



# Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock

Office of Communications

## PASTORAL UPDATE: DECEMBER 12, 2017

Planning a parish event? To choose the best date, visit our **DIOCESAN CALENDAR** (under Calendar at top of page) at [www.catholiclubbock.org](http://www.catholiclubbock.org).

Many events -- including retreats and jamaicas -- are listed.

Call us at 806-792-3943 Ext. 218 or e-mail [pbehnke@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:pbehnke@catholiclubbock.org) with news about any parish event of interest to the diocese by *noon on Tuesday*.

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### TOP NEWS - MOST RECENT

**40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY** – The parishioners of Saint Isidore, Abernathy, invite all to celebrate Father Jacob Puthuparambil's 40th anniversary on **Sunday, December 17 @ 6 p.m.** Posadas will begin the evening, followed by a dinner in the hall.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** -**December 17** –following 11 a.m. Mass at Christ the King, 4011 54th, Lubbock. Meal provided by the Knights of Columbus Council 3008. No cost, all welcome.

**PENANCE SERVICE** – **December 20**, 7-9:30 p.m., Christ the King, 4011 54th, Lubbock. Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

**POSADAS** – The parishes of Floydada Saint Mary Magdalen and Lockney San Jose de Calasanz will have house to house Posadas from **December 16-24 @ 6 p.m.** All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please call the Floydada church office at 806-983-5778 for locations.

**YOUTH4LIFE** – Is a group of teens and young adults dedicated to standing up for the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death. They are currently raising funds to send 10 teens and six adult chaperones from Lubbock to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. in **January, 2018**. The money donated will help them with plane fare, ground transportation and housing in D.C. Funds can be donated on <https://igivecatholic.org/designee/st-john-neumann-church-youth-for-life-lubbock> or send to Saint John Neumann Youth4Life, 5802 22nd Street, Lubbock, TX 79407. Can you help?

**A CHRISTMAS SEASON CELEBRATION-** **Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 10 a.m.-noon**, Catholic Renewal Center, Martyrs' Hall, 4620 4th Street, Lubbock. Parents with small children or kids at home on Winter Break are invited to a Christmas season celebration hosted by the Catholic Moms of Lubbock and the Office of Marriage and Family Life. Cost is free to attend--just bring food to share for the celebration. For more info, please email Vicki at [vicki.divine@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.divine@gmail.com) or call the Marriage and Family Life Office at 806.792.3943, ext. 201.

**STRESS MANAGEMENT CLASS** – Tuesday, **January 15, 2018**, Family Guidance & Outreach Center, #5 Briercroft Office Park, Lubbock. Presenter is Billie Russell, LISD. Call to register – 806-747-5577. For adults 18 years and older. No childcare.

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – Friday, January 26 through Sunday, January 28, 2018**

“The wedding is for a day but the marriage is for a LIFETIME.” Engaged couples planning to get married in the Catholic Church are invited to spend a weekend together to focus on preparing for married life. This three-day, overnight retreat begins on Friday at 7:45p.m. and ends Sunday at 2 p.m. The location will be the Mercy Retreat Center, 605 19th, Slaton. Cost is \$245 per couple if registered 2 weeks before the retreat; the cost becomes \$305 per couple for registrations made less than 2 weeks before the retreat. Registration form and details available at <http://www.catholiclubbock.org/EE18.pdf> or in person by stopping by the diocese between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Can't make the weekend in January? Here are the dates of our three additional Engaged Encounter weekends for 2018: April 20-22; June 1-3; October 5-7.

**Parishes and Around the Diocese**

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS RELATED EVENTS:**

**ADVENT RETREAT – Saturday, December 16, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.,** Saint Mary Magdalen Parish, 309 South Wall Street, Floydada. The retreat speakers are Father Rudi Crasta, David Powell, and Jeremy Trull. The retreat is free; snacks and a meal will be provided. All are invited. To register, please contact Father Ruban, 806-781-7179 (Cell) or 806-983-5878 (office). **Deadline to register: December 12.**

**CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S PLAY AND MEAL – Sunday, December 17 @ 5 p.m.,** Haskell Saint George, 901 North 16th Street.

**CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR – Sunday, December 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.,** Saint Patrick Church, 1603 Cherry Avenue, Lubbock. Great gifts for last minute Christmas shoppers.

