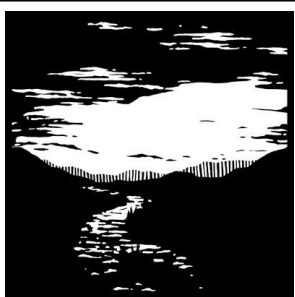


DECEMBER 3&4, 2016

ADVENT II



It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"

Matthew 3:3

TODAY'S CELEBRATION: Brothers and sisters, on this Second Sunday of Advent we hear the preaching of John the Baptist: "Repent and prepare the way of the Lord." What does his message mean in this time and place? What is the "way of the Lord" in our homes and neighborhoods, at work or school, even in this congregation today? What is the way of the Lord and how do we prepare? Let us pray today for wisdom and guidance so that we can make of our preparations for Christmas a preparation for Jesus to be born in us and in our world.

READINGS FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(December 8)

Genesis 3:9-15,20. Humanity's fall from grace.

Psalms 98:1-4. All the earth has seen salvation by our God.

Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12. We are chosen and called to be holy.

Luke 1:26-38. The angel Gabriel announces the good news to Mary.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10. Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!

Psalms 146:6-10. Lord, come and save us.

James 5:7-10. Be patient; the Lord is coming.

Matthew 11:2-11. "Are you the one who is to come or should we look for another?"

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	\$5100.00	\$718.82	\$5809.82
Children's			\$25.05
Robert Lee	\$730.00.	40.00	770.00
Bronte	\$25.00	\$104.00	\$129.00

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.

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.

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

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>.

Develop your talents to the fullest so that you can use them to benefit your church and community. Your abilities will grow with use; unused, they may wither away

Desarrolle sus talentos a lo maximo para que los pueda usar al beneficio de su iglesia y comunidad. Sus habilidades aumentaran con el uso; sin usarlas, desvanecen.

SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The **Altar Society** will meet on **January 16th at 5:30 PM**. They support the various liturgies with their time and talent. For more information contact Brenda Workman.

The **Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe** will meet on **Dec. 5th, 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.

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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec	3	4:00PM	Rosary Makers Walter Jacob by Mike & Carol Kozelsky (D) Lucy Gonzalez, Matilda Landeros (B)
		6:00PM	Joe Kozelsky by Mike & Carol Kozelsky (D)
Dec	4	8:45AM	Mildred Walker by Victoria Fritze (D) Olivio Patino & Julie Flores (B)
		11:15am	Helen & Bruno Wierzbicki by Victoria Fritze (D)
		5:00PM	Tori & Vick Contella by Victoria Fritze (D)
Dec	5	7:00PM	Michelle Hailey by Victoria Fritze (D) Nicholas Perez (B)
Dec	6	7:30AM	Thomas Walker by Victoria Fritze (D) Osvaldo Jalomo & Christiana Torres (B)
Dec	7	7:00PM	Bruno Jr. Wierzbicki by Victoria Fritze (D) Ambrocio Huapilla (B)
Dec	8	9:00AM	Manie Lott by Victoria Fritze (D) Daniel Cavazos, Rodolfo Jalomo, Martha Jalomo, Yolanda Jalomo, Janice Lange, Concepcion Valenzuela (B)
		10:00M	G. Guinn by Victoria Fritze (D)
Dec	9	10AM	Mary Jo Moore by Victoria Fritze (D) Luciano DeHoyos, Marla Schaefer (B)
Dec	10	4:00PM	John & Mary Studer by Jim & Doris Studer (D) Alejandro Hernandez, Katy Nixon, Rachel Olivarez, Theresa Valles (B)
		6:00PM	Robert & Joseph Studer by Jim & Doris Studer (D)
Dec	11	8:45AM	Fran, Richard & Dolor Stuger by Studers (D) Monica Sanchez (B)
		11:15M	Rosemary Studer by Studers (D)
		5:00PM	Joanna, Dorothy & James by Studers (D)

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.

All the offices has moved to 605 N. 5th instead of in the rectory or parish center. So please come over and see the new offices that we are in now.

Youth Group will be meeting today, December 4th at 4PM in the Parish Center. Please come and see what we have in store for you

BAPTISMAL CLASS

The Baptismal class scheduled for **December 9th**, at 6:00PM in the parlor. Both parents are required to attend and godparents are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact the Office.

