

MARCH 19/20, 2016

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY



Jesus proceeded on the journey up to Jerusalem.

*Luke 19:28*

**TODAY’S CELEBRATION:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we begin our annual retreat that we call Holy Week. Most of us must continue with work or school or the tasks of making a home and caring for a family. But we are invited to take more time to reflect on where we are spiritually. Who is Christ for us? What do we want from our Christian faith? If possible, consider accepting the invitation to retreat this week. Cancel the less important business and come pray together this Holy Week, so that on Easter Sunday we may rejoice together. And now

we remember our Lord’s entrance into Jerusalem to begin his final week walking this earth.

### NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

**Acts 10:34a, 37-43.** We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

**Psalms 118 1-2, 16-17, 22-23.** This is the day the Lord has made!

**Colossians 3:1-4.** Christ is raised; seek what is above.

**John 20:1-9.** They did not understand that he had to rise from the dead.

### 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
<b>Ballinger</b>	\$6410.00	\$851.85	\$7261.85
<b>Robert Lee</b>	\$125.00	\$10.00	\$135.00
<b>Bronte</b>	\$190.00	\$90.00	\$280.00

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church at 7PM. Use the Ave A and 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Seminarian of the month* for March is: Rev. Mr. 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

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We remember the following in a special way at these Masses

March	19	4:00PM	James Mueller by Harvey Wilde
		6:00PM	For the parish
March	20	8:45AM	James Mueller by Frank & Karen Kreek
		11:15AM	For the parish
		5:00PM	Vocations for the Diocese of San Angelo
March	21	7:00PM	James Mueller by Frank & Gavin Kronelk
March	22	7:30AM	Daniel Jansa by Anthony Lange
March	23	6:30PM	SEDER MEAL, for the Parish
March	24	9:00AM	Juanita Tucker by Krystal Stewart
		10:00AM	James Mueller by Ben & Cheryl Hoelscher
		7:00PM	James Mueller by Ben & Cheryl Hoelscher
March	25	7:30AM	GOOD FRIDAY
		12:00PM	From the Cross to the Church
		7:00PM	Traditional Good Friday Service
March	26	8:00PM	Holy Saturday Liturgy
March	27	7:30AM	Easter Sunrise Service at the Cross
		11:15AM	The Wade family
		5:00PM	Jim & Doris Studer family

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

### 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>.

**“God can multiply His favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works.” (2 Corinthians 9:8)**

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**“Ytambien poderoso es Dios para colmarlos de toda clase de beneficios, para que nunca les falta nada, y puedan con lo que les sobre cooperar en cualquier obra buena.” (2 Corintios 9:8)**

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### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. April 2<sup>nd</sup> the ladies will meet for Mass at 8AM and then retire to the parlor to make rosaries.

### 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

**Marriage Jubilee 2016** All couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and above sacramental wedding anniversaries in the calendar year of 2016 are invited to the Diocesan marriage Jubilee bilingual celebration on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

A donation was made to the St. Mary, Star of the Sea Building Fund **in Memory of Evelyn Voelkel by CJ and Marie Schwertner.**

A donation was made to the Ballinger Ministerial Alliance **in Memory of Brooxie Denton by Cliff and Janet Watkins.**

A donation was made to the St. Mary, Star of the Sea Seminarian **Burse in Memory of Msgr. Louis Mueller by Ballinger Branch 131 Catholic Life Insurance.** Only the interest from the Burse is used for the education of priests for our Diocese thus ensuring continued support for future priests.

A donation was made to the St. Mary, Star of the Sea Building Fund **in Memory of Evelyn Voelkel by Brookhollow Animal Clinic in Abilene.**

Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

Clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest are hard on Christians.

Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.

A traves de la Colecta del Viernes Santo, te unes a los catolicos de todo el mundo en solidaridad con la Tierra Santa. Cuando contribuyes con la Colecta del Viernes Santo, tu te transformas en un instrument de paz en una tierra atribulada.

En estos tiempos tan dificiles en el Oriente Medio, tu apoyo significara que nuestra iglesia podra llevar a cabo el ministerio parroquial, proveer educacion catolia, alimentar a los hambrientos, desarrollar viviendas para los cristianos, mantener los santuarios y operar centros de refugiados en la Tierra Santa.