

**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:

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
	10:00AM	Ballinger Health and Rehab
	6:00 PM	Home Mass
Friday	7:30 AM	St. Mary
1st Friday Adoration Mass	10:00 AM	St. Mary
	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: MS. Paula Fischer		phone 365-2687
Retired Priest: Fr. Hubert Wade, Jr.phone 365-6486		

MARCH 11TH & 12TH, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Give TODAY'S CELEBRATION: As we continue our Lenten journey today, we encounter the transfigured Jesus. In his glory, Jesus embodies our life just as Abraham's future was promised by God. All we need is faith. Let us pray today for faith and trust in the promises of our loving God.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 11th and 12th, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

The call of Abraham

Psalm 33:

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you".

2Timothy 1:8b-10

"Bear your share of hardship for the gospel."

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured.

NEXT SATURDAY'S AND SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 18th and 19th, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 5:1-2,5-8

John 4:5-42

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.

			TOTAL
Ballinger			\$5245.77
Children's			34.94
Robert Lee			\$396.00
Bronte			\$174.00

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](mailto: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

Mar	11	4:00pm	In memory of Jessica Saucedo by Leon & Dot Hoelscher, In Memory of Margie Jacob by Betty Joyce Schwartz, Margie Jacob by Richard and Janet Wilde
Mar	12	8:45am	Vicki Goetz by Edwin and Eldoris Zly
Mar	12	11:15am	In memory of Lupe Rodriguez by The Family, In memory of Robert Garcia, Jr. by Juanita Garcia
Mar	13	6:00pm	In memory of Jessica Saucedo by Laura Strube
Mar	14	7:30am	In memory of Shirley Tucker by Juanita Tucker
Mar	15	6:00pm	In memory of Jessica Saucedo by Dot and Leon Hoelscher, In memory of Jessica Saucedo by Rose Mueller
Mar	16	9:00am	In memory of Jessica Saucedo by Gary and Dinell Jacob
Mar	17	7:30am	In memory of Shirley Tucker by Juanita Tucker, In memory of Jessica Saucedo by Joe and Joan Baird

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.

St. Mary will be sponsoring a Mission Retreat April 2 – 5, 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.

Time: 7:00pm Sunday, April 2

Monday: 7:00am Mass

6:00pm Talk

6:45pm Confessions

Tuesday 7:00am Mass

6:00pm Talk

Wednesday 7:00am Mass

6:00pm Talk

Appreciation collection for Fr. Blaise after each evening talk

March 19 RCIA candidates will profess the faith with the congregation. All candidates please attend the 8:45am service.

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

ST. MARY'S SOCIETIES, ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS

Stations of the Cross Schedule – 6:00pm

March 17 – Parish Council

March 24 - KOC

March 31 - Altar Society

April 7 – CCD Teachers

Home Mass Schedule

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

March 23rd , 2017 – Michelle Aguilera, Ballinger

March 30th , 2017 – Judy Frey, River Road

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.

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 April 3. 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.

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 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.

Baptismal Class will be held every second Friday of the month at 5:00pm in the parlor. The next class will be . 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.

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.

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 Rohmfeld 442-3331. Drive through pick up is at 11:00 until 12:30.

Lenten Lunches

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 -	Jesus Christ Church & Kingdom Stream (at Kingdom Stream)

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: Fran 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.

CatholicLife Branch #131 – Held meeting Sunday, March 5th

CatholicLife Branch #131 held their annual social in the St. Hubert Hall beginning at 10:00am. A very tasty breakfast was enjoyed by all in attendance. Attending from home office in San Antonio was company President, Michal Belz and his wife Ester. District Director and Chairman of the Board, Tommy Hoelscher and wife Karla joined from St. Lawrence. Agents present included Ed Klepac & wife Virginia, Sharon Duesterhaus & husband Tony, and Kari Smetana & husband Dustan. Member present – 30. Door prizes were given out throughout the meeting.

Parish Projects as presented by Sharon Duesterhaus

Project	Cost
Tables for Hubert Hall	\$2632.91
Graduating Senior Scholarship	\$500.00
Make a Difference Day - Blessing Bags, project completed with CCD students, made bags of toiletries and essentials to pass out to those less fortunate while Christmas Shopping	\$364.88
Fr. Wade Retirement Meal	\$350.00
Donation to Pregnancy Help Center	\$200.00
CCD Breakfast	\$139.67
Veteran's Day Briskets	\$100.00
Men's ACTS Retreat	\$100.00
Msgr. Droll Fund	\$100.00
Festival Auction	\$69.90
Retirement Gift for Fr. Wade	\$50.00
Welcome Gift for Fr. Yesu	\$50.00
Join Hands Day – provided refreshments for those participating in the Palm Sunday procession from the cross to the Church	\$30.07
Flag for Lion's Club	\$25.00
Total	\$4,710.43

Report on Company as presented by Tommy Hoelscher

- Thanked officers, cooks and all in attendance
- Reported AM best Excellent rating for 33rd consecutive year
- 108.2 solvency ratio – for every dollar owed out we have \$1.082 to cover the debt
- Keeping in Touch Campaign – Agents are making contact to review your insurance policy, contact information and beneficiaries. You earn \$10.00 for participating!

Report on Company as presented by Michael Belz

- Thanked officers and cooks – praised breakfast idea
- Company was founded in 1901 by Msgr. Gerlack, catering to couples and families, now a 1.2billion dollar operation
- Reported on new digital sign – largest in San Antonio, located on NE Loop 410
- Reported \$7 million given to Catholic Schools in Texas this year
- Reminded all the company has no debts
- Latest Products
 - 3.25% annuity rates
 - Single Premium with Long Term Care and Home Health Care Benefits
- 22,000 Just for Kids policies currently in force