

April 16th, 2023

Rev. Rodney White, Pastor

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MASS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Sunday, April 16th @ 4pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Odessa Tx. Sensory friendly environment, Opportunity to Attend Mass as a family, and a special blessing for the caregivers and the children. All are welcomed! For any questions call Megan at (214) 901-6099

LOST AND FOUND

The Parish Office has been holding onto miscellaneous items found over time and going forward will only hold any items found on the property for two weeks. If you have lost an item in the past please contact the Parish office to describe and claim. Items left unclaimed over a two week period will be donated or sold.

ADOPT A PRIEST

DID YOU KNOW that the devil's principal target on earth is the Catholic Priest? The devil knows that holier Priests will lead to a holier Church. The Midland Lay Carmelites invite you to spiritually "ADOPT" a Priest from the Diocese of San Angelo (if you haven't already done so.) The only requirement is to pray daily for your Priest, according to your state in life. To have a Priest assigned to you, please call 432-296-9669 or send an email to: midlandlaycarmelites@gmail.com.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

This year we will be having our First Communion Masses during the week at daily Mass. The following dates are when they are.

April 26th @ 5:30pm: 3rd-6th grade & 7th-12th
(English)

May 1st at 5:30pm: All Spanish grades

CONFIRMATION 2023

If you were confirmed by our Bishop Michael Sis, last March 23, 2023 at our Parish, your Certificates are ready to be picked up at the Parish Office. For any information, please contact Gladys at 432-520-7394.

**ACTIVE
SHOOTER
TRAINING**

APRIL 20, 2023

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Location: The Gloria Denman Ballroom



**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND.**

**BRING A FRIEND, IT
COULD SAVE THEIR LIFE
ONE DAY.**

**This is a mandatory
training for all Catechists.**

MASS FOR THE HEALING OF MEMORIES

April 16th, 2023 @ 3:00pm at St. Josephs Church.
907 S. Dixie Boulevard in Odessa Tx. Everyone is
welcomed!

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Midland, Texas

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16th, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday April 16th– 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00am For the Parish
12:00pm †Adolfo Lopez By Lopez Family
5:00pm Arturo Rodriguez (HB) By Parish Staff

Monday April 17th

7:00am †Jim Koffler By Criss Kohl
5:30pm †Juan Lopez By Lopez Family

Tuesday April 18th

7:00am Thanksgiving from the Doria Family
5:30pm Inez Vasquez By Family

Wednesday April 19th

7:00am †Jose Luis Zarate Rodriguez By Sylvia Zarate
5:30pm †Alejo & †Albina Dominguez By Family

Thursday April 20th

7:00am Meagan Pause By Ngozi
5:30pm Sikora Family By Alba Galeano

Friday April 21st– St. Anselm, Bishop, & Doctor of the Church

7:00am †Lee Ann Hedges By Craig & Katie Hubbard
5:30pm †Alejandro Zarate Rodriguez By Sylvia Zarate

Saturday April 22nd

8:00am David Villa By Delma Chavez
5:00pm †Domingo Carrizales & Paz Carrizales By Wife & Children

Sunday 23rd– 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00am †Edward Leps By Wife Linda Leps
12:00pm Por la Parroquia
5:00pm †Lalo & †Petra Velasquez By Family

