

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

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St. James  
Bronte, Texas

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Robert Lee, Texas

**The Eucharist is celebrated:**

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

**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: Paula Fischer ..... phone 365-2687**

**Retired Priest: Fr. Hubert Wade, Jr. .... phone 365-6486**

**APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2017**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Fast



Prepare

Give **TODAY'S CELEBRATION:** *Today the Church prays the third and final scrutiny with the Elect. Images of death and life abound.*

*Having come this far in Lent, are you ready to die to Pray your old ways and embrace new life? May that be our prayer, both for ourselves and for all*

*who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist this Easter.*

**SATURDAY and SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Ezekiel 37:12-14**

*The Lord says: I will open your graves.*

**Psalms 130**

*"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."*

**Romans 8:8-11**

*The life-giving Spirit dwells in us.*

**John 11:1-45**

*The Lord says: Lazarus, come out!*

**NEXT SATURDAY'S AND SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**April 8th and 9th, 2017**

**Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Psalms 22

Philippians 2: 6-11

Matthew 26: 14-27

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

## STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

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

			<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Ballinger</b>			<b>\$4910.05</b>
<b>Children's</b>			<b>\$ 3.00</b>
<b>Robert Lee</b>			<b>\$ 787.00</b>
<b>Bronte</b>			<b>\$ 228.00</b>

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

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.

### Ministry List

**April 1<sup>st</sup> - 4:00pm** Rosary: Jan Dixon, Announcer: Travis Baird  
Reader: Judy Frey  
Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Phelps, Dana Gore  
Gift Bearers: Jim Chapman Family  
Accountants: Rick S.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8:45am** Rosary: Tommy Halfmann, Announcer : Kyle Hughes  
Readers: Jim Studer, Pete Bryan  
Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Lange, Mike Kozelsky  
Altar Servers: John & Ethan  
Gift Bearers: KOC  
Accountants: Debbie & Ginger

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 11:15am** Rosary : Adela Galvan , Announcer: Victor Amezcua  
Reader: Victor Amezcua, Sylvia Amezcua

Please submit Bulletin information Wednesdays by noon

Eucharistic Ministers: Lupe Juarez, Juanita Aguilera, alt. – Jovita Galicia  
Gift Bearers: Juan & Dora Villarreal  
Accountants: Narciso Contreras

**April 8<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm** Rosary: Dorothy Carter, Announcer: Matt Belden  
Reader: JC Gore, Jan Dixon, Anthony L.  
The Passion of the Christ Jesus- Fr. Yesu, Narrator – Deacon David ,  
Voice – Jan Dixon  
Eucharistic Ministers: Lola Quirino, Leticia Reyes  
Gift Bearers: Brent Jacob family  
Accountants: Lola Q

**April 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:45am** Rosary: Children's Mass  
1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Pam Halfmann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reagan Helms  
Jesus- Father Yesu, Narrator- Deacon David  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Bryan, Tommy Halfmann  
Accountants: Pam H., Cheryl H.

**April 9<sup>th</sup> – 11:15am** Rosary: Alice Galvan, Announcer: Harvey  
Esquivel  
Readers: TBA  
Eucharistic Ministers: Sylvia A., Michelle A., alt. Erica Pena  
Altar Servers: Mikaela & Manny  
Gift Bearers: Scotty Rodriguez family  
Accountants: Juanita A.

**April 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Cleanup for Easter** - Saturday @ 9:00 am All  
parishioners are asked to participate

**Cleaning Angels: April 8-15** \*Rosemarie Cowan, \*Dorothy Carter,  
Marlene Harrel, Shannon Cowan, Sharon Duesterhaus, Phoebe Branham

**Cleaning Angels: April 22-29** \* Debbie Earnshaw, \* Pam Halfmann, Dot Hoelscher, Fran Havlak, Kim Buxkemper

**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. [ballinger@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:ballinger@sanangelodiocese.org).

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**We have seven people studying in our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) program and seeking to join the Catholic Church. They are Teresa Armendariz, Hailey Binder, Doris Coffey, Christine Hoelscher, Elke Hughes, Heather Stapper and Whitney Worthington.**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> RCIA candidates will profess the Lord's Prayer with the congregation. All candidates please attend the 8:45am service.**

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

Conception Seminary College  
PO BOX 502  
Conception, MO 64433

## 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

April	1	4:00pm	In memory of Marcella Zly, by Edwin & Eldoris Zly
April	2	8:45am	In memory of Weida Larremore, by Juanita Tucker
April	2	11:15am	In memory of Jessica Saucedo, by Laura Strube
April	3	7:30am	In memory of Jessica Saucedo, Karen & Ed Binder
April	4	7:30am	In memory of John Studer, by Jim & Doris Studer
April	5	7:30am	In memory of Jessica Saucedo, by Edwin & Eldoris Zly
April	6	7:30am	In memory of Jessica Saucedo, by Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Watkins
April	7	7:30 am	In memory of Weida Larremore, by Juanita Tucker
April	8	4:00pm	In memory of Jessica Saucedo, by Ralph & Nelda Englert
April	9	8:45am	In memory of Weida Larremore, by Juanita Tucker
April	9	11:15am	In memory of Dee Anna Thompson, by Bill & Nancy Halfmann
April	10	7:30am	In memory of Jessica Saucedo, by Ben & Cheryl Hoelscher
April	11	7:30am	In memory of Weida Larremore , by Juanita Tucker
April	12	6:00 pm	In memory of Jessica Saucedo, by Joe & Joan Baird ( Sedar Meal)
April	13	7:00pm	Holy Thursday
April	14	12:00 pm 7:00pm	Good Friday at THE CROSS Good Friday at the Church
April	15	8:00 pm	EASTER VIGIL In celebration of Jim & Doris Studer anniversary, & celebration of Ed Studer’s birthday, by Jim & Doris Studer

