

**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
Friday	7:30 AM	St. Mary
1st Friday	10:00 AM	St. Mary
Adoration 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

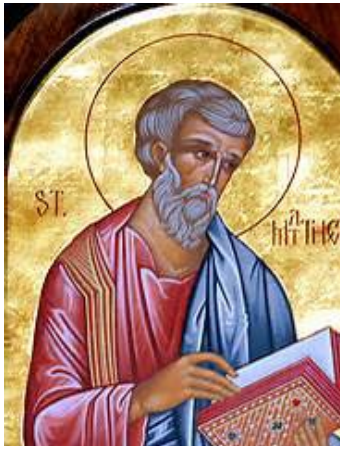
Deacon D. Workman.....phone 365-2687

cell 325-400-7202

Secretary:

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

FEBRUARY 18TH & 19TH, 2017



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S CELEBRATION: Today Jesus continues his invitation to us to go beyond the letter of the law by calling us to go beyond our human tendencies toward hatred and revenge. In a world where demands for payback and “gotcha” moments are all too common, we are encouraged to lower the temperature of the rhetoric and reflect the heart of our merciful and loving God. If last year’s Year of Mercy is to mean anything, we are called to continue to show God’s mercy and

forgiveness all through our lives.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY’S READINGS

February 18th and 19th, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Love your neighbor as yourself

Psalms 103

“The Lord is kind and merciful.”

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

“God catches the wise in their own ruses.”

Matthew: 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

NEXT SATURDAY’S AND SUNDAY’S READINGS

February 25th and 26th, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:14-15

“I will never forget you.”

Psalms 62

“Rest in God alone, my soul”

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

The Lord manifests the motives of our hearts.

Matthew: 6:24-34

Do not worry about tomorrow.

There was a silver rosary found after the 5 February Mass, please pick it up in 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.

	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
Ballinger			\$6464.00
Children's			\$30.00
Robert Lee			\$495.00
Bronte			\$86.00

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. ballinger@sanangelodiocese.org.

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

Feb	18	4:00pm	Margie Jacob by Fred Wilde, Margie Jacob by Norman and Pam Halfmann
Feb	19	8:45am	Michael Studer (bd) by Jim and Doris Studer
Feb	19	11:15am	Margie Jacob by Diane Virdell, Margie Jacob by Lawrence and Helen Jost
Feb	20	6:00pm	Margie Jacob by Leon and Dot Hoelscher
Feb	21	7:30am	Margie Jacob by Dwain & Luke Lange
Feb	22	6:00pm	Margie Jacob by Denny & Barbara Heathcott, Bob and Mary Geary (A) by Jim and Doris Studer
Feb	23	9:00am	Margie Jacob by Kenneth Lange Family, Margie Jacob by Harvey Mikulik, Margie Jacob by Joyce Wilde
Feb	24	7:30am	Eric Hoelscher by Ben & Cheryl Hoelscher, Margie Jacob by Tom and Alice Ayers
Feb	25	4:00pm	Margie Jacob by Anita Schaefer Family, Margie Jacob by Gary and Dinell Jacob, Margie Jacob by Virgie Yansa
Feb	26	8:45am	Margie Jacob by James & Lorene Halfmann, Margie Jacob by Edwin and Eldoris Zly

ST. MARY'S SOCIETIES, ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS

ST. MARY'S WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESSES:

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*****Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017, masses will be as follows:***

Tuesday 7:30am February 28, regular mass

Tuesday 6:00pm February 28, vigil mass

Wednesday 7:30am March 1

Wednesday 12:00pm March 1

Wednesday 6:00pm March 1

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be Friday, March 3, 2017

*****Home Masses will begin very soon on Thursday evenings beginning in March.***

*****Extra-Ordinary Ministers will be commissioned February 25th and 26th at the weekend Masses.***

The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe meets on the first Monday of each month at 6PM, 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.

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 February. They support the various liturgies with their time and talent. For more information contact Brenda Workman.

You can pick up your Valentine pictures in the Office.

Cleaning Committee will now be headed by Alice Galvan (718-9540) and Juanita Aguilera (718-9541). If you feel called to help in this ministry and preserve the appearance of St. Mary's, please contact the ladies above.

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.

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

Baptismal Class will be held every second Friday of the month at 6:00pm in the parlor. The next class will be March 10, 2017. Please contact the church office for information.

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

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

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

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.

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.

Donations were given to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Margie Jacob from Darla Williams, Sherline Strube, Dennis & Gail Brown, Stewart & Deanna Lehr and Bobby & Karen Eggemeyer.

Donations were received for the Seminarian Burse in Memory of Margie Jacob from Shiela Cook, Rick & Dana Gully, Cecil & Wilma Halfmann, Clayton & Diane Weishuhn, Dennis & Sherry Holubec, Dana & Lisa Edwards, Tommy & Lorene Halfmann, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Klepac, Nathan & Gena Halfmann and Karl & Charlotte Weishuhn.

Alanon Meeting

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knights of Columbus Council #10985

First Ever

4th Annual Fish Fry

First Friday of Lent

Friday, March 3, 2017

5:30pm – 7:00pm

St. Mary Parish Center

\$10 – for Adults

\$5 – Kids under 12

**Plates include Fish, fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw,
beans and dessert**

****Drive Thru or Dine In****

St. Thomas in Miles will be celebrating the dedication of their new parish hall, February 25. Mass will begin at 5:00pm, there will be a brisket supper afterward. All are invited.

Small Town ACTS Retreat for men will be held February 23-26, 2017. Take time to pray and discern if God is calling you to retreat with Him. Registration forms are in the entrance of the Church.

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 Links 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

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

Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Street
Mundelein, IL 60060

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.

Ministry List

Feb 25th - 4PM Rosary: Matt Belden Announcer: Matt Belden
Reader: Dana Gore
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeri Rohmfeld, Billie Schaefer
Altar Servers:
Gift Bearers: Jerry Engler Family
Accountants: JC Gore

Feb 26th – 8:45am Rosary: Tom Studer Announcer: Alvin Niehues
Readers: Tommy Halfmann, Ginger Bryan
Eucharistic Ministers: Mike and Carol Kozelsky
Altar Servers: John and Ethan
Gift Bearers: Toliver Family
Accountants: Fallen

Feb 26th - 11:15AM Rosary: Lupe Juarez Announcer: Frank Cantu
Readers: Victor Amezcua, Lupe Juarez
Eucharistic Ministers: Sylvia A., Adela G., alt. Jovita Galicia
Altar Servers: Natalia and Damien
Gift Bearers: Carlos Ruiz Family
Accountants: Carlos Ruiz, Adela Galvan

Cleaning Angels

Feb 18: Beverly Poehls, Diane Carter

Feb 25 – Mar 5: Dana Gore, Peggy Freeman, Victoria Fritze, Rachel Galvan, Amy Fischer