

July 9th, 2023

Rev. Bala Anthony Govindu
Pastor

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FIRST RESPONDERS

Are you a first responder, doctor or nurse that regularly attends St. Stephen's? If so, please contact the Parish Business Manager, Amanda Treviño at (432)230-2687 or Mandy@ssccmidland.com

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, please consider registering for this 13-week GriefShare course. The next session will be held on Tuesdays from August 1st to October 24th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. To register please visit the following link on your computer or smart device: <https://ststephensmidland.com/griefshare>

BULLETIN AD DEADLINE

If you would like to make an announcement for your ministry or event please email: bulletin@ssccmidland.com as far in advance as possible. The bulletin deadline is **Tuesday at 10:00am**. We encourage you to get any announcements to us the week before to ensure we have space for your message. Thank you!

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

Please lock the door and turn the lights to the areas of the church facility you or your group use for a meeting or function. It is good stewardship to ensure the lights and AC/ Heat are turned off after using the church's facilities. We appreciate your cooperation in helping mitigate unnecessary costs in utilities by your attention to this matter.

ADORATION

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

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. July 7th, 2023 in the St. Stephen's sanctuary 9:00-10:00am. All ages welcome. Feel free to come for 10 minutes or stay the whole hour.

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.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Let us know your areas of interest. Let's serve our Parish Community together. Visit our website Ststephensmidland.com/volunteer to see where you might be interested in volunteering.

CLUB DANCE

DATE/TIME: Saturday, July 22, 2023/6:30 p.m. – 10:00 pm

COST/ATTIRE: \$30.00 per person/Casual

BAND: "Jazz Alley" (Ballroom, Latin and Swing)

CATERER: Phoenix Catering

MENU: Beef Stroganoff, Sautéed Veggies, Chopped Salad, Meyer Lemon Bars, Unsweet & Sweet Tea, Water.

Please remember to make advance reservations, if possible, for this dance. So that we may have an accurate count for our wonderful caterer!

****NOTE: NO BYOB is allowed in the Gloria Denman Ballroom per church policy.**

Reservations may be mailed to Club Dance, P. O. Box 7421, Midland, TX 79708. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, July 19, 2023. For more information, PLEASE CONTACT our Reservations Coordinator at:

permianmusic87@gmail.com. Please do not contact St. Stephens for information on this function as it is separate from the church. **THANK YOU!**

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
Midland, Texas

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9th, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday July 9th – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For the parish
12:00pm †Filiberto Borunda & †Marina Garay de parte de sus hijos
5:00pm Altar servers of St. Stephen's

Monday July 10th

7:00am †Antonio Merino by Family
5:30pm Amy Terrazas by Delma Chavez

Tuesday July 11th-St. Benedict, Abbot

7:00am †Bill Wohlfeld by Terry Repman
5:30pm Melanie Reyes (HB) by Mom & Family

Wednesday July 12th

7:00am †Stephen McCarthy by Sheila McCarthy
5:30pm †Joe P. Lopez by Family

Thursday July 13th-St. Henry

7:00am †Freddy Bujnoch by the Repman family
5:30pm †Enriquez Alvarez by family

Friday July 14th-ST. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

7:00am †Carmen Orozco by Orozco Family
5:30pm Jeff Barger (HB) by Family

Saturday July 15th– St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00am †Carmen Orozco By Orozco Family
5:00pm †Frank & †Bernadina Hernandez By Olga

Sunday July 16th – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am †Domingo Carrizales By Wife & Family
12:00pm †Mo Dominguez By Hija
5:00pm For the Parish

Please pray for the following: Jeremy Wright, Christian Loya, Chuck Carter, Diana Paredez, 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, Frankie Hartter, Henk Klauke, 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, Justina Flayngeg, Quincy Jackson Jr., Terri Padilla, M. Gloria Escobedo– Chong, Elia R., Mateo F., Albert Lopez, Ty Hawkins, Ramona Hawkins, Tammy Seidenberger, Cecilia Levington, Maria Ramirez, Socorro M., Christina M., Virginia M., Ian V., & Emma Elia R.

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 06.19.23-06.25.23

Contributions:

Weekend Mass Offertory	\$ 17,215.60
Mailed or Delivered	\$ 7,110.00
Online	\$ 4,358.00
Other	\$ 175.00
Total Weekly Contributions	\$ 28,858.60

Weekly Budget Objective	\$ 26,500.00
Actual vs. Budget	\$ 2,358.60

Other Designated Funds	\$ 4,371.01
Second Collections	\$ 4,328.34*

**Includes contributions for: Peter's Pence Collection, Poor Parish Mission Assistance, Helping Hands, Father's Day Mass Intention*

Upcoming Baptismal Classes / Próximas clases bautismales:

**August 13, 2023 /
13 de Agosto 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

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.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

St. Stephen's will be holding a training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC's) on August 26th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in classroom #11. Are you a fully initiated Catholic (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) in good standing, and a registered member of the Parish? Do you have a deep love for the Eucharist? If you answered "Yes" to all of these questions, please consider joining this important and very special ministry! Please RSVP via email, call, or text (see contact below), as soon as possible so we have enough handout material for everyone. You will need to fill out and bring with you an Application Form (available in the Foyer, at the Parish Office, or you can download from the St. Stephen's website). For more information, please speak with our Priests, Deacons, Mass Coordinators, or contact:

Marcos Ybarra	Gina Ybarra
432-638-9097	432-230-4426
Raidermug@yahoo.com	gmybarra@yahoo.com

