

**February 14th, 2021**

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## **St. Stephen's Catholic Church**

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Director of Religious Education: Gretchen Lara

Music Director: Gabriel Salgado

Youth Director: Crystal Villareal

**2020 Contribution Statements  
are available upon request.  
Please call the parish office at  
(432)520-7394,  
or visit our Parish website  
home page:  
[www.ststephensmidland.com](http://www.ststephensmidland.com)  
for a link to submit your  
request. We thank you for your  
generous spirit and support of  
St. Stephen's Catholic Church.**

Regretfully, due to Covid, we are  
not having our yearly Friday Lenten  
Meals after the Stations of the  
Cross.



## **Marriage Bans**

"We publish the banns of marriage between **VALENTIN VILLEGAS** and **NEREIDA VELAZQUEZ VASQUEZ** of this Parish of St. Stephen's in Midland, Texas, USA for their upcoming marriage on March 27, 2021 at Parroquia Jesus de Nazareno in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico. If you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is for the second time of asking."

"Publicamos las prohibiciones del matrimonio entre **VALENTIN VILLEGAS** and **NEREIDA VELAZQUEZ VASQUEZ** de esta Parroquia de San Esteban en Midland, Texas, USA. para su próximo matrimonio el 27 de marzo de 2021 en La Parroquia de la Jesús Nazareno en Ojinaga, Chihuahua, México. Si saben causa o simplemente impedimento por qué estas personas no deben unirse en el Sagrado Matrimonio, debéis declararlo. Esta es la segunda vez que pregunta."

"We publish the banns of marriage between **GAUTIER TOUKAM** and **LAETITIA SORELA NJOME TCHAPTCHET** of this Parish of St. Stephen's in Midland, Texas, USA for their upcoming marriage on July 17, 2021 at Paroisse Cathedral des Saints Apôtres Pierre et Paul de Douala, Littoral, Cameroon. If you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is for the third time of asking."

# Mass Intentions

For the week of February 14th, 2021

## Sunday, February 14th – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Audrey Oetting by Family  
 12:00 pm †Alvino Gallardo Juarez by Sabrina  
 5:00 pm †Lou Macchietto by Jennifer white & Betty Macchietto

## Monday, February 15th

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory  
 5:30 pm RJ Bryan by Family

## Tuesday, February 16th

7:00 am †Frank Hernandez by Olga  
 5:30 pm †Ailee Harbridge by Carol & Eladio Martinez

## Wednesday, February 17th- Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Debbie Conder by Patsy  
 5:30 pm †Mary Bryan by Family

## Thursday, February 18th-Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00am Souls in Purgatory  
 5:30pm †Ailee Harbridge by Carol & Eladio Martinez

## Friday, February 19th-Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00am Ken & Christine & Family by Debbie Conder  
 5:30pm †Esperanza Padilla by St. Stephens Womens Org.

## Saturday, February 20th-Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 am Orozco Family by Debbie Conder  
 5:00 pm †Chris Wachsmann by Qualls Family

## Sunday, February 21 – 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Drew Robertson by Family  
 12:00 pm †Claudio Arias by Familia  
 5:00 pm For the Parish

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

\*Collections/Mailed in/  
Dropped off:

### Regular Deposit

\$13,756.79

### Other Income

\$735.00

### Second Collections

\$6,354.00\*

### \*Includes contributions for:

Black & Indian Missions,  
 Catholic Schools, Europe,  
 Latin America & African Aid to  
 the Church, Helping Hands &  
 Rachel's Vineyard

## ST. STEPHEN'S CONFESSION SCHEDULE

### Monday - Friday

6:45 am - 7:00 am & 5:00  
 - 5:30 pm

### Saturday

7:45 am - 8:00 am; 4:00 -  
 4:45 pm

### Sunday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.;  
 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.;  
 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**Anytime by appoint-  
ment.**

# LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

# Happy Birthday!

## February 14

Oyinlola Abobade  
Aricela Calbesi  
Mark Evenson  
Susan Gentry  
Dillen Mariscal  
Joshua Mariscal  
Danielle Pauli  
Maricela Sanchez  
Leslie Vazquez

## February 15

Albert Castaneda  
Abraham Davalos  
Osiel Deras  
Aniya Dominguez  
Kyle Glover  
Santiago Granados  
Toby Halfmann  
Megan Landenberger  
Abraham Ontiveros  
Maria Robles  
Yolanda Rodriguez

## February 16

John Downing  
Juan Jimenez  
Jena Klabunde  
Rigoberto Manriquez  
Donald McKay  
Christian Molina  
Michael Morales  
Jose Luis Munoz  
Molly Ann Shrauner  
James Shrauner  
Lukas Sotelo  
Oscar Valles

## February 17

Erin N. Barnes  
Catherine Boss  
Frelynn Cohrs  
Cindy Cross  
Stacie Garza  
Mary Lou Ornelas  
Gisele Ortega  
Jesusita Rodriguez  
Juan Rodriguez  
Cindy Sanchez  
Karina Sanchez  
Brittany Valdez

