

**SIMBANG GABI**

Simbang 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:

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**

**Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at :00 PM**

**Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM.**

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**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.**

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**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

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**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.

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**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.

**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.

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**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](http://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**  
12/13/2020

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	72	41
8:30 AM	82	39
11:00 AM	68	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>115</b>

**ONLINE GIVING**

If interested in online giving, go to church website. [bigspringcatholic.org](http://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 20, 2020**

**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

**Monday St 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

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

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

**Thursday** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79 **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

**Friday Feast of Nativity of Lord (Christmas Night):** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Saturday Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr** Acts 6:8-10, Acts 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

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

Faithfully United as the Trinity

Unidos Fielmente como la Trinidad



Sunday Collection  
12/13/2020

Envelopes \$2,452.00  
Loose \$240.00  
Total \$2,692.00

Retired Religious \$298.00  
Mailed Envelopes \$2,009.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **Edward Ornerlas, Maria (Lulu) Recio and Maria Greene** who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Carlos Rodriguez, Mike Martinez, Tina Martinez, Trina Martinez, Javier Hinojos, Martina Espinoza, Emily Carrillo, Devon Robles, 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**
*Romanos 16:25-27*
**UN GRAN FINAL**

Una buena historia tiene un gran final. Cuenta con buenos personajes, un escenario fantástico y una trama interesante con una buena cantidad de giros. Pero necesita un final que lo junte todo, a veces con una sorpresa.

Dios ha escrito una buena historia con un gran final. La historia apareció no en unos pocos capítulos, sino en miles de años de historia humana. Durante todas esas generaciones, la gente esperaba que Dios cumpliera una promesa. Creían en su corazón que un día Dios libraría, pero no sabían cuándo ni cómo.

El final de la historia fue el comienzo del cristianismo: el nacimiento de Jesucristo. Jesús entró en la historia de la humanidad como nuestro Mesías. No era lo que los creyentes esperaban; parecía menos, pero era mucho más. Parecía un simple ser humano vulnerable, nacido en la pobreza, muerto en deshonra. Pero él era más. Él era el Hijo de Dios, nacido humano como cada uno de nosotros, crucificado por nuestros pecados y resucitado de entre los muertos.

San Pablo dice que Dios mantuvo este misterio en secreto durante mucho tiempo, como la final sorpresa de un buen libro. Los profetas dieron pistas sobre cuál sería el final, pero Dios lo reveló mucho más tarde. Dios dio a conocer estas buenas nuevas no solo a los hijos del pacto, las personas que estaban leyendo el libro, sino a todas las naciones del mundo. El Dios que hizo eso, dice Pablo, merece nuestra alabanza.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**
**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*

**MONDAY, December 21, 2020**

- 12:15 PM No Mass

**TUESDAY, December 22, 2020**

- 12:15 PM +Bill Phelps by *Grace Phelps*

**WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2020**

- 12:15 PM +Juanita Ortiz by *Essie & Lupe Ortiz*
- 7:00 PM St. Jude-Thanksgiving by *Cecilia Trevino*

**THURSDAY, December 24, 2020**

- 5:00 PM +Domingo, +Demetrio & +Monica Rocha by *Sylvia S. Rocha*
- 8:00 PM +Estanislao & +Francisca Diaz by *Mary Vera*

**FRIDAY, December 25, 2020**

- 10:30 AM +Pedro & +Manuela Baltazar by *M/M Steve Escanuelas*

**SATURDAY, December 26, 2020**

- 5:00 PM Mass – [HT] +Leo Salazar by *Alice Salazar*

**SUNDAY, December 27, 2020**

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] For the People
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] +Felix Perez by *Wanda Anderson*

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**December 20 – Leticia and Bella Mendoza**

**Sunday's Reflections**
*Romans 16:25-27*
**A GREAT ENDING**

A good story has a great ending. It features good characters, a fanciful setting, and an interesting plot with a good share of twists. But it needs an ending that pulls everything together—sometimes with a surprise.

God has written a good story with a great ending. The story appeared not in a few chapters, but in thousands of years of human history. For all those generations, people were waiting on God to fulfill a promise. They believed in their hearts that one day God would deliver, but they did not know when or how.

The ending of the story was the beginning of Christianity: the birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus entered human history as our Messiah. He was not what believers were expecting—he seemed like less, yet he was much more. He seemed like a mere vulnerable human, born in poverty, killed in dishonor. But he was more. He was the Son of God, born human like each of us, crucified for our sins—and risen from the dead.

St. Paul says God kept this mystery secret for long ages, like the surprise ending to a good book. The prophets gave clues to what the ending would be, but God revealed it much later in time. God made this good news known not just to the children of the covenant—the people who were reading the book—but to all the nations of the world. The God who did that, Paul says, deserves our praise.

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