CARS FOR SEMINARIANS

We have included a "Seminarian Car Fund" on the drop-down menu on our online giving page. You can find that here: https://pushpay.com/g/dioceseofsanangelo?fund=yzMFXJz_jGPCsujfDy6Cog&a=50&lang=en

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

The Diocese of San Angelo has a group of men who have been in formation discerning if they are called to become permanent deacons in the Catholic Church. They have reached a point in their formation where they are requesting admittance to candidacy for Holy Orders. Before these men are called to Holy Orders by Bishop Sis, the People of God are to be asked about their worthiness. The following man (men) from this parish have presented himself (themselves) to Bishop Michael Sis to be admitted to Candidacy for ordination as deacon(s):

Javier Lopez-Morales

Therefore, if you are aware of any reason why this man (any of these men) should not be admitted to candidacy for Holy Orders, you are asked to contact Deacon Federico Medina, Jr., at your earliest convenience. You may reach him at:

Deacon Federico Medina Jr.
Office of Deacon Formation
fmedina@sanangelodiocese.org
325-651-7500

The names of those expressing concerns will not be shared with any of the candidates, though the nature of the concern may be shared with them as part of the discernment and evaluation process.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a ministry that offers compassion and healing to men and women that have experienced the tragic loss of a child through abortion. We offer confidential weekend retreats where individuals can find God's love and forgiveness which can renew one's relationship with God and His Church. The next retreat is scheduled for July 2023 (Fri-Sun). If you have had an abortion or encouraged an abortion and are looking for healing, please call (432) 236-9883 or email projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org. We are also looking for individuals that would like to join our prayer team. If you feel called to this, please email prayprojectrachel@yahoo.com.

El Proyecto Raquel es un ministerio que ofrece compasión y sanación a hombres y mujeres que han experimentado la trágica pérdida de un hijo (a) a través del aborto. Ofrecemos retiros confidenciales de fin de semana donde las personas pueden encontrar el amor y el perdón de Dios para renovar su relación con Dios y Su Iglesia. El próximo retiro está programado para julio de 2023 (viernes-domingo). Si ha tenido un aborto o ha alentado uno y está buscando sanación, llame al (432) 236-9883 o envíe un correo electrónico a projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org. También estamos buscando personas que deseen unirse a nuestro equipo de oración. Si se siente llamado (a) a esto, envíe un correo electrónico a prayprojectrachel@yahoo.com.

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Phillip Ward

Therefore, if you are aware of any reason why this (these) man (men) should not be ordained, you are asked to contact Deacon Federico Medina, Jr., at your earliest convenience. You may reach him at:
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LEGACY RANCH- COMMUNION SERVICE

If you have a loved one at Legacy Ranch in Midland and would like them to receive Communion please call the office for more information. (432)520-7394

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:

Electricity	5 families	\$ 835.95
Water	2 families	\$ 1,408.67
Gas	3 families	\$ 1,738.54
Rent	13 families	\$ 22,452.22
Medical	1 family	\$ 1,200.00
Misc.	2 families	\$ 1,209.00
TOTAL		\$ 27,755.38

We are often asked how we can continue, day after day, to work with the poor, the sick and the marginalized. It must be such depressing work. How do we keep from getting burned out?

Well, the answer to that is simple. We do NOT deal with the poor, the sick and the marginalized. We deal with Fidel, who suffered a stroke 6 weeks ago that resulted in partial paralysis of his left arm and facial muscles. He obviously cannot return to work without some time to heal, but rent and utilities are due. We deal with Francine, whose husband recently left her and the 3 kids when his income could no longer sustain them. Panic set in and he fled. Same with Greg, whose wife left him and the kids to search for a life a bit more meaningful. While he has a job, he now has the responsibility of daycare and learning to be a mom as well as a dad. Sarah is an 82-year-old woman with no family here, who can barely afford her rent on her social security income, but was saddled with an electric bill that she could not afford. John had his hours and pay cut when his job started cutting back. He still has the job, however his income has been diminished to the point where he cannot meet the basic financial obligations of rent and utilities. He prays for work to pick up but he is also looking for a more stable job. Susanna is a waitress at an upscale restaurant but lately not as many people are eating there and that has affected her paycheck. Juan manages on his disability to pay for his apartment, food and utilities however he is in need of orthopedic shoes to help him walk. He cannot afford the extra \$300 to cover that expense and is looking at the possibility of going back into a wheelchair or a walker without the shoes.

We refuse to see the people we help as poor, sick or marginalized, for to stereotype these people is to drain them of their individuality. We strive each day at Helping Hands to look at our clients in the context of their lives. Rather than casting judgment or assigning labels to them we will take the time to walk in their shoes and feel their pain, their insecurities, their fears. And in doing so we hope to be able to offer relief and hopefully some good counsel to get them through their troubling times. We thank all of you for the financial support that allows us to make am and 1 pm. Social that possible. God bless you!

JULY TRUCK SCHEDULE

Our trucks will be at St. Stephen's on Saturday, July 8 and at St. Ann's on Saturday, July 15 to pick up your donations between 9 thanks to both councils of Knights of Columbus from St. Ann's and St. Stephen's for taking on this responsibility.



To the Heights

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

JULY 14-16, 2023

St. Stephen's Catholic Church,
Midland, TX

FEATURING

ROME  BOYS



Pre-Registration **\$100.**

Tickets at the door **\$125.**

Ticket includes 5 full meals and access
to all sessions and events.

Scan QR code for full schedule and registration.



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Let us welcome our new pastor.



Fr. Anthony Bala Govindu



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