2nd Sunday of Lent / 2^{do} Domingo de Cuaresma 2024 / 25^{to} de Febrero del



ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

4601 Neely Avenue Midland, Texas 79707

Phone: 432-520-7394 Fax: 432-520-7395

MISSION STATEMENT

Growing Friendships, Families & Faith

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm (English)
Sunday: 8:00am (English)
10:00am (English)
12:30pm (Spanish)
5:00pm(English)
7:00pm (Bilingual)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon:7:00am & 5:30pm Tue: 7:00am & 5:30pm Wed: 7:00am, 12:15pm & 5:30pm

Thu: 7:00am & 5:30pm Fri: 7:00am, 12:15pm, & 5:30pm

Sat: 8:00am

ADORATION

Monday– Friday 7:30am-10:00pm



CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY:

7:30 AM to 8:00 AM 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM 11:45 AM to 12:30 PM 4:15 PM to 5:00 PM 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

MON-FRI

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

WED & FRI

12:00 PM to 12:15 PM

SATURDAY:

7:45 AM to 8:00 AM 4:00 PM to 4:55 PM

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Bala Anthony Govindu

Deacons

Dcn. Leonard Hendon, Dcn. Luis Mata and Dcn. Fidel Saldivar

Religious Nuns

Madre Gertrudis Munoz Mendieta Hna: Leonila Torres Berrnudez

<u>Administrator</u>

Josie Brenner

Asst. Administrator

Annabel Wiesman

Youth Coordinator

Bridgette Costello

Director of Music

Gabriel Salgado

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-5:00pm **Friday:** 9:00am-1:00pm

HEALING MASSES

Every First Saturday in English at 7pm

MISA DE SANACION

Cada ultimo Sabado en Espanol at 7pm

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION WITH ROSARY

Every Friday night at 8:00pm

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Every First Friday 8:00PM

Parish Website: www.ststephensmidland.com Parish Email: frontdesk@ssccmidland.com



Let us welcome **Fr. Ignatius Edet**! He will be serving as parochial vicar of St. Stephen's starting on March 2nd

Interesting/Fun Facts:

Born on 2 April 1975 in Nigeria as the second of three sons Dual Citizenship: British-Nigerian

Priest of Archdiocese of Southwark, England

Attended

Cardinal Ekandem Seminary, Uyo (Akwa Ibom State) for my secondary education from 1986 to 1992.

St Cyril Spiritual Year Seminary, Uyo (1993)

St Joseph Major Seminary, Ikot Ekpene (Akwa Ibom State): Philosophy (1993-1997); Theology (1997-2001)

Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium: MA Religious Studies (2003-2004); Master of Advanced Studies in Religion and Theology (2004-2005); STL (2005): PhD Theology (2010); STD (2010)

Ordained

Deacon: 15 August 2000

Priest: 29 June 2001

Pastoral Ministry: Pastor - Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth,

England (2018 till date)

Lecturer in Sacramental Theology, St John's Seminary, Wonersh, England (2016-2021)

Lecturer in Ecumenism & Interfaith Relations, Permanent
Diaconate Formation Programme, Southwark, England (2014 till
date)

Hobbies: reading, writing, cooking, cycling, singing, watching & commenting on soccer (Chelsea FC fan!)

Proyecto Raquel - Sanación después del aborto

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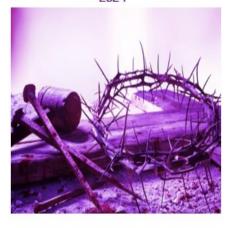
Jesús está aquí para ofrecernos a todos su amor y misericordia. No tengas miedo.

SE INVITA A TODOS LOS FIELES DE LA PARROQUIA SAN ESTEBAN A LOS

iiiEJERCICIOS CUARESMALES!!!

EN ESPAÑOL.

