

**St. Mary, Star of the Sea
Ballinger, Texas**

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Website: <http://stmarystaroftheseaballinger.org>

St. James
Bronte, Texas

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Robert Lee, Texas

The Eucharist is celebrated:

Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Mary
	6:00 PM	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sunday	8:45 AM	St. Mary
	11:15 AM	St. Mary
	5:00 PM	St. James
Monday	6:00 PM	St. Mary
Tuesday	7:30 AM	St. Mary
Wednesday	6:00 PM	St. Mary
Thursday	9:00 AM	Central Texas Nursing & Rehab
	10:00 AM	Ballinger Health and Rehab
	6:00 PM	Home Mass
Friday	7:30 AM	St. Mary
1st Friday Adoration	10:00 AM	St. Mary
Mass	11:00 AM	

Confessions: 2:30 – 3:30 Saturday & by appointment

CCD: Mrs. Caroline Toliver..... phone 365-2212

Baptisms: By appointment, classes required

Marriages: By appointment, six months in advance

Parish Staff: Fr. Yesu, Pastor.....phone 365-2687

cell 325-456-8254

Deacon D. Workman..... phone 365-2687

cell 325-400-7202

Secretary:

Pastor Emeritus: Fr. Hubert Wade, Jr.phone 365-6486

MARCH 4TH & 5TH, 2017
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Fast



Prepare



Give
Pray

TODAY'S CELEBRATION: Lent's twofold purpose is to prepare catechumens for their Baptism and to renew the faith of those who are already baptized by reminding them of their own baptismal call. Jesus' sojourn in the desert can be a model for our Lenten observance. Let us begin

this Lent with prayer and fasting, so that our faith may be renewed and our almsgiving sincere.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 4th and 5th, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 *"The Lord God planted a garden in Eden"*

Psalm 51 *"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned"*

Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 *"In Adam all die. In Christ we live."*

Matthew: 4:1-11 *Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights.*

NEXT SATURDAY'S AND SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 11th and 12th, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

2Timothy 1:8b-10

Matthew 17:1-9

We have seven people studying in our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) program and seeking to join the Catholic Church. They will join our family during the Easter Vigil on April 15. During Lent, please pray for them. They are Teresa Armendariz, Hailey Binder, Doris Coffey, Christine Hoelscher, Elke Hughes, Heather Stapper and Whitney Worthington.

STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

Please bring or send your offering regularly. If you are absent, remember the Parish expenses go on just the same.

			TOTAL
Ballinger			\$3313.00
Children's			
Robert Lee			\$ 230.00
Bronte			\$ 298.00

We sincerely thank all parishioners & visitors for giving so generously of their time and treasure in the true spirit of stewards. May God richly bless you & yours.

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. If you would like someone prayed for or information about someone being hospitalized, please send your name and email address to the parish email address. <http://ballinger@sanangelodiocese.org>.

A memorial was received in memory of Jessica Saucedo from Sue Kerley.

MASS INTENTIONS

The church considers “the Mass” the greatest possible prayer of intercessions especially on Birthday, Death and Wedding Anniversary .We would be honored to remember your intentions through our Spiritual Mass celebrations. Kindly drop your Mass intentions at the office, or put them in the collection plate.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar	4	8:00am	Rosary Makers by Jim and Doris Studer
Mar	4	4:00pm	Margie Jacob by Betty Joyce Schwartz, Margie Jacob by Richard and Janet Wilde
Mar	5	8:45am	Margie Jacob by Doyle and Janice Lange, Roel Buegelar by Doyle and Janice Lange, Vicki Goetz by Edwin and Eldoris Zly
Mar	5	11:15am	Dee Anna Thompson by Brenda Jacob
Mar	6	6:00pm	Dee Anna Thompson by Brenda Jacob
Mar	7	7:30am	Dee Anna Thompson by Brenda Jacob
Mar	8	6:00pm	Dee Anna Thompson by Brenda Jacob
Mar	9	9:00am	For the Parish
Mar	10	7:30am	Roel Buegelar by Doyle and Janice Lange
Mar	11	4:00pm	Robert Garcia, Jr. by Juanita Garcia, Lupe Rodriguez by Nina Rodriguez
Mar	12	8:45am	Margie Jacob by Doyle and Janice Lange
Mar	12	11:15am	Robert Garcia, Jr. by Juanita Garcia

House Blessings – If you would like for Father Yesu to come for a house blessing, please contact the office.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETIES, ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS

Stations of the Cross Schedule – 6:00pm

March 10 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

March 17 – Parish Council

March 24 - KOC

March 31 - Altar Society

April 7 – CCD Teachers

Home Mass Schedule

March 9th, 2017 – 6PM Carol Kozelsky, Winters

March 16th, 2017 – 6PM Fran Havlak, Ballinger

March 23rd, 2017 – Michelle Aguilera, Ballinger

March 30th, 2017 – Judy Frey, River Road

Sunday March 5, the Guadalupanas will sell burritos.

