

ST. MARY'S

Catholic Church

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December 7, 2025

Pastor Fr. Joey Faylona

Deacon Marc Mata

Deacon Francisco Ocampo

Deacon Pete Madrid

Parish Office Hours

8:00am-3:00pm

Monday-Friday

Parish Office Staff:

Delma Garza - Bookkeeper

Anna Garza - Secretary

Religious Ed. Director

Tomas Álvarez

Youth Minister

Ernie Acevedo

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm Español

Sunday 9:00 am Español

10:30 am English

12:00 noon English

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm
and by Appointment

Peace
Paz



Advent *Adviento*

DECEMBER 7, 2025

THEME: AUTHENTIC CONVERSION

READINGS: MT 3:1-12; ROM 15:4-9; IS 11:1-10

THE GOSPEL narrates the preaching of John the Baptist, the classical figure of Advent. The Baptist preaches in the desert, the traditional place of encounter with God, where, since the day of Exodus, God called his people to conversion. **While Saint Luke underlines the social dimensions of the conversion required by the Baptist, by sharing with the poor without taking advantage of them, Saint Matthew underlines the personal austerity of John the Baptist which recalls Prophet Elijah, and attacks the superficial and external conversion of the hypocrites of his time.** It is necessary to have an internal and sincere conversion, and not just one limited to pious practices; **true conversion must produce fruits** in our relations with others. One who does not undergo a sincere conversion to receive Jesus a Savior will find receive him as severe judge. We must always remember that Jesus comes to us at Christmas to ask for our conversion and he expects fruits from us. **We are converted to God, and to our neighbors, through a life of charity and justice, specially towards the needy.** The external rites of conversion. Even Baptism itself, are of little help if they are not accompanied by a sincere effort to listen to the Lord's demands. The Pharisees, the hypocrites of that time, accepted the external rites of the conversion when they found them to their advantage, but **they did not accept the values, the mind and the demands of the Kingdom which Jesus announced.** Baptism without conversion is an illusion and does not bring salvation, in the same way as being a child of Abraham does not consist in belonging to the Jewish race; **a true child is one who acts like his father**, according to the proverb that states that **splinter are like the wood they come from**, Baptism of **water** had to be accompanied by a baptism of the **Spirit**— of truth, love and commitment to the poor, and by a **baptism of fire** with the radical purification through love demanded by God. The Baptism used an urgent apocalyptic language, hard and violent, to impress his listeners and move them to respond to the opportunity God was offering. Salvation, and life with God and with Jesus is something urgent which is always at hand.

Religious Education: 1st Communion and Confirmation families, please ensure that you are continuing to sign in on the clipboard in the foyer at the back of the church. It is important for your child to be actively attending and participating in mass.

To all parents of children and teens, there will be another Confirmation and 1st Communion meeting after we come back from winter break. Please stay tuned to the bulletin for meeting dates.

Marriage Jubilee 2026 - All couples who are celebrating their church wedding anniversaries of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and above in the calendar year of 2026 are invited to the Diocesan Marriage Jubilee bilingual celebrations on the following dates:

St. Mary, San Angelo - Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026, 4:00 pm

Renewal of their commitment will take place within the Mass. A light reception will follow.

Those who attend the Mass can pick up their certificates at the corresponding parishes that day.

For registration information, please contact the corresponding parish offices. **The deadline to register is Mon. Jan. 19, 2026**

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



Thursday Dec. 11, 6:00pm St. Ambrose
Tuesday Dec. 16, 6:30pm Cathedral
Thursday Dec. 18, 6:00pm St. Margarets
Friday Dec. 19, 6:30pm St. Joseph



