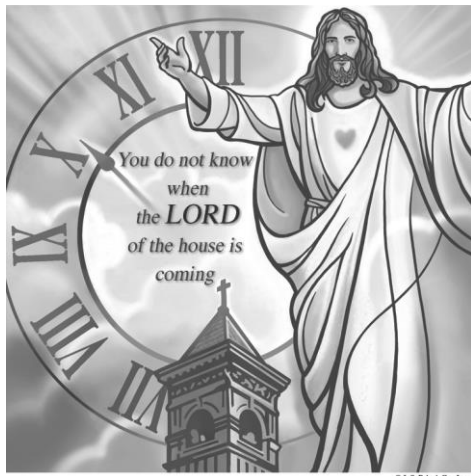


**1ST Sunday of Advent
December 2 - 3, 2017**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Budget to Actual

Weekly goal \$ 25,900.00
Week of 11/26/2017 19,240.14
Keep Praying!!!! \$ - 6,659.86

****TREASURE STEWARDSHIP****

11/26/2017

Envelope Receipts \$ 8,416.50
Online Giving 9,167.75
Loose Plate 1,655.89
Total \$ 19,240.14

Catholic Charities Collection

11/26/2017 \$ 973.00

Church Expansion

Total Pledged \$ 3,488,938.38
Collection week of 11/26 1,901.50
Online giving week of 11/26 2,072.01
Total Given to Date \$ 2,759,894.32

Organ Cost \$ 297,230.00
Organ Fund as of 11/26 - 38,333.64
Organ Debt \$ 258,896.36

May God bless you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

“Mass is Heaven on Earth” – St. John Paul II

SATURDAY, DEC. 2: 1ST Advent Sunday

4:-4:45 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm +Teodoro & Jose Jr Samaniego, Jose & Hector Polonco & Saul Carrasco, by Margarita Juarez & Family

SUNDAY, DEC. 3: 1ST Advent Sunday

7:30 am +Francois & June Boutin, by Fr. Mark
 10:00 am +Daniel L. Moreno, by Johnny & Sonia Daniel & Family
 11:30 am All Souls Memorial Mass
 5:00 pm People of St. Elizabeth’s

MONDAY, DEC. 4: Advent Weekday

6:30 am +Mino Uranga, by Richard & Dianna Duke

TUESDAY, DEC. 5: Advent Weekday

6:30 am +Katherine Chorney, by Skip & Andrea Chorney
 6:00 pm +June & Francois Boutin, by Patti & Mike Langford

WED’DAY, DEC. 6: St. Nicholas

6:30 am +June & Francois Boutin, by Mike & Patti Langford

6:00 pm +Ralph Hurst, by Elva Hurst

THURSDAY, DEC. 7: St. Ambrose

6:30 am +Tito Hinojos, by David & Cathi Boutin

6:00 pm All Souls Memorial Mass

FRIDAY, DEC. 8: Immaculate Conception

6:30 am +Francisco Solis, by Family
 6:30 pm +Dr. Chad Vanderford, by Gwen P. Landreneau

SATURDAY, DEC. 9: 2ND Advent Sunday

4-4:45 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm +Teodoro, Jose Jr. Samaniego; Jose & Hector Polonco, & Saul Carrasco, by Margarita Juarez & Family

SUNDAY, DEC. 10: 2ND Advent Sunday

7:30 am +June & Francois Boutin, by Patti & Mike Langford
 10:00 am +Alonzo Molinar, by Wife & Children
 11:30 am People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 5:00 pm +Jose Angel McGuire, by Imelda Lopez & Family

Advent Penance Liturgies

Monday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m. St. Mary’s

Friday, Dec. 15, 7 –pm. Holy Redeemer

Thursday, Dec. 21, 6:30 pm. St. Joseph’s

St. Elizabeth’s:

*Every Tuesday, 11:30-Noon, 6:30-7:30 pm

*Every Saturday, 4:00-4:45 pm

Immaculate Conception – Holy Day

Friday of this week is the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be 6:30 am and 6:30 pm. Please try to attend!

Church Dedication

Sunday, January 14

9:00 a.m.

Bishop Michael J. Sis will dedicate our enlarged church & bless the new altar;

All Parishioners should attend this very historic liturgy.

New Sunday Mass Schedule

Beginning Sunday, Dec. 31 our Sunday Mass schedule will be:

5 pm Saturday

9:00 am Sunday

11:30 am Sunday

5 pm Sunday

Next Latin Mass (note change)

Today -- Sunday, Dec. 3 -- 2 p.m.

Confraternity of the Brown Scapular

If you wear the brown scapular, you are invited to be part of our CONFRATERNITY OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR. Our next meeting is Sunday, December 10, 8:45-9:30 a.m. in the education building (classroom 2). For more information, call Fr. Mark at 367-4657. **Also see Fr. Mark for information about the Brown Scapular...**

Question of the Week

(from Deacon Gary Brooks)

What have you done to prepare yourself for the return of Jesus?