**NOVENA OF MASSES** - The Filipino Catholic community of the Diocese of Lubbock will conduct Simbang Gabi (Evening Mass) for a novena leading up to Christmas. The Masses will be at Saint Elizabeth Chapel, 2301 Main, Lubbock from **December 15** through **December 23** at 7:30 p.m. All are invited.

**LAS POSADAS – December 18-20, 6 p.m.,** with Mass. Our Lady of Guadalupe, 52nd & Avenue L, Lubbock.

**POSADAS - December 20-23, 7:00 p.m. December 24, 10 p.m.** before Mass, Saint Elizabeth, 3005 Avenue A, Snyder

**SPECIAL EWTN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMING** - EWTN is proud to bring you LIVE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Also, they will air inspiring musical performances, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations that the whole family will enjoy. Watch or listen to EWTN TV and EWTN Radio on our local channel—102.9 FM, online, or even on your smartphone using our free EWTN App!

**CHRISTMAS MASSES:**

**December 24 – Christmas Eve –**

5 p.m. Children's Mass; and 8 p.m. Vigil Mass, Holy Spirit Church, 98th & Frankford, Lubbock  
6 p.m. –Children's play followed by Mass (bilingual), Our Lady of Guadalupe, 52nd & Avenue L, Lubbock  
7 p.m. (Children's Mass); 10 p.m. Vigil Mass – Saint John Neumann, 22nd & Frankford, Lubbock

**December 25 – Christmas Day –**

9 a.m. Mass (Spanish); 10:30 a.m. (English), Our Lady of Guadalupe, 52nd & Avenue L, Lubbock  
10 a.m. Mass, Saint John Neumann, 22nd & Frankford, Lubbock

10 a.m. Mass, Holy Spirit Church, 98th & Frankford, Lubbock

**January 1 – New Year’s Day—**

9 a.m. Mass, Holy Spirit Church, 98th & Frankford, Lubbock

**SOLEMN VESPERS – December 15 & 22 @6:30 p.m.,** Christ The King Cathedral, 4011 54th, Lubbock

**PUNCH & COOKIES WITH SAINT NICK – December 17,** 10:20 a.m.-Noon, Saint John Neumann, 22nd & Frankford, Lubbock. *Saint Nick Store for Kids* - Angels will be on site to assist with purchases and gift wrapping will be provided.

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**GRIEF SHARE-SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS-** This last session will be held the **Sunday, December 17,** 1:30-3 p.m. in the Family Life Conference room at the Catholic Renewal Center (4620 4th Street, Lubbock). Are you or family members experiencing sadness this holiday season because of the death of a loved one? Do you dread Christmas gatherings because you're not sure how to celebrate since your loved one is now gone? Join us as we discuss ways to survive the upcoming holidays while missing a deceased loved one. Individuals and families with children are welcome to attend this session, which will be facilitated by Jenna Chang. Please contact Jenna, Office of Marriage and Family Life, to register or for more information: 806.792.3943, ext 201.

**VIETNAMESE MASS:** On **Sunday, December 17,** Father Leo HuyenVũ from Amarillo will celebrate Vietnamese Masses at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church, 98th and Frankford. Father Leo will hear confessions prior to Mass from 5-6 p.m.

**ROE V WADE MEMORIAL MASS –** Monday, **January 22, 2018, @6 p.m.,** Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 52nd Street and Avenue L. Father Martin Piña and Monsignor David Cruz, Vicar General, will concelebrate.

**BURIAL PLOT FOR SALE** - Resthaven Cemetery - Section G, Lot 340, Space 1, (Catholic Section), \$3500 (Or \$5000 including Marker Contract). Contact Deacon Clarke and Anne Cochran - 806-438-9057

**EN-COUN-TER CATHOLICISM:** **Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. in Kasteel Hall,** Christ the King Cathedral, 4011 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock. A different topic and presenter each week.

**December 13** - Sparkling Christmas trees, Santa, reindeer, Jingle Bells, a bounty of shopping, cookie exchanges, nativity plays and Midnight Mass. To many Americans, Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without at least a few of these traditions and celebrations. But as a religion with more than 2.2 billion adherents, something as simple as a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ has taken on enormously different shapes and styles across the globe. Join us for a festive and informative Encounter as a number of the Christ the King Cathedral's parishioners, who hail from many parts of the world, share their Christmas traditions with us.