## February 18

Martin Alva  
Nayiella Deras  
Minda Domingo  
Ahliia Gutierrez  
Manuel Ramos  
Armando Rodriguez  
Abram Salazar  
Luis Trejo

## February 19

Jason Galindo  
Erika Lara  
Gerardo Lujan  
Mia Urias  
Aubrey Ybarra  
Maria Avila

## February 20

Nicole Bill  
Joseph Caudle  
Juan Cenicerros  
Kevin Dickerson  
Ringo Gallego  
Alicia Garcia  
Frances Gloria  
Juliana Hernandez  
Carlos C. Morales  
Rafael Sanchez  
Olga Maria Torres  
Isaac Valerio

## February 21

Oyindamola Abobade  
Constanza Acevedo  
Robert Diaz  
Severo Enriquez  
Stefan Garcia  
Cindy Lujan  
Nicolas Montanez  
Stefhany Ortiz  
Victor Prieto Jr.  
David Rodriguez  
Chris Rosas  
Juana Sepulveda  
William Wohlfeld

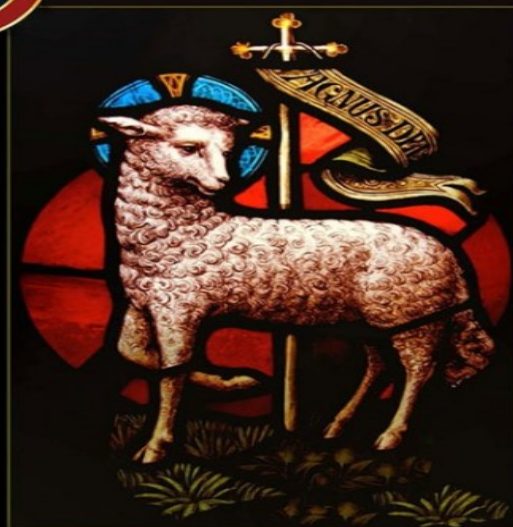


Dayton Martinez, Natalie Gamboa, Ruby Morales, Alfonso Marquez, Avery King Jr., Dora Lopez, Mary Bryan, Elida Rodriguez, Mendoza Family, Christian Molina, Claudia Molina, Valerie C., Cory & baby Javier, Andy Stone, Daniel & Alicia, Isaiah V., Julia G, Julia H., Margaret Rios, Erick Baeza, Ocsar Gonzalez, Ana Gallegos, Rosa Reyes, Ema

Saucedo, Kenny D, Nike R, Rosie Sanchez, Terri Florez, Maria Rodriguez, Sharon Stuard, Laura, Jesse Pena, Teresa Pena, baby Noah Kai Russell, Maris Brown, Emma Valdez, Yolanda Rodriguez, Tommy Lee, Nancy Damico, Elia Ramirez, Ramirez Daughter, Larry White, Gracias Jiron, Bob Breeze, Ana Laura Alvarado Moreno, Arnold and Sandra Trevino, Matthew & Michelle Parker, Donna Mae Repman, Betty Oldham, Olivia Binesh, Justino Campeon, Felix Munoz, Julio Rodrigues, Ana Morin, Joe Teagarden, Alvaro C., Eddie L., Robert Fotter, Becky Aguliar, Sonia Hipler, Anaya Madrid, Alfred & Eva Garcia, Emma Valdez, Albert & Mary Madrid, Meris Brown, Amanda Ochoa, Jennifer White, Baby Braxton, Julian Rodriguez, Joe Munoz III, Baby Cesar Brito, Jesus Munoz

Email [Frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com](mailto:Frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com) or call the office at 520-7394 to be added to the prayer list! If someone needs to be removed from prayer list please contact the office to remove request. Thank you!

Envíe un correo electrónico a [frontdesk.sssc@att.net](mailto:frontdesk.sssc@att.net) o llame a la oficina al 520-7394 para ser incluido en la lista de oración! Si alguien necesita ser removido de la lista de oración, por favor comuníquese con la oficina. Gracias!



Lent: The Road to Redemption  
Cycle B

**The Road to Redemption: Cycle B Bible Study Starts Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021**  
**Wednesdays from 9:30am to 11am in the Parlor**  
**Study books are available in the office for \$21**  
**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**  
**COVID safety protocols will be followed**  
**Contact Joann at 432-559-2658 for more information**



# Youth News



Bring to silence those who condemn us for our sins, and turn our eyes upon Your holy cross. Give us the joy only You can grant, O God, and give us a willing spirit to pursue truth and goodness in our lives. Hear my prayer, O Jesus. Amen.

