## November 5th, 2023

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### Walking Humbly in Service and Truth

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today we delve into the heart of service and humility, guided by the wisdom of Malachi, the nurturing words of Paul in Thessalonians, and the instructive teaching of Jesus in Matthew.

# **Scripture Readings**

**Malachi 1:14b-2:2b**, **8-10:** We are reminded of the Lord's disdain for half-hearted offerings and the importance of honoring His name. The priests, who were supposed to guide the people, have strayed and caused many to stumble

**1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13:** Paul exemplifies gentle care, like a nursing mother, and laboring night and day not to be a burden, showing dedication in spreading the Gospel.

**Matthew 23:1-12:** Jesus warns against doing deeds for show and seeking titles, encouraging us to embrace humility and serve others.

Reflecting on Our Faith

## 1. Honoring God with Integrity (Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10)

Application: In our lives, are we offering God our best? Whether it's in worship, work, or relationships, let us strive for integrity and honesty, not just outward compliance.

### 2. Gentle and Dedicated Service(1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13)

Application: Paul's gentleness and labor illustrate how we should serve. In our church and community, are we giving selflessly? Do we nurture and guide gently, bearing each other's burdens?

### 3. Humility and True Leadership (Matthew 23:1-12)

Application: Jesus's words caution us against pride and hypocrisy. As Christians, our leadership should not be about titles or recognition but about serving others in love and humility.

As we go forth this week, let these passages guide our actions and hearts. May we offer our best to God, serve with gentleness and dedication, and lead with the humility of Christ. Amen.

### Andando Humildemente en el Servicio y la Verdad

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, hoy nos adentramos en el corazón del servicio y la humildad, guiados por la sabiduría de Malaquías, las palabras nutritivas de Pablo en Tesalonicenses y la enseñanza instructiva de Jesús en Mateo.

### Lecturas Bíblicas

**Malaquías 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10:** Se nos recuerda el desdén del Señor por las ofrendas a medias y la importancia de honrar Su nombre. Los sacerdotes, que debían guiar al pueblo, se han desviado y han hecho tropezar a muchos.

**1 Tesalonicenses 2:7b-9, 13:** Pablo ejemplifica un cuidado gentil, como una madre que amamanta, y trabajar noche y día para no ser una carga, mostrando dedicación en la difusión del Evangelio. Mateo 23:1-12: Jesús advierte contra hacer obras para ser vistos y buscar títulos, animándonos a abrazar la humildad y servir a los demás.

### Reflexionando en Nuestra Fe

- 1. Honrando a Dios con Integridad (Malaquías 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10) Aplicación: En nuestras vidas, ¿estamos ofreciendo lo mejor a Dios? Ya sea en la adoración, el trabajo o las relaciones, esforcémonos por la integridad y honestidad, no solo el cumplimiento externo.
- 2. **Servicio Gentil y Dedicado (1 Tesalonicenses 2:7b-9, 13)** Aplicación: La gentileza y el trabajo de Pablo ilustran cómo debemos servir. En nuestra iglesia y comunidad, ¿estamos dando de forma desinteresada? ¿Nutrimos y guiamos con gentileza, soportando las cargas de los demás?
- 3. Humildad y Verdadero Liderazgo (Mateo 23:1-12) Aplicación: Las palabras de Jesús nos advierten contra el orgullo y la hipocresía. Como cristianos, nuestro liderazgo no debe ser sobre títulos o reconocimientos, sino sobre servir a los demás en amor y humildad. Al avanzar esta semana, dejemos que estos pasajes guíen nuestras acciones y corazones. Ofrezcamos lo mejor a Dios, sirvamos con gentileza y dedicación, y lideremos con la humildad de Cristo. Amén.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

# Sunday November 5th- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am All Souls 10:00am All Souls 12:30pm All Souls 5:00pm All Souls 7:00pm All Souls

