Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

"You can't take it with you," Aunt Frances used to say. "I never saw a hearse pulling a U-Haul." Aunt Frances had a point. We expend a lot of effort making money for our families, planning for retirement, and managing our investments. Yet we have no control over when our lives will be demanded of us. And wealth may not be the only "treasure" that we "store up."

We have many ways to preserve a false sense of security, to mask the vulnerability that we humans share. We may install security systems, move into gated communities, or buy a gun. We may buy SUVs with antilock brakes. We may store up good deeds that allow us to feel smug and self-satisfied, or grudges that put others in our debt. The scriptures today remind us that whatever we might be banking on to keep us safe is mere "vanity."—Virginia Stillwell

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes.

Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

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USING OUR TIME WISELY

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey.

In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

We encourage any adult who is interested in growing in their understanding of the faith to register for the Basic or Advanced Formation program. Registration for Year Two (2025-2026) is due on August 14, 2025. To register for Basic Formation and to access a full schedule and syllabus, please go to https://sanangelodiocese.org/basic-formation. For Advanced Formation https://sanangelodiocese.org/advanced-formation.

CHANCELLOR JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Diocese of San Angelo is seeking candidates for the position of Chancellor. The Chancellor is the chief officer of administration and operations for the Diocese of San Angelo and has the responsibility and authority for overseeing the day-to-day administration and supervision of the staff and operations of the diocese. Responsibilities of the Chancellor include developing, implementing, and evaluating policies and procedures for the strategic, administrative, and financial management of the diocese. The Chancellor ensures compliance with local, state, and federal reporting requirements and canonical aspects of diocesan operations, as well as the standards of practice established for financial management by the USCCB.

Applicants should have a minimum 10 years' administrative experience in business management or organizational leadership, preferably in the Church, with a minimum of 5 years' experience of proven executive leadership in a non-profit organization, the Church, a private sector company, government, or the military (as the CEO, CFO, COO, or similar position).

MBA, MSCM, current CPA, CGMA, or CDFM credentials is required. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Job duties and other information regarding the position are available at the Diocesan website, www.sanangelodiocese.org. Resumes should be sent to Mike Wyse, Chancellor, at P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo, Texas 76902-1829, or emailed to mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org by August 20.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS to all our August celebrants!

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm at IHM. Confession will also be available during Adoration.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC? Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

ULTREYA– meets Monday, August 4th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

GRUPO MISIONERO will meet Thursday in the hall @7:00pm.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – will meet this Sunday, August 3rd at 4:00pm, Holy Family parish hall.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

¡ATTENCIÓN! Clases de catecismo para adultos en español son los miercoles a las 7:00pm, en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón, 507 W. Alabama Ave con el catequista Victor Rubio Jr. Mas informacion, llame a la oficina.

July 26/27, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$3323.00
LOOSE PLATE……1134.40
TOTAL COLLECTION…….$4457.40

Thank you for your generosity

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
2025 – 2026

R E G I S T R A T I O N
(Note: ALL CURRENT and NEW STUDENTS)

WHEN: Starts: Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Ends: Thursday, August 28, 2025
Days: Monday thru Thursday
Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Where: IHM Hall c/o Sister Tita, OND

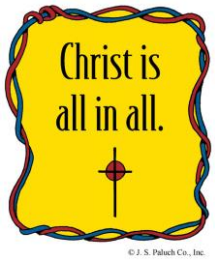
PLEASE TAKE NOTE: NO REGISTRATION on WEDNESDAYS or SUNDAYS when CLASSES start!

CLASSES BEGIN:
(a) Wednesday, September 3rd: 7th to 11th Grades
Class Time: 7:00-8:30pm
(b) Sunday, September 7th:Pre-K to 6th Grades
Class Time: 9:30-10:40am

***Religious Education Calendar 2025-2026 will be given upon registration.**

***Baptismal Certificate is required of all new registrants and current students without baptismal records.**

"Please come and register early!"



Saturday, August 2nd -
5:00PM-IHM – Guadalupanas living and deceased;
+Ruben Gutierrez;
+Robert Saucedo, Jr.
7:00PM-St. Albert - Por la gente de Nolan County

Sunday, August 3rd -
8:00AM – +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; En acción de gracias por el cumpleaño de Alexis Arc
11:00AM – In thanksgiving for John Falana's birthday; +Aurelia Garza

Tuesday, August 5th 9:00AM - HF
For the well-being of Humberto Diaz

Wednesday, August 6th 6:00PM–IHM
+Fidela Gonzales

Thursday, August 7th 9:00AM - HF
For the well-being of Father Freddy Perez

Friday, August 8th 9:00AM - HF
En acción de gracias por el cumpleaño de Adri Ashley

Saturday, August 9th -
5:00PM-IHM – +Jovita & Benjie Olguin, Jennifer & Roger Gomez; +Román Solano

Sunday, August 10th -
8:00AM – Por Grupo Misionero y en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Araceli Montealvo, Maria y Adolfo Herrera, Roberto Gutierrez, Erick Medellin y Ana Islas; Bien Estar de Humberto Diaz
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

JAMAICA September 28, 2025

Holy Spirit Jamaica Committee is getting ready for our annual festival! Once again, we are asking for donations for the bingo prizes, cakes for the cake walk, 2 liter soft drinks, and stuffed animals for game prizes. All donations may be dropped off at the parish office and the cakes the day before the Jamaica. If you would like to help in any other way, please contact Ellie Mendez @ 725-0671. Please remember to pick up your raffle tickets and to return them to Patty Torres (finance). Someone from the finance council will be outside after all the masses. The raffle is the biggest money maker of the Jamaica! Thank you for all your help!

Transfiguration of the Lord

PRAYER: God, in the glorious Transfiguration of Your only Son You confirmed the mysteries of Faith by the witness of the fathers and wonderfully foreshadowed the adoption of sons. Help us Your servants to listen to Your beloved Son and become coheirs with Him. Amen.