Pope's December Intention

The Elderly.

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

IRON ANGELS

Do you have a license to carry? We are organizing Iron Angels to receive training in keeping our congregation safe. Call our Business Manager, Blas Campos, at 432-367-4657 to apply for membership in the Iron Angels.

BAPTISM

PREP CLASS-Our next baptism preparation class is Tuesday, December 5 @ 6:30 p.m. **You must call to register for this class.** Please call after November 28. If there is no answer, dial 21 for Vickie's ext. and leave a message.

To Schedule a Baptism-In order to baptize at St. Elizabeth's, the parents of the child should be registered members of St. Elizabeth's, or live within our boundaries. Parents please come to the office to schedule your child's baptism. You will need to bring in the baby's birth certificate, **from the county**, the godparents' confirmation certificates, if the godparents are married, a copy of their church marriage certificate and proof of baptism prep classes for parents and godparents.

We do baptisms the 1ST, 2ND and 3RD weekends of each month. Beginning in October the baptisms held on the 3RD weekend will be in **Spanish**. The first person to come into the office with all necessary paperwork to register for a weekend will get to pick which day, Saturday or Sunday, for **all** baptisms that weekend. You must register in the office, before the date of your child's baptism and you must have all paperwork!



Sip & Shop **Benefiting** **Catholic Charities**

Friday, December 8

6 - 9 pm

Dee's Bistro

622 N Lee Ave

Odessa

\$25 - Limited Tickets

(21 & over)

Wine

Gourmet Appetizers

Silent Auction

Live Auction

Buy Christmas gifts that give back!

Purchase Tickets

432-661-7819 or 432-352-4033

Lector Training

The Lector Training for Dec. 4th has been canceled. We will reschedule in the coming months.

Deacon Gary's Prayer Chain

If you are in need of prayers or would like to be a prayer warrior with him and others in the community, please contact him at gbrooks@sanangelodiocese.org.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please keep our **overseas** service men and women in your prayers, especially the following who have relatives in our parish!

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Stephen Gilson | Brandon Ritz |
| Zachary Hamilton | Sean Ernst |
| Ian Davis | Dallas Ryan Luera |
| Jason Tyler Pope | Tony La |
| Adam Arellano | Matthew Cagle |
| Eric Huki | Samuel Urias |
| Khiry Gallegos | Mario Montoya |
| Douglas M. Hicks | Mark McComick, Jr. |
| Joshua Lambert | Andres Contreras |
| Christopher Clemenza | |
| Mateo Soto | Paul Porras |

Quinceanera Guidelines

Parents must be registered and contributing and their daughter must have attended CCD for 2 years prior to the ceremony.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

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Elementary CCD

December News **Christmas Break**

NO CCD
December 24, 27, 31

In Memoriam

We remember deceased parishioners who died in the month of December in years past.

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| Carol Chenot | 1 | Johnnie Williams | 18 |
| Lewis Hoover | 2 | Helen Chambers | 19 |
| Ollie Blank | 2 | Genowefa Starnes | 19 |
| Diego Pazos | 3 | Mary Jo Rauscher | 19 |
| Charles Dickey | 4 | Myla Madrid | 20 |
| Vidal G. Ramos | 4 | Linda Bell | 20 |
| Leo Goulet | 5 | Humberto "Slim" Lara | 22 |
| Julian Cardenas | 5 | Margarita Sanchez | 23 |
| Sonia Camacho | 5 | Prudencio Minjarez | 24 |
| Tink Schott | 8 | Marion Tiner | 25 |
| Lillian Buss | 9 | Patti Hardison | 25 |
| Esther Leal | 10 | Russell Strasser | 26 |
| Herman Lawson | 12 | Marie Martin | 26 |
| Jesus Aguirre | 12 | Al McAllister | 28 |
| Ted Dutchover Sr. | 13 | Sisto Gonzales | 28 |
| Virginia Nagel | 14 | Eleanor Rivera | 29 |
| Paula Sanchez | 14 | Stacey Fingerle | 29 |
| Ruben Gandara | 14 | Robert Ganter | 29 |
| James Hoffman | 15 | Jerry Martel | 30 |
| John Clark | 16 | Carlos Hernandez | 30 |
| Betty Strackbein | 16 | Louis Wiesman | 30 |
| Charles Tacker | 18 | Michael Dominguez | 30 |
| Barbara Landa | 18 | James Puga | 31 |
| Thelma Moyaert | 18 | Florence Richey | 31 |
| William Edmiston | 18 | Charles Blythe | 31 |

Shrine of the Virgin of Childbirth

A simple shrine of the Virgin of Childbirth has been erected in the Chapel of the Risen Lord. It's a place to pray for:

- the conception of a child,
- a safe birth once pregnant,
- and thanks giving after the child is born.

If you wish to have the votive candle lit for your intention, call the office at 367-4657 to arrange it so we can post the name of the parents!

A blessing of the child in the womb is also available; call one of the priests to arrange it before or after Sunday Mass.