### **Monday November 6th**

7:00am All Souls 5:30pm All Souls

# **Tuesday November 7th**

7:00am All Souls 5:30pm All Souls

# Wednesday November 8th

7:00am All Souls 12:15pm All Souls 5:30pm All Souls

# Thursday November 9th

7:00am All Souls 5:30pm All Souls

### Friday November 10th

7:00am All Souls 12:15pm All Souls 5:30pm All Souls

## Saturday November 11th

8:00am All Souls 5:00pm All Souls

# Sunday November 12th- 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am All Souls 10:00am All Souls 12:30pm All Souls 5:00pm All Souls 7:00pm All Souls Upcoming Baptismal Classes / Próximas clases bautismales:

November 12, 2023 / 12 de Noviembre 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

Please pray for the following: Baby Sarah, 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., Richard Soel, 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, Maria Ramirez, Socorro M., Christina M., Virginia M., Ian V., Emma Elia R., Frankie Hartter, Mario Ramirez, Axton, Sarah Beth Carrasco, Luke, Zac Curtis, Dayton Martinez, Contreras-Holguin family, Marisela R., Michael R., Luna R., Oscar O., Estela O. Brisa O, Joel Ybarra, Erica Hernandez, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, the Cáceres family. Evan Lujan, Jonathan Jaquez, Linda Q., John V., Mila Thorn, Britani Thorn, Jake Thorn, & Joseph R Kiowski.

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 10.23.23-10.30.23

Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals
Sat. 5pm 1st collection	\$1,220.00	\$3,296.81	\$4,516.81
Sun. 8am 1st collection	\$603.89	\$2,365.00	\$2,968.89
Sun. 10am 1st collection	\$1,386.25	\$2,680.00	\$4,066.25
Sun.12pm 1st collection	\$1,755.56	\$475.00	\$2,230.56
Sun. 5pm 1st collection	\$792.14	\$2,203.00	\$2,995.14
Sun. 7pm 1st collection	\$327.00	\$405.00	\$732.00
Daily Masses	\$203.51	\$25.00	\$228.51
Online Giving		\$3,788.00	\$3,788.00
Mailed-In Contributions	\$15,320.00		\$15,320.00
Sat. 7pm Healing Mass	\$197.00		\$237.00
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$37,183.16

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

### RAFFLE TICKET

Father Bala would like every child in our CCD program to take a book and sale. Single tickets are \$20 or 5 tickets (book) for \$100. Please come by the office and check one out ASAP. Deadline for the raffle tickets is December 9th. @ 7:00pm. Raffle will be on December 12th. After the 7:00pm Mass. Thank you! Please contact Gretchen at the office for more information. (432)520-7394

### 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

### **CLUB DANCE**

DATE/TIME: Friday, November 17, 2023/ 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. COST/ATTIRE: \$20.00 per person/Casual

BAND: "Emily & the Rumba Kings" (Ballroom, C & W, Latin, Swing, Variety)

CATERER: NO DINNER SERVED

(Water and Ice Will Be Provided, You May Bring a Snack and a NON-Alcoholic Beverage). Please remember to make reservations, if possible, for this dance, So that we may have an accurate count of dancers. NO ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE BALLROOM BY INDIVIDUALS

\*\*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, November 15, 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!

## **EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT @ 8PM**

We will be doing a candlelight and Rosary.

### **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 will be every 1st Friday from 11am-12pm. All ages welcome. Feel free to come for 10 minutes or stay the whole hour.

#### 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

### **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!

### 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.



All People are Encouraged to Attend!!!

Sensory Friendly Environment

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Opportunity to Attend Mass as a Family

Questions? Ask Megan Galvan 214-901-6099

DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH TIME: 4:00 PM



LOCATION: SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

NOVEMBER 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.





### **KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS NEWS:**

The Knights of Columbus would like to extend an invitation to all practicing Catholic men 18 years or older that are parishioners of St. Stephens to join the largest Catholic fraternity worldwide. At the Knights of Columbus, we teach men lessons in Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We are Catholic men striving to strengthen our families and communities in faith, to strengthen family bonds, to protect those that cannot protect themselves, and to serve those who need help whether they are next door or halfway around the world. We put our faith into action! If you would like to learn more, please visit our website at http://www.kofc.org/join or you can visit with Marcos Ybarra, our Grand Knight @ 432-638-9097 or any Knight wearing a green vest. Your St. Stephen's Knight of Columbus council 12657 will be in the fover handing out information for those that would like to join their brotherhood. Please stop by and visit with them. Our next rosary services will be on November 7th and November 21st at 7 pm in the church. All are welcome!