During the Fridays of Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 6pm in the Church. Also, during the Fridays of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 11:30am, except for the first Friday.

Saturday, April 1, will be the general parish cleanup day. All parishioners are requested to come and help do some spring cleaning and get ready for Easter Sunday. We will start at 9:00am.

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor 40 cans for 40 days to support our local food pantry.

Mission Retreat: April 2 at 7:00pm through April 5. Rev. Blaise Czaja, C.P. will lead the retreat. Come and encounter Jesus, something good is about to happen. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Wednesday April 12 we will have the Seder Meal to remember the Passover. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

During Lent, we again will support Operation Rice Bowl. Your loose change in the Rice Bowl will help feed the hunger through Catholic Relief Services.

The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe meets on the first Monday of each month after 6pm Mass, members will attend mass before the meeting. The next meeting will be 6 March. All members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcome.

Adult Bible Study meets on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM in the parlor. Also weekend readings studied at 1:30PM in the Parlor. All are invited to join.

Building up God's Kingdom: Come join a labor of love, beading rosaries, one prayer at a time. Thursdays in the Parlor at 1:30pm.

Parish Council will meet Wednesday, March 8, after the 6:00pm mass.

Eucharist Minister and Lector training will be held March 21 at 6:00pm.

The **Altar Society** meets on the third Monday of the month at 5:15pm in St. Hubert's Hall, next meeting will be the 20th of March. They support the various liturgies with their time and talent. For more information contact Brenda Workman.

Come join us for **scripture study** of the Sunday Gospel, Bilingual Readings with Fr. Yesu in the parlor, on Tuesday's at 1:30PM.

The Knights of Columbus meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center Hall at 7PM.

Baptismal Class will be held every second Friday of the month at 5:00pm in the parlor. The next class will be March 10, 2017. Please contact the church office for information.

The HORIZONS Group meets every other Wednesday in the Parlor of St. Mary Parish Center after 6pm Mass. The group will attend mass before the meeting.

Directory Updates –Please help us update our parish directory and be better organized for 2017. Forms for parishioners and new members can be found in the back of church. Please return your family information to the church office.

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.

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Light Weigh One King is now meeting at St. Mary. Light Weigh One King is a 12 week Bible Study – DVD program designed to help members grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and increased health through weight-loss and healthy eating. Let Our Lord and King help you break free from anything keeping you chained! Contact Fran Havlak 432-349-6852.

Alanon Meeting

Meet at the 1st United Methodist Church Wednesdays 7PM. Use the Ave A and 7th St. entrance. 325-365-2323

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.

Seminarian of the month is: *Kevin Lenius*. If you would like to write or send a card to *Kevin* the address is:

St. Mary's Seminary
9845 Memorial Dr.
Houston, TX 77024-3498

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Franciscan Resource Center is located at 133 W. Concho, Suite 108 in San Angelo, offers spiritual direction and guidance for

those wanting to walk more closely with God. Contact them at 325-651-2403 or frcsanangelo@gmail.com

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. Please also inform St. Mary.

The Olfen St. Boniface Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters are hosting a BBQ chicken sale Sunday March 19th at the Parish Hall. Homemade potato salad and beans will also be sold. Whole chickens are \$8, pint of potato salad \$4 and pint of beans \$2. Please pre-order by calling Marty Frey at 365-6618 or David Rhomfeld 442-3331. Drive through pick up is at 11:00 until 12:30.

Lenten Lunches

March 8 -	Ninth Street Church of Christ
March 15 -	First Baptist Church
March 22 -	Glory Road Church & Presbyterian Church @ First Presbyterian Church
March 29 -	7 th Street Baptist Church
April 5 -	St. Mary Catholic Church
April 12 -	Open or Available

Ministry List

Mar 11th - 4PM Rosary: Dorothy Carter Announcer: Greg Schwertner
Reader: Anthony Lange
Eucharistic Ministers: Lola Quirino, Leticia Reyes
Altar Servers:
Gift Bearers: Fred Wilde Family
Accountants: Lola Quirino

Mar 12th – 8:45am Rosary: Pete Bryan Announcer:
Readers: Children's Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Havlak, Sharon Duesterhaus
Altar Servers:
Gift Bearers:
Accountants: Pam and Cheryl

Mar 12th - 11:15AM Rosary: Carmen Villerreal Announcer: Frank Cantu.
Readers: Alice Galvan, Janie Aguilera
Eucharistic Ministers: Frank & Christina C., alt. Jovita Galicia
Altar Servers: Mikaela and Manny
Gift Bearers: Heriberto Brem Family
Accountants: Frank Cantu.

Cleaning Angels: Lupe Juarez, Patricia Garcia, Debra Prendez, Patricia Brem, Henrietta Luera, Patricia Rangel, Elizabeth Rangel
March 25: Confirmation Class.

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

Do you want to fast this Lent?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill you heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to other
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.