**December 20** - Encounter features our Evangelization series *Rediscover Catholicism*, based on the book and study guide of Matthew Kelly. This session, entitled "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality" (continued) (pages 229 - 284 in the book, *Rediscover Catholicism*). There will be an introduction to the

chapter's insights and practical applications to our lived faith experience. We will then break out into small discussion groups to reflect on the questions included in the study guide. If you've missed the previous session, that's okay! You are still welcome.

### Office for Evangelization & Catechesis

Give a gift of the Gospel this Christmas Season to a family member or friend. The following websites contain some examples of booklets for Sunday/Weekly Readings giving us an opportunity to grow spiritual connections between scripture & our daily lives.

Give Us This Day - <https://giveusthisday.org>

Exploring the Sunday Readings - <https://www.exploringthesundayreadings.com/>

Living with Christ - <http://www.livingwithchrist.us/about-us/>

Magnificat - <https://us.magnificat.net/>

Sunday by Sunday - <https://goodgroundpress.com/>

### Office for Young Adults and Youth

**GOD IS LOVE NEW YEAR YOUTH RETREAT** - "Overcome any Fears, Face Everything And Rise with God" - **Friday, January 12** 7-10 p.m., & Saturday, **January 13**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 52nd & Avenue L, Lubbock. For middle and high school youth. \$10 before *January 10*, \$15 thereafter. Food, activities, praise and worship, spiritual talks, adoration. To register or for more information contact Deacon Jose Mora- 806-763-0710 or [jmora@lubbockolg.org](mailto:jmora@lubbockolg.org)

#### **CONFIRMATION RETREATS IN JANUARY:**

**January 12-13**, Sacred Heart, Littlefield, Confirmation II Retreat Contact: Cindy (806)729 9835 or [cindyramirez049@yahoo.com](mailto:cindyramirez049@yahoo.com) if interested in participating in this retreat

**January 20-21**, Saint Joseph, Rotan, Confirmation II Retreat. Contact Deacon Val or Pat Morin (325) 370 7435 or [stjosephrotan@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephrotan@yahoo.com) if interested in participating in this retreat

**January 27**, Our Lady of the Angels Convent (Confirmation Year I) -- 8202 CR 7700, Wolfforth, TX. Registration: call 806-863-4904 or email [rebuildchurch@gmail.com](mailto:rebuildchurch@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE ! April 20 - 21:** Youth Rally @ Christ the King Cathedral School - This year's theme is **BE YOU!** This is taken from Matthew 5:48 "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." So how do we reach this perfection? By being who we were created to be, of course!

### Office for Vocations

++Let's support vocations in each parish by prayer, recognition and invitation.

**Vocation Blurb** – **Third Sunday of Advent – December 17**—God gives you a mission. How will you respond? Rejoice in the Spirit who is at work in you. (Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11). If you think God may be calling you to the priesthood or the religious life, contact Father John Ohlig at the Vocation Office at 806-792-3943 ext 226 or email [johlig@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:johlig@catholiclubbock.org)

## School News

**ADOPT-A-STUDENT** - Approximately *one-third* of CTKC School students request some level of financial support. Help aid these students and their families so that as many as possible can receive their education in CTKC School's faith-filled environment by accessing the school website at [www.ctkcathedralschool.org](http://www.ctkcathedralschool.org), and clicking on the "Donate" button at the bottom of the page. For information: School Development Office- (806)795-8283 or email [cduran@ctkcathedralschool.org](mailto:cduran@ctkcathedralschool.org).

## Office of Stewardship and Development

**FREE STEWARDSHIP WEBINAR** – Tuesday, December 12 @1 p.m. – *Faith-filled Ways to Call Parishioners to Serve in the Parish*. This webinar will look at some ways to let the Holy Spirit guide us in the work of parish ministry. Presented by Sue Erschen, Freelance writer and consultant, Saint Louis, IL. <http://bit.ly/2hdqRt9>

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS: Third Sunday of Advent - December 16/17, 2017-** In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

**Tercer Domingo de Adviento** - *En la segunda lectura de hoy Pablo concluye su carta a la comunidad cristiana de Tesalónica proveyéndola con acciones para ser tomadas mientras espera el regreso del Señor. La primera acción es alegrarse siempre y dar gracias en todas las circunstancias. Esto parece fácil, pero no lo es. Las dos palabras que hacen difícil esta tarea son "siempre" y "todas". Esto significa dar gracias y alegrarnos aun cuando nuestras circunstancias no sean siempre momentos de gozo y acción de gracias, o cuando somos confrontados con un mundo quebrantado. Los corresponsables piadosos se alegran y dan gracias en todas las circunstancias porque son personas de esperanza. Una buena reflexión esta semana podría ser acerca de cómo la época del Adviento puede darle un motivo de esperanza.*