Starting at 6:30pm

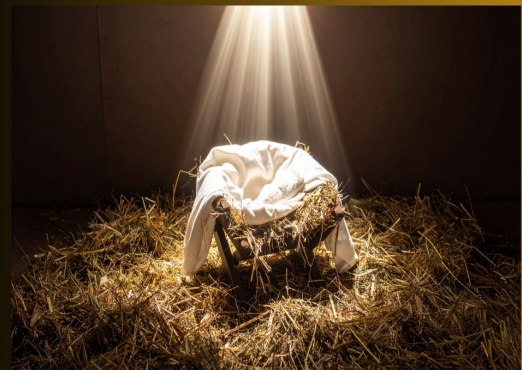
Tues. Dec. 16, DeHoyos - 2733 Oak Hills Trail
Wed. Dec. 17, Panuco-Tovar- 205 W. Ave S.
Thurs. Dec. 18, Juana Tovar- 215 E. Ave J.
Fri. Dec 19, Joe Lara 309 E. 11th.
Sat. Dec. 20, Colmenero- Tovar - 109 W. 34th St.
Sun. Dec. 21, Gonzales-Urbina- 6516 Sykes Circle.
Mon. Dec. 22, Tellez-Urbina- 4097 Herbert Rd
Tues. Dec. 23, Ponce - 201 Westwood Dr
Wed. Dec. 24, Guerrero-Tovar- 2211 S. Hills St

The Family Warrior Presents

Mary's Yes vs. Zechariah's No A Call to Faith This Advent

Deacon Bobby Porras
and
Jude Richard

Say "Yes" to God in your own life, no matter where you stand today.
Let this be the season you open your heart, rekindle your faith,
and prepare your soul for the true meaning of Christmas.



Please join us from 9:00am-12:00pm
December 13th, 2025 in the St. John Paul II room
at St. Mary's 7 W. Ave N San Angelo, TX 76903

Seating is limited. To reserve your spot, please contact Robin Miller
325-653-3823 or email robinmiller@thefamilywarrior.org today.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sat. Dec. 6, 2025	5:00pm	†	Birthday Blessing Joseph Michael Valles por la familia
Sun. Dec. 7, 2025	9:00am	†	St. Mary's
	10:30am	†	David Trevino
	12:00pm	†	Jose Diaz & Nat DeLeon
Tues. Dec. 9, 2025	6:30pm	†	Communion Service
Thur. Dec. 11, 2025	6:30pm	†	Communion Service
Sat. Dec. 13, 2025	5:00pm	†	Birthday Blessing Clemencia Lopez
Sun. Dec. 14, 2025	9:00am	†	St. Mary's
	10:30am	†	Jose, Elodia, Joe Jr & Yolanda Dominguez by family
	12:00pm	†	Brandon "Bubba" Garza

Angelo Catholic School News!

Kindergarten Teacher Opening: ACS is seeking a joyful, dedicated Kindergarten Teacher to join our school family! We are looking for someone upbeat, enthusiastic, and who loves working with young children. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic who feels called to support the spiritual, academic, and social growth of our young learners. Teaching certification or early childhood experience is preferred. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the school office at 325- 949-1747 or email marketing@angelocatholicschool.org. We ask our parish communities to please keep this search in your prayers.

ACS Christmas Pageant:

We invite you to join us on December 18th, at 6PM, in Holy Angels Catholic Church for our Annual Christmas Pageant, a cherished tradition that celebrates the joy, wonder, and true spirit of the holiday season.

Thinking About a Catholic Education for Your Child? If you've always hoped for a Catholic education but weren't sure it was possible, TEFA may open the door! Scan the QR code to learn more about Angelo Catholic School and how the Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) program may help make it affordable for your family.



The Week Ahead

Sunday Dec.7, 2025

9:00am Spanish
10:30am English
12nn English Mass

Monday Dec. 8, 2025

Parish Office Closed
12nn Mass
NO OCIA
6:00pm *Griefshare*
No Choir Practice

Tuesday Dec. 9, 2025

6:30pm *Confirmation 1*
6:30pm Communion Service
7:00pm Spanish Adoration

Wednesday Dec. 10, 2025

CCD 6:00-7:15pm Elem
7:30-8:45pm Middle/High

Thursday Dec. 11, 2025

6:30pm Communion Service
7:00pm Adoration

Friday Dec. 12, 2025

Saturday Dec. 13, 2025

9:00am-12nn A Call to Faith
3:00-3:45pm Confession
5:00pm Mass

Sunday Dec. 14, 2025

9:00am Spanish
10:30am English
12nn English Mass

Weekly Offerings

November 30, 2025

Envelopes \$4,364.00 Loose \$4,287.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 63.00