# ADORATION IS HERE AT OUR PARISH

Adoration hours are Monday– Friday 7:30am-10:00pm.

### **TO ALL MINISTRIES:**

If you are needing a room / space for your meetings and or functions, PLEASE REQUEST BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE AND FILL OUT THE FORM

#### A todos los ministerios:

Si necesita una sala / espacio para sus reuniones y/o funciones, POR FAVOR, SOLICÍTELO ACCEDIENDO A NUESTRA PÁGINA WEB Y RELLENE EL FORMULARIO:

St. Stephen's Facility Space Request Form | (ststephensmidland.com) For any other concerns, please feel free to call the Parish office at 432-520-7394.



Join Allen Hunt & St. Ann's Catholic Church for The #1 Reason I Love Being Catholic. Inspiring journey to the Catholic Church from Mega-Church Protestant Pastor to the Church. How Allen Hunt found the Hidden Treasures of the Catholic Church.

Who: Dr. Allen Hunt

Where: Saint Ann's Catholic Church

When: Wednesday, Dec. 6th @ 6:30-7:30PM



### ST. STEPHEN'S WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

### DRESS AN ANGEL

Stephen's Women's Organization coordinates the "Dress an Angel" project. The families that are chosen to be recipients of this project have been helped by Helping Hands of Midland in the past and are



in need but are not receiving any assistance from any other agency or organization for the holidays. Beginning Saturday November 11th, the children of these families become our Angels and are available to be chosen by you, the parishioners. After mass, members of the Women's Organization will be in the foyer near the "Angels" banner to assist you in signing up to buy Christmas presents,

clothing and a fun toy for the Angel or Angels of your choice. Directions will be handed out with the Angel card as well as a bag in which you should place your Christmas wrapped presents. Our phone number is on the Angel card in case you have any questions or a problem. We do accept donations of money if you prefer not to shop. Thank you so much for your support! These children in need will receive Christmas presents because of YOU! God Bless!

### NOVEMBER

November 6	Board Meeting
November 11-12	Hand Out Angels After All Masses
November 13	SSWO General Meeting/Potluck Dinner
November 18-19	Hand Out Angels After All Masses.

### **HEALING MASS**

Healing Mass will be every First Saturday @ 7:00pm in English and cada ultimo Sabado en Espanol @ 7:00pm

### **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.

### **CCD NEWS**

Mondays (Spanish) 6:15pm-7:45pm & Wednesday (English) K-6th 5:30pm-6:30pm & 7th-12th 6:45pm-8:00pm. We also ask if anyone would like to donate to our Catechist Wishlist listed below:

Pencils, pens, crayons, markers, glue, glue sticks, notebooks, scissors, paper, snacks, construction paper, religious rewards, rosaries, etc. Thank you in advance! We would like to Thank everyone who has donated items so far!

### **BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER**

New Parishioners are welcomed! To become a Parishioner, Please register on our website ssccmidland.com

### MASS COORDINATORS NEEDED

We are in need of Mass Coordinators for weddings and funerals. You do not have to be a Mass Coordinator as we will train you. If interested, Please contact Diana Grenvik by texting 432.234.7821

### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHTS**

Tuesday youth nights for High School students (ages 14 -17) will be every Tuesday @ 6:30pm in the youth building.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

The middle school youth ministry will be merging with the 7th & 8th grade CCD program, which will meet every Wednesday @6:45pm. This will be taking place of the Sunday middle school youth nights, so please be sure to register through the CCD program if you want your kids to attend.

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

If you would like to learn more about our young adult ministry, please email youthministry@ssccmidland.com.

