

AUGUST 27/28, 2011

22D SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

TODAY'S LITURGY: My friends, today we are each exhorted to "take up our cross." Suffering comes to every person: believer and nonbeliever, saint and sinner. A Christian can transform suffering into prayers of praise, intercession, even thanksgiving. Let us pray for the grace to be faithful, even in hard times, and offer up our suffering for no less than the salvation of the world

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7-9. Our responsibility to correct others.

Romans 13:8-10. Love fulfills the law.

Matthew 18:15-20. The rules of confrontation.

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	\$1448.43	\$932.54	\$2380.97
Robert Lee	\$617.00	\$3.00	\$620.00
Bronte	\$190.00	\$15.00	\$205.00

Life Taught Me: No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We remember the following in a special way at these Masses

Aug	27	4:00PM	Delphine Rodriquez
		6:00PM	Willie Abalos by the Family
Aug	28	8:45AM	For Rain
		11:15AM	For a successful Parish Festival
		5:00PM	For the Military
Aug	29	7:00 PM	For an end to Abortion
Aug	30	7:30 AM	For Rain
Aug	31	7:00PM	For an increase in Vocations and Seminarians
Sept	1	9:00 AM	For the sick of the parish
		10:00 AM	Dennis Schaefer by Fr. Wade
Sept	2	7:30 PM	For Rain
Sept	3	4:00 PM	For Rain
		6:00 PM	For families of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sept	4	8:45 AM	For a successful Parish Festival
		11:15 AM	For the Parish
		5:00 PM	For the families of St. James

Upcoming Events

Prayer for the Unborn: Tuesday, September 13th, at 3-5pm, you are invited to pray the rosary in front of Planned Parenthood. No protest, no chatting, just prayers being sent up to heaven for those lives were terminated.

Catholic Ministry To The Sick

A meeting of all those serving in the Hospital Ministry will be held on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00pm in St. Francis Hall, 116 South Oakes Street, across from Sacred Heart Cathedral. All current ministers are asked to make every effort to be present.

ETHICS WORKSHOPS

Fall workshops are currently being scheduled. The Ethics Workshop is a 3 hour workshop and participants need to be present for the entire workshop in order to receive credit for attendance. *“Those who do not attend a workshop by the final dates in October will be informed that they will have to cease working with minors and vulnerable adults until they can complete a workshop in the Spring.”* If you are unsure if you have attended a workshop, please contact Cindy Rettman in the parish office. Thank You.

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!

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Aluminum cans are collected by the Ballinger Noon Lions Club and the money goes into scholarship fund and eye glasses for the needy students in our community. Collection site is a trailer across from the police station on Railroad Road.

Rosary: The Rosary is prayed every Monday and Friday at 12pm, Noon, at St. Mary's. All are invited to pray.

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!

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 365-2142.

STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY

The St. Mary, Star of the Sea **Scholarship Fund** accepts donations in Memory of and in Honor of Loved ones. The scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who have completed the parish school of religion. All donations are acknowledged.

The St. Mary, Star of the Sea **Seminarian Burse** represents our parish commitment to support vocations to the priesthood. The Burse accepts donations in Memory of and in Honor of loved ones. All donations are acknowledged.

CCD IS IN NEED OF TEACHERS for our program. We provide religious education for grades Kindergarten through high school and need teachers to assist and be the primary teachers in the class room. For more information contact Caroline Toliver.

STEWARDSHIP OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Tuesday Night Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 13th at 7PM.

The next **Baptismal Class** will be Friday, **Sept. 9th, 2011** at 6:00PM in the parlor. Both parents are required to attend, and to be registered members of the parish. Godparents are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact the Rectory.

RCIA, the program of Catholic Instruction will begin on Monday, September 19th at 7:30PM in the Parish Center Parlor. For more information please contact the Rectory.

A new **Deacon Formation Class** for men is in the beginning phase, with classes to start in the fall of 2012. That seems a long way off, but the process of prayer and reflection should start now. If you feel a call to serve God's people, please consider the opportunity this ministry presents. If you would like more information, contact Deacon Workman or email Deacon Tim Graham, Director of Diaconal Ministries, at Tingraham10@aol.com.