## Retreats/ Spiritual Development

*Posting these Rachel's Corner quotes in the bulletin every week does a tremendous job of gently reminding those who need healing after abortion that confidential help is available. Sometimes it takes months or longer of seeing these quotes in the weekly bulletin for someone to get the courage to call for help*

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD** It is only right that the reparation for abortion is found not by clinging to guilt and despair, but by trusting in God's love. Accepting God's forgiveness is your first step toward an obedience which is rooted in both faith and hope, and it is your only escape from the tar pit of despair. We can help. Our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is April 27-29. Confidential contact: [Kathy.krile@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy.krile@gmail.com)

**RINCON DE RAQUEL** *El único derecho para la reparación del aborto no se encuentra en el apego a la culpa y a la desesperación, sino confiando en el amor de Dios. Aceptando el perdón de Dios es el primer paso hacia la obediencia que tiene sus raíces en la fe y la esperanza. Y es el único escape de caer en pozo de la desesperación. Te podemos ayudar. Ven y encontraras ayuda y esperanza en el Retiro el Viñedo de Raquel. Contacto confidencial: [Kathy.krile@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy.krile@gmail.com) and 806-577-5912. Retiro próximo es 27-29 de abril de 2018.*

### **Recurring (Weekly) Activities**

**NEW YOUNG ADULT GROUP** - The Frassati Fellowship of Lubbock Young Adult Group meets weekly. Contact Isaiah Lopez at [isaiahlucliopez@gmail.com](mailto:isaiahlucliopez@gmail.com)

**MASS ON TEXAS TECH CAMPUS:** - **Wednesdays** at 12:10 P.M., Kent Hance Chapel Visit [www.raidercatholic.org](http://www.raidercatholic.org)

**ADORATION** – **Wednesdays**, 6-8:30 p.m., (benediction follows), Saint Elizabeth Chapel, 2305 Main, Lubbock.

**HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION**-Saint John Neumann, 22nd & Frankford, 7 p.m., **Thursdays**.

**HOLY HOUR for Vocations**- Christ the King Cathedral, 7 p.m., every **second Thursday**. Lubbock Our Lady of Guadalupe- **Thursdays @6:30 p.m.**

**FIRST FRIDAY** Rosary (6:30 a.m.) & Mass (6:55 a.m.) for Vocations, Christ the King, 4011 54th.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS @5:30 p.m.** to end abortion and euthanasia, Saint John Neumann, 24th & Frankford. Every **First Friday** of the year.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS**- 6 p.m. (English), Adoration after Mass til midnight-Lubbock Our Lady of Guadalupe, 52nd & Avenue L

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**- 3 p.m. **First Saturdays** at Christ the King, 4011 54th Street.

**CATHOLIC MOMS OF LUBBOCK – Fridays @ 10 a.m.** Contact: [Vicki.divine@gmail.com](mailto:Vicki.divine@gmail.com) or 607-226-6398 for locations.

**AA GROUP**- Family Activity Center Room 3, @noon, **Fridays**. Christ the King, Family Activity Center Room 3, 4011 54th Street, Lubbock. Contact Elaine 806-928-9673 for more information.

**COUNSELING:** Affordable marriage and family counseling offered by Marriage & Family Life Office, in collaboration with TTU Marriage & Family Clinic. For appointment, call Dr. Nicole Springer at 806-742-3074

### **Office of Communications**

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY RADIO:** Visit 102.9 FM website at <http://www.olvradio.com> to hear live streaming of EWTN. For program schedule, please see <http://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule.asp>.

**TWITTER:** *Bishop Coerver is now on Twitter. You can follow him @BishopLubbock.* <https://twitter.com/BishopLubbock>

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**EDITION DATE:** January 2018

**DEADLINE:** January 3

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**January 22, 2018** -Roe V Wade Memorial Mass @6 p.m.

**February 3 & 4** – Footsteps in Faith

**February 11, 2018** –Sausage Fest, Levelland Saint Michael

**April 20-21, 2018** – Youth Rally