The **Life** Center

[thelifecentertx.org](http://thelifecentertx.org)

[tlcdonor.org](http://tlcdonor.org)

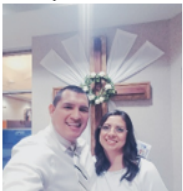
Dear Fr. Rodney & fellow St. Stephen's parishioners, it is with great gratitude that I want to say THANK YOU for your continued support to our local (Midland Odessa, Andrews & Big Spring) Life Centers! Because of your generosity, 883 pregnant moms made a decision for LIFE, just last year alone!

In 2021, we have big plans to help save more babies and bring healing to more teens & young adults in our Centers... All of our services are FREE!

For now, our Midland Life Center is currently in need of **diapers, especially in sizes 4, 5, 6 and Pull-ups, Similac and sensitive formula, baby shampoo, body wash, baby lotion and diaper rash ointment.** Please help us by filling up the play pen in our parish foyer and a St. Stephen's family will bring these items to our Center to help the parents & babies in need.

May our holy father St. Joseph protect you in his holy cloak and guide you during this holy year dedicated to him!

Thank you so much and God bless you for your generous support,



**Cora Rodriguez**

Restoration Director at The Life Center (TLC)

2101 W. Wall Midland, TX. 79701  
432-683-6072



**Have you ever thought about hosting an exchange student? The Northwest Student Exchange is looking for two host families to host in Midland. One is a young lady from Germany, age 15 and the other is a young man from Brazil, age 15. If you are interested please email our Youth Director, Crystal-  
[crystal@ststephensmidland.com](mailto:crystal@ststephensmidland.com), she will email you more information, and to see if you will be eligible.**

If you're interested in volunteering please sign up for  
your areas of interest and  
visit: **ststephensmidland.com/volunteer**



If you are a ministry or group wanting to have an event such as a mini retreat or other function you must submit a facility request at the parish website at :

<https://ststephensmidland.com/forms>

Due to the current diocesan gathering protocols the parish office may deny a facility request if it is deemed a potential risk and could compromise the social distancing requirements needed. We may also take other factors into consideration as to how requests will comply and if the parish has enough staff resources for any oversight to ensure compliance. The gathering protocols issued by Bishop is available to read by a link in the first paragraph on the facility request form.

### **Upcoming Baptismal Classes: Próximas clases bautismales**

March 14, 2021 /  
14 de marzo del 2021

English : 2:00 - 4:30pm

Español: 2:30 - 5:00pm

Please come by the Office and present a Driver's License to Register

Por favor vengán a la oficina parroquial y presenten la licencia para registrarse.

### **Rachel's Corner**

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

- Reflections from Footprints; Isaiah  
54:10

Healing and hope and compassion are  
awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard  
Retreat™.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat  
After Abortion Care  
2021 retreats -- March 19-21 English &  
June 25-27 Spanish

Contact Priscella at 432-897-4788  
[www.rachelsvineyardsanangelo@gmail.com](mailto:www.rachelsvineyardsanangelo@gmail.com)  
Open to all faiths and strictly confidential.

### **Rincon De Raquel**

"Los cerros podrán correrse y moverse las lomas; mas yo no retiraré mi amor, ni se romperá mi alianza de paz contigo; lo afirma Yavé, que se compadece de ti." dice el Señor, quién tiene compassion en ti.

- Isaías 54:10 -

Sanación, esperanza y compasión le  
espera  
en un Retiro del Viñedo de Raquel™.

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**Helping Hands of Midland**  
**1301 Brinson Lane**  
**(432) 520-8900**

[www.helpinghandsmidland.com](http://www.helpinghandsmidland.com)

Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done in the past week:

Electric	6 families	\$ 2,428.89
Rent	36 families	\$ 30,760.03
ID's	1 family	\$ 44.00
Total		\$ 33,232.92

When we pulled our trucks from St. Stephen's several weeks ago (due to widespread theft of the donations left in the trucks) we were concerned that we would not have enough donations to stock our store. Would our limited hours of operation (Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.) afford those who wanted to donate to us enough time to reach us?

Well, we didn't have to worry for long. After just a few short days the donations came rolling in. When we saw the quality of the items being brought to us we were overjoyed! While volume-wise we are not getting near what we did with the trucks, the quality of the items far surpasses what we received in the past (probably because the items we receive now have not been pilfered).

So, if you have not visited our store in a while, now might be a good time to visit us again. Our store is open Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We offer everything from clothing to housewares to tools to furniture. We have a huge selection of books (which we sell for \$3/BAG!). We even sell breads and pastries donated to us by local grocery stores.

We are also resuming pickups on an extremely limited basis (due to lack of volunteers). You can no longer call our donation line and leave a message...at least not for now. Please follow the instructions listed below and someone will contact you if we can accommodate your request.

### **LIMITED RESIDENTIAL PICKUPS RESUME**

We are now able to do limited residential pickups of large items/donations by prior appointment only. To request a pickup please send a complete set of pictured items to  
[midlandhelpinghands@gmail.com](mailto:midlandhelpinghands@gmail.com)