La administracion cristiana es dar con proposito y no dejarlo al azar. Nos desafia a proponer un plan. Nos pide valorear deliberadamente que hacemos con nuestro tiempo, talent, y tesoro.

Stewardship is planned giving and does not leave giving to chance. It challenges us to plan. It asks us to appraise- deliberately- what we are doing with our time, our talent, and our treasure.

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SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, September 7th, from 6-8pm in St. Mary Hall. Please contact Gary or Cindy for more information.

The **Knights of Columbus** meets on the third Wednesday of every month. A fraternal order of Catholic men, they serve the needs of the local and universal Church. Contact Alton Schaefer for more information.

The **Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe** meets on the first Tuesday of every month. Men and women who heed the command of Mary “to build His Church” perform charitable works in the community. Contact Sylvia Amezcua for more information 325-660-0420.

The **Altar Society** will meet on the first Monday of each month, starting back up in August. They support the various liturgies with their time and talent. For more information contact Eldoris Zly 325-365-2051.

HEAR OUR PRAYER

A book is on the side altar to permit members of the parish to write their intentions for the day and the coming week. Let us pray for one another during the coming year.

Seminarians: Let us remember in our prayers this week, **Innocent Eziefule** who is studying at Assumption Seminary.

Do you have one hour a Month? On the second Tuesday of each month you are asked to gather on the sidewalk outside the clinic and pray the Rosary. There will be no protests/chanting/or making comments directed toward those who enter and leave the building only our prayers going to heaven. Won't you please join us on Tuesday, September 13th, at 3-5pm at Pecos Street, San Angelo, Texas?

Cancelled Stamps to a charity in Las Vegas that purchases wheelchairs for disabled people in 3rd world countries. Simply cut the stamp from the envelope, leaving a quarter of an inch border around the stamp, and place in an envelope and drop in the collection basket and the parish does the rest.

Key Passage: “Death has been swallowed up in victory” (1Corinthians 15:54)

Adult: How does your belief in external life affect your daily life?

Child: What does it mean to have hope?

Paso clave: La muerte ha sido aniquilada por la Victoria.

(1 Corintios 15:54)

Adultos: Como afecta tu criencia hacia tu vida externa con vida daria?

Ninos: Que significa tener esperanza?

FALL FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2011

Raffle Tickets: Each family is asked to sell or purchase the one book of tickets they received in the mail. If you would like additional tickets, please contact the Rectory.

Quilt Tickets: Quilt tickets from the Altar Society are available from any member of the Society or from the Rectory. Tickets are only \$1.00 each or 6- \$5.00 for a chance on a handmade quilt.

Auction Items: Those wishing to donate items for the festival auction should have the items in the parish center by Saturday, September 10th. If you wait until the day of the Festival, the item may not make it on sale list. Please put the donor's name on the item. If you want to donate the item anonymously, label the item anonymous. Thank you.

Bingo: Each family is asked to donate a Bingo prize valued at \$15.00-\$20.00. Items may be placed in the Parish Center or bring to the rectory. Thank you.

Cakes and pies: Each family is asked to bring two 2 pies and a cake for the meals that will be sold. Please no cream pies. Items can be dropped off on Saturday before the festival and the day of the festival.

The Fancy Stand: The Fancy Stand is accepting hand crafted items, including fresh baked goods.

First Communion and First Reconciliation is a two year program. Students make these sacraments after completing 1st grade CCD and attending classes in the 2nd grade. All First Communion students must attend Mass every Sunday.

Confirmation is a two year program begun in the 9th grade and completed the 10th grade with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students enrolled in the Confirmation class must attend as a class the Confirmation Retreat, complete both community and Church service and be recommended by their teachers and pastor.

Students who have not completed their sacraments, i.e. Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation should contact our CCD Coordinator for more information.

PRAYER FOR RAIN – Heavenly Father, we believe that it is You who created our world with all of its beauty and life. We believe that it is You who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands. We believe that it is You who hears Your children when they call upon You. Hear, then this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust. Grant to us and to all Who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain. Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of your creation. Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for our livelihood and wellbeing. Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, who lives. And reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.