Please pray for the sick: Chris Madrid, Brian Pittello, Serenity Williams, Tana C, Richard R., Alvaro C., Llewellyn Canio, Basilio–Canio Family, E. Aguirre, Christian Loya, Chuck Carter, Diana Paredes, Denise Ealy, Michelle Rios, Clara Maria, Deepak Dey, Luis Martin Rodriguez, Rolando De Casa, Juan Raul Torres, Aracely Silva, Sonia Castillo & family, Joseph R. Kiowski, Mary Helen Smith, Brandon Taylor, Stephanie Maestas, Baby Sarah, Maricela Quiroz, Frankie Hartter, Henk Klaucke, Elizabeth Fritzl, Patricia Loira, Paulo Cesar, Regis, Sonia, Sanae, Joseph Mary Fasi, Alvaro Ramos & family, Joe T., Chris W., Cindy M., Kathleen S., Anthony R., Roberto L., Vasquez family, Isaiah & Victoria, Esther Estrada, Cecilia Livingston, Valarie Fink, Vanessa V. Betty, Randall, Beth B. Marcus, Marcus Jr. Mica & Brittany V., Eddie L., Aileen Paris Rodriguez, Karen Howe, Shashini Kumari, John Walker, Elizabeth Fritzl, Sammy R., Macaria R., Beth B, Lynda Sanchez., Anita P., Martha P., John W. Grace, Carly P., Olivia V., Frank Hartter, Fermin Salgado, Sokolowski family, Maria Salgado, J.J Hord, & Bennie Hawkins.

Email frontdesk@ssccmidland.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!

Last Week Collections

Week of 03.27.23-04.02.23

Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory	\$ 16,965.49
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 5,429.00
Online	\$ 4,468.00
Other	\$ 393.10
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 27,255.59

Weekly Budget Objective	\$ 26,500.00
Actual vs. Budget	\$ 755.59

Other Designated Funds	\$ 385.00
Second Collections	\$ 8,425.84*

**Includes contributions for: Helping Hands, Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land*

Upcoming Baptismal Classes / Próximas clases bautismales:

**April 16th, 2023 /
16 de Abril del 2023
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 vengan a la oficina parroquial y
presenten la licencia para registrarse**

ST. STEPHEN'S CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

8:15 AM to 8:45 AM 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM 4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

MON-FRI:

6:45 AM to 6:55 AM 5:00 PM to 5:25 PM

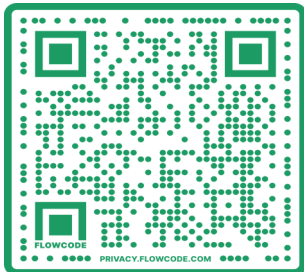
SATURDAY:

7:45 AM to 7:55 AM 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM

Anytime by appointment

MEAL TRAIN FOR ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY

The St. Joseph Ministry is an outreach ministry dedicated to serving families in our community who are involved in the child welfare system. Part of what this ministry offers is an occasional meal for relative placements, mothers and fathers recently reunified with their children, and foster/adopt families. We have created a Meal Train to provide frozen meals for these families. Our goal is to provide support and assistance to these families and take a little stress off their plate. Please scan the QR code and sign up to provide a frozen meal. We appreciate your help!



DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO- ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FORMATION

The Diocese of San Angelo is accepting applications for the Associate Director of Formation. This position assists the Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. The Associate Director's primary responsibilities include assisting in providing formation, leadership training, and evangelization and catechesis training opportunities for Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education/Faith Formation. Secondary responsibilities include assisting in providing formation and training opportunities for catechists, integrating a family perspective in ministry. This person should be strongly committed to the Catholic faith. Master's degree in theology, catechesis, pastoral studies, or related field and 3 to 5 years' experience at the parish or diocesan level are strongly desired. Hours include both traditional office hours and some evenings and weekends. Periodic travel throughout the diocese will also be required. For complete job descriptions, please visit <https://sanangelodiocese.org/job-openings>. Resumes and/or applications may be submitted to Deacon Marc Mata, 804 Ford St., San Angelo, TX 76905 or at mmata@sanangelodiocese.org. Position is open until filled.

SE NECESITAN COORDINADORES DE MISAS:

Necesitamos Coordinadores de Misa para bodas y funerales. No es necesario que sea un coordinador de Misa, ya que lo capacitaremos. Si está interesado por favor póngase en contacto con Diane Grenvik por mensaje de texto a 432-234-7821 o Viviana Martinez a 817-249-9095.

