados sin culpa para la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo"

Un signo de su inocencia sería su alegría. Alégrate siempre, dice Paul. Siempre.

Durante el Adviento, nos distraemos. Tenemos muchos deberes en las próximas semanas. No hay mucho tiempo para hacer todo. Pero incluso este momento de preparación es un momento para relajarse. No perdamos de vista hacia dónde nos dirigimos: ¡Navidad! ¡Alegrarse!

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MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY, December 12, 2020

- 6:30 AM Mass – [HT]
- 5:00 PM Mass – [HT] Luven Flores B'day by *Flores Family*

SUNDAY, December 13, 2020

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] For the People
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] Special Intention-Sacred Heart by *Mary Martinez*

MONDAY, December 14, 2020

- 12:15 PM No Mass

TUESDAY, December 15, 2020

- 12:15 PM +Felix Perez by *Wanda Anderson*

WEDNESDAY, December 16, 2020

- 12:15 PM +Ricardo, +Petra, +Ismael & Bylan M by *Essie & Lupe Ortiz*
- 7:00 PM St. Jude-Thanksgiving by *Cecilia Trevino*

THURSDAY, December 17, 2020

- 12:15 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory by *Lupe Gutierrez*

FRIDAY, December 18, 2020

- 12:15 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory by *Gary & Violanda Harris*

SATURDAY, December 19, 2020

- 6:30 AM Mass – [HT] Deceased Guadalupanas
- 5:00 PM Mass – [HT] Bella Mendoza B'day by *Salazar Family*

SUNDAY, December 20, 2020

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] For the People
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] Special Intention-Sacred Heart by *Mary Martinez*

SANCTUARY CANDLE

December 13 – Leticia and Bella Mendoza

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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