

MARCH 5/6, 2016

LENT IV



“I no longer deserve to be called your son.”

Luke 16:19

TODAY’S CELEBRATION: Brothers and sisters, today’s Gospel story is familiar to most of us — the perfect story for Lent. It’s often called the story of the prodigal son because the youngest son claims his inheritance and spends all of his money “prodigiously,” or with abandon. It could also be called the story of the prodigal Father who is generous with his love and welcomes us even when we have been unwise or hurtful to others. We have only to acknowledge our mistake and come home.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 43:16-21. See, I am doing something new!

Psalms 126:1-6. The Lord does great things for us.

Phiippians 3:8-14. I accept the loss of all things that I may gain Christ.

John 8:1-11. The one without sin should throw the first stone.

STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

Please bring or send your offering regularly.

If you are absent, remember the Parish expenses go on just the same.

	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
Ballinger	\$2891.00	\$1335.25	\$4226.25
Robert Lee	\$00	\$00	\$00
Bronte	\$00	\$00	\$00

**Catholic Radio Station
91.5 FM KPDE**

The Franciscan Resource Center is located at 133 W. Concho, Suite 108 in San Angelo.

San Angelo Office for Immigration Services

The San Angelo Immigration Services Office, Located at the Franciscan Resource Center, 133 W. Concho, Suite 108, in San Angelo on Mondays from 8am to 5pm, and Tuesdays from 8am to 4pm.

Christian 12 Step

Group carrying the 12 Steps to a deeper level meet at the 1st United Methodist Church at 7PM. Use the Ave A and 7th St. entrance.325-365-2323

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER The Pregnancy Help Center of San Angelo needs our help to prevent abortions. Any new or gently used items for babies or mothers are graciously appreciated. Please place your gifts in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you for helping others.

Seminararian of the month for March is: Anthony Franco. If you would like to write or send a card to Anthony the address is:

St. Mary’s Seminary
9845 Memorial Dr.
Houston, Texas 77024

Ballinger Community Pantry

The Ballinger Community Pantry, located in St. Joseph Hall, assists members of the community with food and clothing. Volunteers from local churches staff the pantry, Monday through Friday, from 9AM – 12PM noon. The Pantry is staffed by St. Mary, Star of the Sea volunteers on Wednesdays of each week. We are in need of volunteers to sort donations, fill food orders and maintain the cleanliness of the facility. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please contact Cindy Rettman at 325-365-2687

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We remember the following in a special way at these Masses

March	5	3:30PM	Michele Talarico by the parish
		5:00PM	Deanna Thompson by the parish
March	6	8:45AM	For the Parish
		11:15AM	Robert Garcia by his mother
		5:00PM	Michael Cervenka by the parish
March	7	7:00PM	James Mueller by Fred Wilde family
March	8	7:30AM	Earl Kleypas by Alvin & Janice Niehues
March	9	7:00PM	Evelyn Jacob by the Altar Society
March	10	9:00AM	James Mueller by Ben & Cheryl Hoelscher
		10:00AM	James Hoelscher by Sharon Engler
March	11	7:30AM	James Mueller by Alton Fischer Jr. family & Charles Fischer
March	12	3:30PM	James Mueller by JoAnn Oman
		5:00PM	Bill Cervenka by Mike & Angel Cervenka
March	13	8:45AM	Fr. Wade by the family
		11:15AM	Hope Martinez by her sister
		5:00PM	Fr. Wade and all cancer patients

The **Vocation Office** is live. Check out the webpage and inks at <http://sanangelovocationoffice.org>.

If we give according to God's principles, God will give back to us. The young man who gave his loaves and fishes didn't have to go without dinner.

Si damos segun los principios de Dios, Dios nos vuelve a dar. El joven que compartio sus panes y pescado no se quedo sin comida.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Prayer is important in our daily life and we are called upon to pray for others, especially those who are sick. The parish has established an **electronic prayer chain**. If you would like to receive notification to pray for someone, please send your name and email address to the parish email address. <http://stmarystaroftheseaballinger.org>.

The Catholic Charitable Foundation for the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo supports the needs of the Diocese through it's Online Giving Program. Please visit: www.catholicfoundationsanangelo.org for more information about our organization.

SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Youth Group will meet on Sundays, from 5-7pm in Parish Center. Please contact Cindy for more information.

The **Altar Society** will meet on **April 18th at 6PM**. They support the various liturgies with their time and talent. For more information contact Brenda Workman or Cindy Rettman.