STEUBENVILLE LONE STAR 2023 (JUNE 23-25)

All teens who will be in grades 9-12th in Fall 2023 are welcome to register for this conference. Registration and details concerning this trip can be found on our website www.sccmidland.com/lonestar2023



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Nights (Grades 6-8) - Sundays 6:30-8pm in the Youth Building

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Nights (grades 9-12) - Tuesdays 7-8:45pm in the Youth Building

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult Nights (ages 18-40) - Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm in the Youth Building

MEALS FOR YOUTH NIGHTS

If you would like to help provide meals for our weekly youth nights, please email youthministry@sccmidland.com

TOTUS TUUS

As we start planning for the summer we need about 10 adult volunteers for Totus Tuus June 4th-9th. If you haven't already please come to the office and do a back ground check and ethics training. We also need Youth Volunteers. Confirmation students are encouraged to help during these weeks in the summer in order to get their Service hours they need during the year. For any questions please contact Gretchen through email.

Gretchen@sccmidland.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is approaching! This is the time to start planning. We are in need of adult and youth volunteers. Incoming Confirmation 1 and retuning Confirmation 2 students are all welcomed to help to start getting your service hours for the year! If you are interested in helping please email Gretchen@sccmidland.com or bulletin@sccmidland.com and we can put you down on the list.

ADORATION

Sign up for Adoration every Friday at ststephensmidland.com/adoration

MARY AND THE EUCHARIST

On MAY 6 from 8 am—3:30 pm,
at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart
Join USCCB National Eucharistic Preachers
Fr. Linh Nguyen and Fr. Ryan Rojo
Along with local speakers Sarah Fellona, Amy
Perez, and Deacon Freddy Medina.
Register for the Marian Conference of the year at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mary-and-the-eucharist-registration-579355426677> for \$25 plus a fee. For more info, please contact:
legionofmary.sanangelo@gmail.com
(325) 812-5008 - Chris Garcia

PROJECT RACHEL - HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Have you or someone you love suffered from the loss of a child through abortion? We are here to help. Confidential Weekend retreats and counseling after abortion. For more information call 432.236.9883 or email projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org

CLERGY VS. YOUTH KICKBALL

The Vocation office presents Kickball Clergy vs. Youth! Sunday May 21, 2023 at the Wylie High School Softball Field. 5926 Bledsoe Rd. Abilene, Tx. 76906 @ 6:00pm. For more Information call (325) 651-7500 or send an email to Vocation@sanangelodiocese.org

CHILDRENS HOLY HOUR

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Children's Holy Hour every 1st Friday of the month. May 5th, 2023 in the St. Stephen's sanctuary 9:00AM-10:00am.

All ages welcome. Feel free to come for 10 minutes or stay the whole hour.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Diocese of San Angelo presents the Discernment Retreat. May 19-21, 2023 for all High school men and Above at Holy Family Catholic Church. 5410 Buffalo Gap Road. Abilene Tx, 79606. Come learn more about the Diocesan Priesthood! Meet our Seminarians, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Prayer, and Priestly Witness. For more Information Contact Fr. Ryan Rojo at (325)651-7500 rrojo@sanangelodiocese.org or visit the website dosavocation.org

CARS FOR SEMINARIAN USE

The diocese is looking for generous parishioners to gift drivable vehicles to the diocese to be used by seminarians. We are looking for 1-2 cars. All cars will be inspected by local mechanics to determine their appropriateness for long-distance travel. Cars will be covered by the diocese's fleet insurance.

GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK

We're hiring! Want to impact countless souls for the Glory of God? The Guadalupe Radio Network is looking for a Bi-lingual General Manager for the West Texas Market. The West Texas market has 13 Catholic radio stations and 1 in Clayton, New Mexico. This is a wonderful opportunity to join a Catholic apostolate dedicated to the highest level of professionalism, competence, ethics, and Catholic values. We are dedicated to spreading the knowledge, love, and practice of the Catholic Faith by means of radio and digital media. Guadalupe Radio Network is Radio for your Soul! The central offices are located in Midland, Tx. Are you or someone you know seeking a new career? How about serving our Lord in a tangible, hands-on kind of way? Consider the positive impact YOU can make by joining our Catholic radio ministry. Imagine how many lives, how many souls you can help lead to our Lord Jesus Christ. The GRN operates 39 radio stations across the United States reaching over 24 million potential listeners. Skills Needed:

- Computer literacy
- An ability to work under tight deadlines
- Public speaking skills
- Attention to detail
- Good communication skills
- Task oriented
- Good people skills
- Organizational skills
- Goals focused for the benefit of souls!

