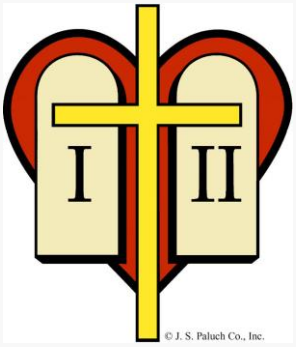

[K]eep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***— 1 Timothy 6:14***

HOW GOD INTENDS US TO LIVE

Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading, Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's—justice for the oppressed; food for the hungry; freedom for captives; sight to the blind; raising of those who are bowed down; loving the just; protecting strangers, orphans, and the widow; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked. Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experience life very differently in this world and in the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives.
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REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

If anyone is the prophet of the punch line, it is Amos. He travels up from the south to preach to the people of the northern kingdom of Israel and he pulls no punches. "Woe to the complacent," he begins, and then in a quick series of brush strokes lets them know how God sees them: lying upon their beds, stretched out on their couches, eating their tender lamb and calves, drinking fine wine while the music plays and they anoint themselves with the best oils. Then the punch line—they shall be the first to go into exile. The party is over!

In a similar vein Jesus paints a portrait of "Richman"—tradition has named him Dives (Latin for "rich man")—dressed in the best, eating the best, insulated in his own little world, while at his door Lazarus lies starving, with only dogs coming to lick his sores. It is a scene of total indifference to the plight of the poor. God's response is clear. The wheel will turn. And when it does, so shall Lazarus and Richman. What was a gap between them becomes a chasm.

The Letter to Timothy today contains advice from a mentor to his beloved child in the faith. It offers of profile of how the baptized person is to live. It's a shame that the reading does not begin earlier (1 Timothy 6:9–10) and end later (6:17–19), because these verses directly warn about the dangers of money, offering advice for the wealthy so that they may "lay hold of eternal life" (6:12).

—James A. Wallace, C.SS.R.

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Living God's Word **-** Jesus became poor so that we might be rich in the grace and wisdom of the Lord. We can pray and meditate on the responsorial psalm for this week: "Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free" (Psalm 146:7).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

FOOD DRIVE

The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of September. Let us share what we have with those in need.

God Bless you – Thank you!

COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

La parroquia recolectará alimentos no-perecederos para donar a una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Puede traer sus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas durante el mes de septiembre. Compartamos lo que tenemos con los necesitados. *Dios lo Bendiga - Gracias!*

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

Oct. 4–Jamaica Oct. 11-Youth Group

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"Everyone please thank the following very generous sponsors for our 2025 Jamaica. The Holy Spirit is in them and we are very blessed."

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JAMAICA

It's H E R E ! THIS WEEKEND!

Our Annual Parish Festival is this
Sunday, September 28th!
Please turn in your raffle tickets & money;
drop off your Bingo prizes and/or food donations.
Come out and join your fellow parishioners
for fellowship, music, games and a great time.
Help us make this "the best Jamaica ever!"

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CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026

- **NO CLASSES THIS SUNDAY**—September 28th. Classes will resume next Sunday, October 5th.
- Wednesday Classes -7th to 11th Grades; 7:00-8:30pm

OCIA – Need Sacraments? Looking to grow closer to God through baptism, communion or confirmation? Classes have started but you may still go by the parish office to sign up. Classes are held on Thursdays, 6:00pm at Holy Family Hall, 507 Crane St.

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:30pm at IHM.

FIRST FRIDAY – Friday, October 3rd, -- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00pm until 10:00 pm at Holy Family. Confession is available.

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

ULTREYA– meets Monday, September 29th, 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 meets on Thursdays, IHM hall, @7:00pm.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – will **not** meet this Sunday.

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is hosting a series of workshops. These will be half-day events that focus on specific topics, with one workshop being held in each deanery. Each workshop is independent of the others-you can choose to attend only one, or you can join us for all three! The first workshop scheduled for October 18, 2025, in San Angelo is "How to Avoid Burnout in Ministry" and guest speaker is Alex Gotay. Alex is a national speaker, retreat leader, and youth minister. Cost is $15 per person. Deadline to register is October 3rd. You can register online at https://sanangelodiocese.org/equip-a-workshop-series. For more info: Tel: 325-651-7500

Saturday, September 27th -
5:00PM-IHM– +Manuel Jaramillo; +Gloria Castro, Rudy Torres, Delia Sparkman, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez;
In thanksgiving for Ramon & Diana Rivera's 50th Anniversary

Sunday, September 28th
8:00AM – Por la Gente de Nolan County
11:00AM – +Manuel and Cuquita Heredia; +Ruben Gutierrez

Tuesday, September 30th 9:00AM - HF
+Román Solano

Wednesday, October 1st 6:00PM–IHM
+Fidencia Gonzales

Thursday, Ocotber 2nd 9:00AM HF
Humberto Diaz

Friday, October 3rd 9:00AM– HF
Special Intention

Saturday, October 4th -
5:00PM-IHM– Guadalupanas vivas y difuntas;
In Thanksgiving for Patrick Villa's birthday;
+Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez
7:00PM-St. Albert – Por la Gente de Nolan County

Sunday, October 5th
8:00AM – En acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Francisco Medellin; Humberto Diaz;
+Celia Castillo y +Quintín Alvarez
11:00AM – +Marcelino y Esther Rodriguez;
In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Antonio M. Heredia & Samuel Mendez

09/20-21/2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……	$4465.00
LOOSE PLATE……	1489.20
BUILDING FUND……	717.00
TOTAL COLLECTION……..	$6671.20

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Those blessed spirits who are appointed by God to be protectors and defenders of men are called Guardian Angels. Faith teaches us that each individual has a Guardian Angel who watches over him during the whole course of his life. It is also a generally accepted teaching that communities, the Church, dioceses, and nations also have their tutelary Angels.

Prayer God, in Your Providence, You saw fit to send Your Angels to watch over us. Grant that we may always be under their protection and one day enjoy their company in heaven. Amen.

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