Online Giving: Nov. 26-Dec. 3
\$ 1,203.00

TOTAL: \$ 9,917.00

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: Gn 3:9-15,20 Eph 1:3-6,11-12/Lk1:26-38(689)

Tues: Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14(182)

Wed: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30(183)

Thurs: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15(184)

Fri: Zec 2:14-17 12:1-6a,10ab/Lk 1:26-38 (690)

TEMA: CONVERSIÓN AUTÉNTICA

LECTURAS: Mateo 3:1-12; Romanos 15: 4-9; Isaías 11: 1-10

EL EVANGELIO narra la predicación de Juan el Bautista, la figura clásica del Adviento. El Bautista predica en el desierto, el lugar tradicional del encuentro con DIOS, donde, desde el día del Éxodo, DIOS llamó a su pueblo a la conversión. **Mientras que San Lucas reafirma las dimensiones sociales de la conversión requeridas por el Bautista, al compartir con los pobres sin aprovecharse de ellos, San Mateo reafirma la austeridad personal de Juan el Bautista la cual recuerda al Profeta Elías y ataca la superficial y externa conversión de los hipócritas de esa época.** Es necesario tener una conversión interna y sincera y no solo una limitada a prácticas santurronas; **una conversión verdadera debe producir frutos** en nuestras relaciones con otros. El que no se somete a una conversión sincera para recibir a JESÚS el Salvador lo encontrará y lo recibirá como un juez severo.

Siempre debemos recordar que JESÚS viene a nosotros en la Navidad a pedirnos nuestra conversión y EL espera frutos de nosotros. **Nos convertimos a DIOS y a nuestros hermanos, por medio de una vida de caridad y justicia, especialmente hacia los necesitados.** Los ritos externos de conversión, aún el mismo Bautismo, son de poca ayuda si no están acompañados de un esfuerzo sincero para escuchar las exigencias del SEÑOR.

Los fariseos, los hipócritas de ese tiempo, aceptaban los ritos externos de la conversión cuando los encontraron en su beneficio, pero **no aceptaron los valores, la conciencia y las exigencias que el Reino de JESÚS anunció.** El bautismo sin la conversión es una ilusión y no trae la salvación, de la misma manera como ser hijo de Abraham no consiste en pertenecer a la raza judía; **un verdadero hijo es el que actúa como su padre,** como dice el refrán: **De tal palo, tal astilla.**

El bautismo del **agua** tiene que estar acompañado por el bautismo del **Espíritu** -- de la verdad, del amor y del compromiso a los pobres y por un **bautismo de fuego** con la purificación radical por medio del amor exigido por DIOS. El Bautista utilizó un lenguaje urgente y apocalíptico, duro y violento, para impresionar a sus oyentes y motivarlos a responder a la oportunidad que DIOS estaba ofreciendo. La Salvación y la vida con DIOS y con JESÚS es algo urgente la cual siempre está a mano.

Jubileo matrimonial 2026 - Todas las parejas que celebran sus aniversarios de bodas por la iglesia de 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 y más en el año calendario de 2026 están invitadas a las celebraciones bilingües del Jubileo Matrimonial Diocesano en las siguientes parroquia: **St. Mary, San Ángelo -domingo, 1 de febrero de 2026, 4:00p**

La renovación de su compromiso se hará durante la Misa. A continuación, se ofrecerá una recepción ligera. Quienes asistan a la Misa pueden recoger sus certificados en las parroquias correspondientes ese día. Para obtener información sobre el registro, comuníquese con las oficinas parroquiales correspondientes. Las fechas finales para inscribirse; **St. Mary, San Ángelo – lunes, 19 de enero de 2026**

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus

Christmas Raffle



YETI TUNDRA HARD COOLER

WITH 5 DOZEN TAMALES

\$2.00 per ticket



DRAWING on DECEMBER 23, 2025
DELIVERY on DECEMBER 24, 2025

Merry Christmas

FROM
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Council 13514



Celebración Anual de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe viernes, 12 de diciembre del 2025



Schedule of Events

5:30 PM-Gather at Lady in Blue Park
320 S. Oakes

6:00 PM-Procession to the
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

6:45 PM-Mass in honor of
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Reception immediately following Mass