The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe will meet on **April 4th in the parlor at 6PM**. All members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS: There is a need for Altar servers. If you are interested call Pete and Ginger Bryan, 365-8929. We welcome all who have a desire to serve at any Mass.

Horizons, classes for our senior high school students in grades 11th – 12th, meet on Wednesdays in the parlor of the Parish Center.

Questions about Annulments? If you or anyone you know is in need of an annulment of a previous marriage, we invite you to see Deacon David Workman for more information on how to begin the process for an annulment. For more information contact Deacon David at 325-400-7202.

Going to the Hospital? If you are going to be in the hospital please make sure that the hospital knows that you are Catholic and publishes this on their census. If you do not do this, the Ministers to the Sick who visit the hospitals with Communion will have no way of knowing that you are there.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Attention all parents! Our school of Religion, CCD meets at 10AM on Sundays. Classes are offered for students in grades Kindergarten through 10th grade at this time.

Parents you are entrusted with the education of your children. I ask you to support your children and our parish mission by bringing them to classes and ensuring they are ready.

Adult Bible Study meets on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM in the Parish Center. All are invited to join.

Got any New Year's Resolutions? How about learning how to make plastic Rosaries? These are sent to foreign missions, local jails and mission parishes. January 2nd the ladies will meet for Mass at 8AM and then retire to the parlor to make rosaries.

Every four years, we add an extra day to the calendar, this is called **Leap Year** in order to coordinate and align with the stars, the universe. What are you going to do with this extra time that is given to us? I would suggest that you do something for your fellow man. The pantry can use people to help clean, sort and straighten out the merchandise on the tables and shelves. Here in the parish we will do a Spring cleanup around the property, unless it is snowing! More information will be forth coming, please mark your calendars.

LENT

Jesus went out into the desert where He prayed and fasted for 40 days as he prepared for His ministry. We celebrate: yes celebrate His life by doing the same for the 40 days prior to Easter. What can we do? Let me offer some suggestions:

40 cans for life Help fight hunger with 40 Cans for Lent drive, asking parishioners and members of the community to contribute one can of food for each day of Lent. Simply bring them to church. Dried beans, rice, peanut butter and canned vegetables. (Not green beans we have a supply.)

Daily Mass We have an obligation to attend Sunday Mass; however daily Mass is celebrated in the parish as well. It is a quiet, reflective time that will either set or complete your day. See bulletin for Mass schedule.

Stations of the Cross are celebrated at 7PM each Friday of Lent. This short service reflects on the suffering and death of Christ as He walked the streets of Jerusalem to His Death.

The Rosary is recited on Mondays and Fridays at 12PM noon. Come join us in the Church.

Morning and Evening prayer the Official prayer of the Church is prayed 15minutes prior to the daily Mass. Come and join with the Church throughout the world in praising God.

A donation was made to the St. Mary, Star of the Sea Building fund **in Memory of James Mueller by Margarito & Rosa Albarado**. The new facility will host the offices for the parish as well as a kitchen and meeting facility for the parish.

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A donation was made to the Ballinger Community Pantry by **Janet and Cliff Watkins**. The Pantry serves the needs of the poor of our community by providing food and clothing and assistance with utility bills and medicine.

Marriage Jubilee 2016. All couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 45th, 50th and above sacramental wedding anniversaries in the calendar year of 2016 are invited to the Diocesan marriage Jubilee bilingual celebration on May 1st, 2016 at 3:00PM, in the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Families and friends are invited to accompany our jubilarians to this celebration. Renewal of vows will take place within the Mass. This celebration will conclude with a reception in the Cathedral gymnasium. To register, please contact Cindy in the parish office.

For all those that went to the Valentine Dinner and Dance, and got your picture taking. The pictures are in. Please come to the church office during Monday – Friday 8:30am -4:30pm and pick up your picture. Or call Cindy at 325-365-2687.

TASTE OF BALLINGER

St. Mary, Star of the Sea will once again participate in the annual Taste of Ballinger on March 10th from 5-7PM at the Ballinger Community Center. Cost is only \$8.00 per plate. Proceeds benefit the Carnegie Library.

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Michael Sis and the Diocese of San Angelo invite you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held on March 17th at 11am at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

This celebration includes the blessing of oils and the renewing of priestly promises. I personally invite you to mark your calendars and join myself and members to attend this important celebration.