Responsibilities:

- Marketing : Community outreach, finding and managing volunteers.
- Fundraising.
- Programming: Create PSA's and advertiser announcements.
- Station Operations: Monitor "On Air" performance.
- FCC Compliance.
- Process improvement and finding of and implementation of best practices.
- General assistance with duties beneficial to the GRN, as needed by Leadership.

If you are an active, faithful Catholic in good standing, and would like to explore a career with the Guadalupe Radio Network, please submit your resume and a cover letter to careers@grnonline.com stating why you think you are a good fit and why you would like to work for the Guadalupe Radio Network.

The GRN offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

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

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 last week:

Electric	4 families	\$ 1,619.78
Gas	1 family	\$ 295.06
Water	2 families	\$ 592.05
Rent	14 families	\$24,659.29
Transportation	1 family	\$ 279.63
Total		\$27,445.81

A man came into our office earlier this week wanting assistance for rent. He came without an appointment. We told him that appointments for that day was already scheduled, and that if he wanted assistance it was necessary that he call our helpline. We attempted to give him a slip of paper that had our helpline number plus the information that he needed to leave on the helpline, however he tossed it on our table. Along with a stream of profanities, he yelled “You people only help women!” as he stomped out the door.

We looked apologetically at the person who was waiting for the next appointment — a man who sheepishly shrugged his shoulders as he stroked his beard.

If the desperation of the man seeking help had not been so tragic, the scene would have been comical. In the past we, (as all benevolence agencies that assist the poor) have been accused of helping only women...only Hispanics...only African Americans...only, only, only. And we have heard that we only help a few people, but we help them over and over and over again (and of course, according to those pressing the charges, those people don’t even really need the help....). By way of explanations: we do not accept walk-in clients at Helping Hands (and again, nor does any other benevolence agency in Midland), because in order to do our jobs properly it is necessary to research and get background information on those coming to us for help. We have found in the past that those people who walk in and demand help right then and there are oftentimes people with something to hide, as though the dramatics of screaming for help might coerce us into giving them what they want just to get them out of the building.

When a person calls our helpline they are asked to leave the last four digits of their social security number. From there we are able to look up that person’s history with past help and help given by other benevolent agencies. From there we will oftentimes make a phone call to the home to get additional information, and it is not unusual to contact other agencies that have helped that client in the past to get their “take” on the situation. The people with whom we meet are not scheduled randomly and without careful research. We do not look at a person’s heritage, ethnicity, or sex. But we do look at history. If a person has a long history of asking for help, but has done little to improve his or her living situation, we will not schedule an appointment. If a person has a long history of skirmishes with the law (by way of repeated arrests for burglaries, arrests etc.), we will not be inclined to schedule an appointment. We look at the need. Legitimate need.

Once we feel that the need is legitimate we will schedule the appointment. The person’s sex and ethnicity matter not at all. What we want to do at Helping Hands is help any person who is willing to make an effort to help themselves. We will bend over backwards to help a person get over a bad time in their life as long as they are willing to take the initiative (provided they are physically and medically able), to try to rise above that hardship and move on with his or her life. Sure, we could just throw the money you give us to the first five or six people who approach us each day, but we will never do so. We feel it is important, as stewards of the money you give to us, to be sure that the assistance is given responsibly. We thank you for entrusting us with the money that you give us to spend in caring for the poor of Midland. Thank you very, very much!

Fr. Rodney White 20th Anniversary of Ordination



Join us as we honor Fr. Rodney's
twenty years of service to God.

We will celebrate him with dinner in
The Gloria Denman Ballroom at
6:30pm on Saturday May 27th

All are welcome