Horario de Eventos

5:30 PM-Reunir en el parque Sor María de
Jesús de Ágreda, La Dama de Azul.
320 S. Oakes

6:00 PM-Processión hasta la Catedral del
Sagrado Corazón

6:45 PM-Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora
de Guadalupe

Convivio inmediatamente después de la Misa



Diocese of San Angelo



Annual Celebration
in Honor of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday,
December 12, 2025

Refreshment Sponsors

Los Gallos Bakery
Los Magueyes Bakery
Marquez Bakery

YOUTH 2000

A Eucharistic Centered Retreat

Led by the Franciscan Friars & Sisters of the Renewal



Sponsored by the
Diocese of San Angelo Office of Vocations
Jan 30, 31, Feb 1, 2026
Sacred Heart Cathedral
San Angelo, Texas

"It is your life that Jesus wants to enter with His word, with His presence".
Pope Francis

Friday, January 30 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 31 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 1 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

All youth, Jr. High – High School, are invited!
(must attend with a parish youth group or school)

Cost: \$50

Includes: Registration & Saturday Meals; Housing is not provided

If your parish youth group or school is interested in attending, please complete the following and submit to:

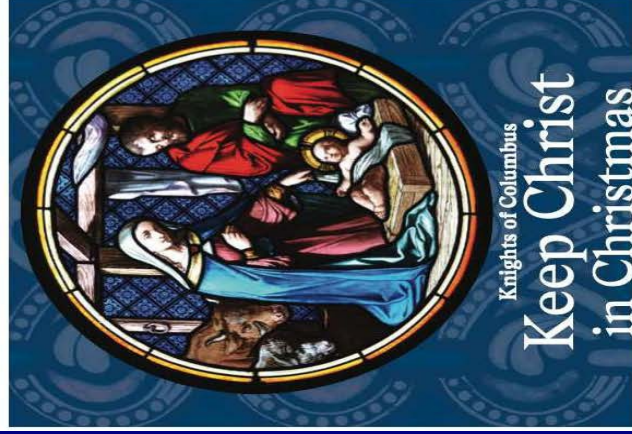
Diocese of San Angelo
Office of Vocations
804 Ford St.
San Angelo, TX 76905

by Friday, January 16, 2026

1. The YOUTH 2000 Retreat Registration Form (all Youth & Adults must complete one)
2. The names of all chaperones attending (Adult Verification Form)
3. A letter, signed by your pastor, affirming that all adults have completed a Diocesan Background Check and have attended the diocesan Ethics and Integrity Workshop (Verification Letter of Compliance Form)
4. Copies of the Diocesan Liability and Medical Consent form (Youth & Adult)
5. Attach a non-refundable check/cash of \$50 per person (Youth & Adults). Make checks payable to "Diocese of San Angelo".

For more information, call Lori Hines at the Vocation Office, 325-651-7500 or call/text 325-374-7609
or email: Retreat@SanAngeloDiocese.org

Obtain registration documents at: www.sanangelodiocese.org



Poster Contest

Due: December 12, 2025
Sponsor: St Mary's Council 1814
Point of Contact: Rod Rodriguez 325-650-8880 or Alfred Rios 325-656-3314
Contact: _____



Family

To: All The Children

You are cordially invited to participate in a poster contest sponsored by St Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 13514.

This invitation is opened to students who attend St Mary's CCD, children who attend Angelo Catholic School (ACS) or other private school if your parent or grandparent is a member of St Mary's Parish.

The theme of your contest entry is "Keep Christ in Christmas". Winner in each grade category will win \$25. Deadline to submit your entry is December 12, 2025

The grade Categories are:

Grade Kindergarten

Grade 1-2

Grade 3-4

Grade 5-6

Grade 7-8

Each poster entry must have an entry form which may be obtained from

Rod Rodriguez 325-650-8880 or Grand Knight

Alfred Rios 325-656-3314 or

Tomas Alvares, Religious Education Director,

St Mary's Office

RULES

Poster must reflect the theme of *Keep Christ in Christmas*.

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.

Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.

Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form.

The name and grade of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. Posters will not be returned.