### **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.

### THE LIFE CENTER

Is in need of large size baby lotion and wash, diapers 4, 5, and 6, pull-ups size 2T, 3T, 4T, and 5T, Thank you for helping those in need to take care of their little ones.

The Diocese of San Angelo requires a completed background check for all volunteers who have regular contact with minors (in schools, religious education programs, youth programs, and childcare), and all applicants who will work where they may encounter vulnerable adults (Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the sick, home visits, and hospital and prison ministry). Take your completed application to Parish office to be processed for a Background Check.

Once your Background check has been approved AND you have done your Safe environment Training program, you may begin working in your particular ministry. The Diocese of San Angelo online Safe Environment Training program has replaced the traditional on-site workshops and is now the preferred method of training. A Safe Environment Workshop must be completed every five (5) years in order to remain in active ministry. The online workshop can be accessed at the link below:

https://sanangelo.cmgconnect.org/

La Diócesis de San Angeló requiere una verificación de antecedentes completa para todos los voluntarios que tienen contacto regular con menores (en escuelas, programas de educación religiosa, programas juveniles y cuidado de niños), y todos los solicitantes que trabajarán donde puedan encontrarse con adultos vulnerables (ministros Extraordinarios de Comunión para los enfermos, visitas domiciliarias y ministerio hospitalario y penitenciario). Lleve su solicitud completa a la oficina parroquial para que se procese una verificación de antecedentes.

Una vez que su verificación de antecedentes haya sido aprobada Y haya realizado su programa de capacitación en ambiente seguro, puede comenzar a trabajar en su ministerio en particular.

El programa de capacitación en línea de Ambiente Seguro de la Diócesis de San Ángelo ha reemplazado los talleres tradicionales en el sitio y ahora es el método preferido de capacitación. Se debe completar un Taller de Ambiente Seguro cada cinco (5) años para permanecer en el ministerio activo. Se puede acceder al taller en línea en el siguiente enlace:

https://sanangelo.cmgconnect.org/

### **MARRIAGE BANNS**

Second time:

"We publish the banns of marriage between **OMAR TORRES** and **VIRGINIA YANETH ALFARO ALVARADO** of St. Stephen in Midland, Texas, USA for their upcoming marriage on September 14, 2024 at Parroquia San Juan Bautista in Apodaca. NL, 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 the second time of asking.

## Segunda vez:

"Publicamos el anuncio del matrimonio entre **OMAR TORRES** y **VIRGINIA YANETH ALFARO ALVARADO** de esta Parroquia de San Esteban en Midland, Texas, USA. para su próximo matrimonio en 14 de septiembre de 2024 en Parroquia San Juan Bautista en Apodaca. NL, México. "Si saben causa o simplemente impedimento por qué estas personas no deben unirse en el Sagrado Matrimonio, debéis declararlo." Esta es la primera vez que pregunta." Esta es por segunda vez de preguntar.

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	3 families	\$ 2,635.18
Water	2 families	\$ 1,131.93
Gas	1 families	\$ 89.60
Rent	12 families	\$ 25,943.12
Transportation	1 family	\$ 396.00
Medical	2 families	\$ 2,249.17
Misc.	1 family	\$ 356.78
Total		\$ 32 801 78

We received a call on our helpline from a young man needing assistance. He was clearly uncomfortable to be making the call, and it was obvious to us that he had never done this before. He has a steady, full-time job and we had no record of him having asked for assistance from any of the agencies in Midland.

When we met with him we found that he was a single parent, raising two young children. His wife had left him when his youngest was an infant and the older one was a toddler. She left without warning -- just called him at work one day five years ago and told him she wanted out. She was tired of being a mother and was leaving him. If he didn't want the children left alone he'd better get home now.

He left work as soon as he contacted his supervisor, and when he got home, true to her word, the children were alone. Over the next several months he rearranged his life to accommodate the physical and emotional needs of his children while still maintaining his job, paying his bills, and being both mom and dad. Family members helped out with daycare when they could until he made suitable arrangements.