**St. Mary will be sponsoring a Mission Retreat April 2 – 4, 2017.**

**Fr. Blaise Czaja, C.P., will be leading the retreat. During the course of the Mission, Jesus will be moving, touching lives, healing and blessing people. This is the reason for the Mission, that people hear the Good News and come to know God in a more deeply intimate and personal way. We can believe and expect great things to happen in our Parish.**

**Sunday , April 2nd            5:00pm Mass & Talk in Bronte**

**Monday, April 3rd            7:00am Mass**

**6:00pm Talk**

**6:45pm Confessions**

**Tuesday, April 4th            7:00am Mass**

**6:00pm Talk**

**\*\* Appreciation collection for Fr. Blaise after each evening talk.**

*Catholics are always intimidated into believing that we do things contrary to the Bible just because we are ignorant of what we do, the following will help you locate \*WHERE\* what we do in the Bible.*

**\*1. PRAYING FOR THE DEAD\***

*2 Mac. 12:38-45*

*Wisdom 3:1*

*Tobit 4:17*

**\*2. USE OF IMAGES AND SACREMENTS – (these remind us of what they stand for )**

*2 kings 3:20-21*

*Num. 21:8-9*

*Ex 25: 17-22*

*Col 1:20, 2:14*

*John 12:32*

*Acts 19: 11-12*

## *Lenten Activities*

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.

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

### **Lenten Lunches**

April 5 -	St. Mary Catholic Church
April 12 -	Jesus Christ Church & Kingdom Stream (at Kingdom Stream)

## **ST. MARY'S SOCIETIES, ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS**

### *Stations of the Cross Schedule – 6:00pm*

*April 7 - CCD Teachers*

**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 the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. 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.

The **Altar Society** meets on the third Monday of the month at 5:15pm in St. Hubert's Hall, next meeting will be the 17th of April. 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.

**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.

**Baptismal Class** will be held every second Friday of the month at 6:00pm in the parlor. The next class will be May 12, 2017. Please contact the church office for information.

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

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](mailto: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.\_

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parish Council Meeting** will be April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

**FISH FRY** will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in St. Mary's Hall  
\$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for children

**April 9<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday** Everyone is encouraged to walk from the patio at St. Hubert Hall to the Church, please be at the patio by 8:30 am  
11:15 Mass, please be at the patio by 11:00am

### **\*\*\*\*Sedar Meal \*\*\*\***

The Passover Meal, **April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 6:00 pm**  
St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Tickets are \$ 8.00  
Tickets are available at the Church Office

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** We will take a second collection for the Holy Land

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** Baptismal class has been cancelled due to "Good Friday"

**EASTER LILIES** Place your order in an envelope along with \$25.00 for each plant you wish to purchase. Please put the envelope in the collection basket.

**Marriage Renewal Certificates** are ready and will be in the church office when you want to pick them up, the **Pictures** are available also.

## Marriage Jubilee Day – May 21, 2017

All couples who are celebrating their 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and above wedding anniversaries (church marriage, not civil marriage) in the calendar year of 2017 are invited to the Diocesan Marriage Jubilee bilingual celebration on May 21, 2017 at 3:00pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, San Angelo. Families and friends are invited to accompany our jubilarians to this celebration. Renewal of vows will take place within the Mass. The celebration will conclude with a reception in the Cathedral gymnasium to which all are invited. For registration information, please contact your pastor. The **deadline** to register is **May 5, 2017**.

The church directory is reaching the final stages of edits. The directory will include all parish members with contact information. Parishioners with the last names beginning with A-C are currently being finalized. The following people need to call (365-2687) or email the office ([ballinger@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:ballinger@sanangelodiocese.org)) and supply Paula with your family information. Family information pages are also available in the foyer. This information will also be used for next year's contribution envelopes so it is very important to receive your information.

Rudy and Lynda Amaro

Edgar and Leslie Armendariz

Omar and Marisol Armendariz

Sylvia Arteaga

Joseph and Joan Baird

Gilbert and Beatrice Basquez

Edwin and Annelle Bender Jr.

David and Sharon Blackwood

Stanley and Judy Book

Kay Browning

Robert and Kim Buxkemper

Darold Calk

Mark and Diane Carter

Rose Campbell

Alfredo and Soledad Castillo

Daniel and Sandra Cavazos

Michael and Angel Cervenka

Jimmy and Frances Chapman

Ernest & Margaret Charlesworth

Doris Coffey

Daniel and Maria Contreras

Robert and Estela Correa

Shannon and Rosemarie Cowan

Gabe and Cari Cuellar