Please pray for:

Lois Chorney, Donovan Crawley, Dan Carpenter, Artie Everett, Noah Johnson, Juan Urias, Domingo Nunez, John Miller, Jason Miller and family.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus Council #8773 is holding a "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. The deadline for entry is December 15th. There are three age groups with one winner in each age group. The prize is a \$25 gift card. Entry forms are available in the church and the office. You can drop of your entry at the office.

COUPLES RETREAT

We are having a two-day couples retreat. This retreat is recommended for couples who have been civilly married for at least one year and wish to be married through the church. It will be held Friday, December 8th from 6 – 9 pm and Saturday, beginning at 8 am and ending with 5pm Mass. The cost is \$40 per couple.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec 3 – Yollie Wilkins, Jimmy Bagley, Holly MacMurdo, Rodrigo Melendez, Vanessa Venegas, Bob Ryan, Brissa Florez, John Stutes, Felipe Zamora, Margie Kennedy, Arthur Montoya, Monika Davila, Maximilian Sanchez, Michael Marquez, Joshua Ontiveros, Constanz Dominguez, Consuelo Carrasco

Dec 4 – Toni Munoz, Cruz Gallardo, Ann Marie Ramirez, Makayla Garcia, Julietta Lozano, Steven Talbot, Casey Duarte, Joseph Fandey, Reina Pando, Julian Mancha, Jennifer Vasquez, J'Ryan Riggs, John Garcia, Maria Carrillo, Robert Sigala, Jailen Flores, Isaac Marquez, Angela Aguirre

Dec 5- Debra Neitzel, Margaret Lehr, Rubin Cantu, Elias Hernandez, Katja Ann Fitzgerald, MA Immaculada Gelera, Jerry Morales, Ayra Cirilo, Rebecca Sanchez, Phoebe Rubalcaba, Rolando Marquez, Shelley Carrillo

Dec 6- Dewey Bryant, John MacMurdo, Tanya Garcia, John-Michael Aleman, David Torres, Bill Williams, Alexis Hernandez, Andre Montes, Nadien Ozuna, Benjamin Carter Jr., Howard Zissman, Danielle Jaquez, Shelby Rudd, Chloe Mendoza, David Ramirez

Dec 7- Isaac Fuentez, Ivonee Ojeda, Anastacio Baeza, David Denton, Areli Hernandez, Alex Sanchez, Christina Ruiz, Jeniffer Perez, Raul Salcido, Isaac Fuentes, Ben Mendias, Casimiro Toledanes, London Olivas, Brenda Campos, Jayden Alvarado, Jasmin Lozoya

Dec 8- Rey Baroro, Juanita Galindo, Corina Whitfield, Beatriz Cordova, Darren Smith, Krystal Guerra, Ruben Perez III, Lita Hale

Dec 9- James Cox, Jessilyn Nixon, Juan Franco, Fred Breithaupt Sr., Isaiah Vejil, Adrienne DeLaRosa, Zoey Barragan, Malina Soto, Justyce Olivas, Abigail Olivas, Evelyn Abila



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HOW BRIGHT IS YOUR LIGHT?

Our parish is growing in size and activities. As such, we need more volunteers to help spread the word of God. Please commit to helping the people of your community and yourself by volunteering in one of these ministries.

- Religious Ed teachers and aides
- First Communion teachers and aides
- Quincenera class teacher
- RCIA team member
- Youth Group leaders and chaperones
- Youth Confirmation leaders/teachers
- Steubenville chaperones
- Marriage Retreat team
- Baptism Prep class teacher
- Choir member
- Cantor
- Bell Choir member
- Hospital and Homebound Minister
- Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Ushers at all Masses (Sat. & Sun.)
- Marriage Retreat team member
- Altar server
- Altar linen laundering group
- Catholic Charities Volunteer

Call the office (367-4657) for more information.

To help us share our time and talents with our church community we have these opportunities to enrich our faith.

- Rosary Group
- ACTS
- Men's Bible Study
- Women's Bible Study
- Spanish Prayer Groups
- Knights of Columbus
- Adoration

Corinthians 12:7-11 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

What is your gift?

Are you helping others?

Addiction Counseling

Call Randy at 432-631-9225 or
Angela at 432-803-9435

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

WOMEN

Women's bible study will begin again in the spring.

SPANISH

Los pequeños Hijos de Maria

Monday: Spanish Bible Study 7 – 9 pm in the classrooms.

Thursday: Spanish Mass, Rosary and Prayer 6 – 9 pm.

Los Angeles de Cristo Grupo de Oracion

Friday: Spanish Bible Study 7 – 9 pm in the Youth Building. Contact Pilar or Romelia Ornelas 362-4610.

Checks to St. Elizabeth's

Please make **all** checks out to St. Elizabeth's. Also, please only use **blue or black ink** for your checks. All processing is done digitally now and other colors are not picked up. This results in extra time and work, not only for us but also for the bank.