Five years passed and he remained the single parent, working at his job, raising his two children. His life revolved around them.

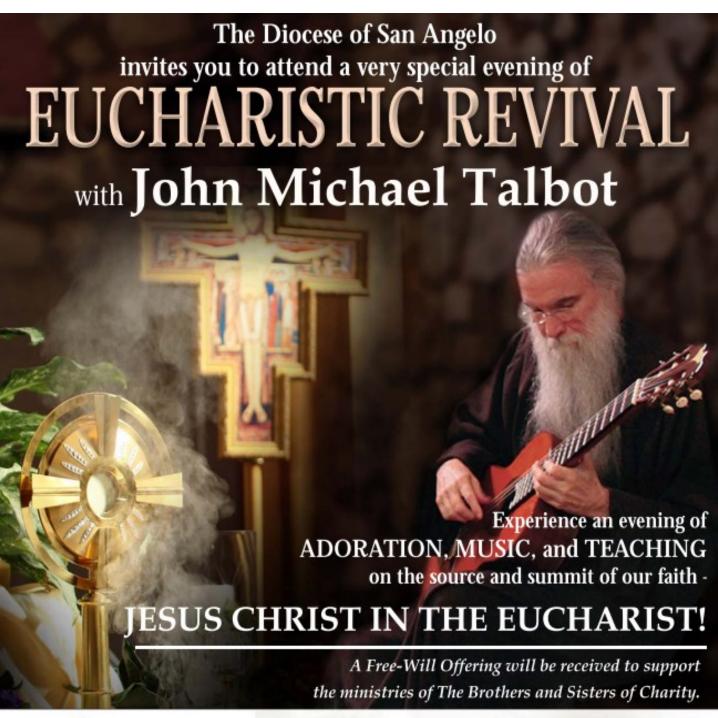
Then, several months ago, his ex-wife telephoned him for the first time in those many years. She threatened to come and take the children away. Frantic that he might lose his babies to a woman who had been less than stable in the past, he hired a lawyer to do whatever was necessary to protect his rights and the well-being of his children. The lawyer filed papers that would make the mother unable to get passports for her children without the father's consent. The immediate threat of his children being taken across the border was averted, at least for the time being. The financial costs left him unable to pay his small electric bill and part of his rent. We gladly paid it and wished we could do more, however he would not accept additional help.

We hear so much about the plight of single mothers. There are many, many dads out there who are left in the same predicament. Please pray for all of them.

### OUR TRUCK WILL BE AT ST. ANN'S SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Our trucks will be at St. Ann's on Saturday, November 18 from 9 am until 1 pm to pick up your donations. We thank the St. Ann's Knights of Columbus council for taking on this responsibility.







December 3 - 7pm - St. Ann's Catholic Church, Midland, TX

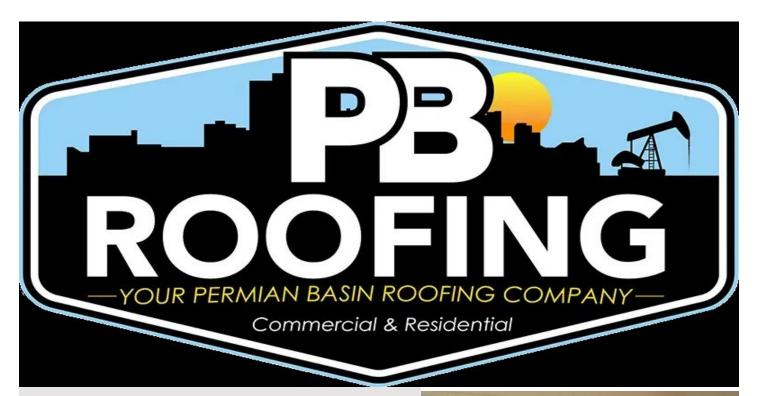
December 5 - 7pm - Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Abilene, TX

December 7 - 7pm - Sacred Heart Cathedral, San Angelo, TX

FMI: (325) 651-7500 or www.sanangelodiocese.org

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