In the Fall of 2016, the **Basic Formation Process** will begin. The two year opportunity to explore various aspects of Christian living and leadership is offered to all members of our parish. We are reminded of the importance of adult faith formation. Application forms are available in the Parish office and financial scholarships are available. Classes will be held in Abilene.

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.

House Blessings Monday and Wednesday 4-6 PM Thursday & Friday 5-8PM . If you are interested to welcome Fr. Yesu and Deacon David to bless your home, please call the office at 325-365-2687. The home blessing will be conducted from October – December 2016

December 2nd, 2016, 10-11AM Eucharistic Adoration, followed by Holy Mass.

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

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 closer with God. Contact them at 325-651-2403 or frsanangelo@gmail.com

Seminarian of the month for December is: Upton Sewell. If you would like to write or send a card to Upton the address is:

Conception Seminary
37174 St. Hwy Vv.
Conception, MO 64433

The HORIZONS Group meets every other Wednesday in the Parlor of St. Mary Parish Center at 7PM. Their next meeting is December 14th .

The Knights of Columbus meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center Hall at 8PM.

CARRY YOUR ROSARY EVERYDAY

When you carry a Rosary, Satan has a headache

When you use it, he collapses

When he sees you praying it, he faints

Let us pray the Rosary everytime, so that he'll keep fainting

Did you also know that when you are about to share this post Satan will try to discourage you.

On the Third Sunday of Advent, December 10-11, we have a second collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Our retire women and men religious devoted many years of their lives to the service of God's people and received very little in the way of monetary payment. The Retirement Fund for Religious is our way of saying thank you as we care for their needs now. Please be generous with your donation.

**Catholic Radio Station
91.5 FM KPDE**

Healing Blanket Ministry

\$1417.00 Raised

- \$1083.36 Cost

\$333.64

Profit

Support Group, Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 6PM in Shakespeare Room at the Carnegie Library for Dementia, Grief, Alzheimer's and Loss.

In Loving Memory of Rev. Romanus Akamike, Sacred Heart Church, Coleman and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Winters, request the honor of your presence for the anniversary Memorial mass at Sacred heart Church in Coleman on **Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 10AM.**

Main celebrant: the Most Reverend Michael J. Sis of San Angelo.

Fellowship and meal will follow in the parish center.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

December 3 & 4th, 2016

4PM Reader: Anthony Lange

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerri Rohmfeld & Leticia Reyes

Altar Server: John & Ethan

Counters: Rick

8:45AM Readers K of C

Eucharistic Ministers: K of C

Altar Server: Lane

Counters: Fallen & Caroline

11:15AM Reader Guadalupe Society

Eucharistic Ministers: Guadalupe Society

Altar Server: Manny

Counter: Lupe & Alice

Cleaning Angels: Weekend of December 3rd, Fallen Busenlehner & Cheryl Buchanan

Dec. 3rd 7:30PM The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe will conduct a Novena to our Blessed Mother in the church beginning on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 7:30PM followed by Mass. The Novena will be at 7:30 PM each day until Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12th

Dec. 4th 4-6PM Youth Group hayride & caroling

Dec. 6th 6PM Makeup Lector and Eucharistic Minister training in the church.

Dec. 7th 6PM Vigil Mass, Immaculate Conception BVM

Dec. 8th 7:30AM Thursday – Day of Obligation
6PM Mass Day of Obligation

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Dec. 11th 11AM Mass – followed by dinner for Seniors. (only this day)

Dec. 12th 6:30AM Rosary at Cross & Grotto
5PM Procession
6PM Mass

Dec. 13th 7PM Penance Service

Dec. 18th Live Nativity after 8:45AM Mass

The Christmas Posadas begin Dec. 16th. The Posadas for children will be Dec. 23rd at 6PM. Any church member may host a Posadas.

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SECOND ADVENT SUNDAY

December 3rd 4PM **KC Candle Lighters**
JC Gore, Ricky Sonnenberg, Max Long & Matt Belden

December 4th 8:45AM
Richard Minzenmayer, Bill Baird, Ralph Schaefer & Justin Busenlehner

December 4th 11:15AM
Carlos Ruiz, Victor Amezcua, Gabino Hernandez & Joe De La Cruz