2024



de marzo 2024 6:30 p.m. a 7:30 p.m. en el templo

18 marzo 2024 6:30 р.т. a 7:30 р.т. en el templo

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25th, 2024

	TENTIONS
Sunday Fe	ebruary 25th—2nd Sunday of Lent
8:00am	†Frank Percifull By Anthony Percifull
	†Felice Moreno By Darrel & Annabel
	Wiesman
10:00am	†Irene McGowan By her family
12:30pm	†Sofia Montero & †Victoria Montero de
	Maria Velarde
	†Beatriz Valenzuela Robles de familia
5:00pm	†Mary Okoh By Sharon Mendenhall
7:00p	Frank Franco By his family
Monday Fo	ebruary 26th
7:00am	†Felice Moreno By Darrel & Annabel
	Wiesman
5:30pm	Yolanda Mendez By Adele Dominguez
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	ebruary 27th—St. Gregory of Narek
7:00am	Gabriel Thompson (baptism anniv.) By
	Godmother
	†Felice Moreno By Darrel & Annabel
	Wiesman
5:30pm	†Bernard ter Haar By the Qualls family
	y February 28th
7:00am	
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12:15nm	†Roman & †Manuela Solano By
12:15pm	
	Hortencia Carrasco
	†Ernesto Riaño By Ana Riaño
5:30pm	†Mary Okoh By Sharon Mendenhall
Thursday	February 29th
7:00am	†Felice Moreno By Darrel & Annabel
	Wiesman
5:30pm	Viola Acosta By Adele Dominguez
First Frida	y March 1st—World Day of Prayer
7:00am	†Mary Okoh By Sharon Mendenhall
12:15pm	†Juan Manuel Anguiano By Maria
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	Anguiano
	†Felipe Riaño By Ana Riaño
5:30pm	Destiny Ramirez (Happy Birthday) By family
Saturday M	March 2nd
8:00am	Gretchen Lara (Happy Birthday) By family
	Deceased members of Nuñez, Hernandez,
	Gonzales & Moreno families By Kat
5:00pm	†Mauricette Sebert By her family
0.000	†Joe Carrasco (death anniv.) By
	Hortencia Carrasco
	†Cosme Hinojosa By her family
	arch 3rd—3rd Sunday of Lent
8:00am	†Angela Wiesman By A.J. & Marilyn
	Wachsmann
	†Cosme Hinojosa By her family
10:00am	†Frank Percifull By Anthony Percifull
12:30pm	†Paula & †Modesto Carrasco
	de Joel Cortes (Accion de Gracias a San Jose)
5:00pm	†Mary Bryan By her family
7:00pm	Ladies of Secret Santa
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Holy Week Services / Servicios de Semana Santa					
Date/Fecha	Day/Día	Time/Hora	Service/Servicio		
3/25-3/27	Monday thru Wednesday Lunes a Miércoles	Normal mass schedule			
28-Mar	Holy Thursday Jueves Santo	5:30pm –English 7pm—Spanish	Mass of the Last Supper Misa de la Ultima Cena		
29-Mar	Good Friday Viernes Santo	11am-Español 3pm-English 7pm-English 9pm-Español	Good Friday Services: Stations of the Cross, Adoration of the Cross, Communion Service 9pm-Pésame		
30-Mar	Holy Saturday Sábado Santo	8:30pm- Bilingual/ Bilingue	Easter Vigil Mass Misa de la Vigilia Pascual		
31-Mar	Easter Sunday Domingo de Pascua	Normal mass schedule. No 7pm Horario normal, no misa de 7pm			

Upcoming Baptismal Classes / Próximas clases bautismales:

March 10, 2024 / 10 de marzo del 2024

English: 2:00 - 4:30pm Español: 2:30 - 5:00pm

Please contact the parish office to register.

Por favor contacte la oficina parroquial para registrarse.

Please pray for the following: 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 Schoel, 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, Annette Robertson, Edgar Zapata, Ruben Hernandez, Sr., Leslie Curtis, Esteban M., Chandler. & Patti Garcia.

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!



Fr. Bala Sunday Reflection

Faith, Sacrifice and Divine Promise

Today, we gather to reflect on the Word of God, which speaks to us across ages, cultures, and personal circumstances. Our readings from Genesis, Psalms, Romans, and Mark share a common thread: the theme of faith, sacrifice, and divine promise. These scriptures invite us to contemplate the depth of our faith, the nature of our sacrifices, and the assurance of God's promises in our lives.

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 - The Test of Faith

In Genesis, we encounter the profound story of Abraham's faith and obedience. God tests Abraham, asking him to sacrifice his son Isaac. Despite the unimaginable demand, Abraham proceeds in faith, willing to sacrifice what is most precious to him. At the last moment, God provides a ram as a substitute for Isaac, sparing his life. This story is not merely about the test but about Abraham's unwavering faith and trust in God's promises.

Application: Like Abraham, we are called to trust in God's providence, even when faced with trials that test the very foundation of our faith. Our sacrifices may not be as dramatic as Abraham's, but every day, we are invited to lay down our plans, desires, and sometimes, our very comfort, trusting that God's plans for us are greater.

Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 - The Joy of Salvation

The Psalmist speaks of faith in times of distress and the preciousness of the faithful to the Lord. It's a song of thanksgiving for deliverance and a commitment to continue serving the Lord in the land of the living.

Application: We are reminded to maintain our faith in difficult times and to express our gratitude for God's salvation. Our service to God, expressed through our daily lives and actions, is a testament to the faith we hold in our hearts.

Romans 8:31b-34 - God's Unfailing Support

Paul reassures us that with God on our side, we can face any challenge. No one can be against us if God is with us. This passage celebrates God's ultimate sacrifice—Jesus Christ—and His ongoing intercession for us.

Application: This message is an invitation to lean into our faith, especially when we feel alone or opposed. It encourages us to remember that in our struggles, we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us, for Christ is interceding for us.

Mark 9:2-10 - The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration of Jesus before Peter, James, and John reveals His divine glory, affirming His Sonship and the fulfillment of God's promise. This event strengthens the disciples' faith and prepares them for the challenges ahead.

Application: The Transfiguration invites us to recognize the divine moments in our lives, where God's presence and promises become palpably real. It's a call to spiritual awakening, to open our eyes to the divine glory that surrounds us and to the hope of our transformation in Christ.

Last Week Collections Week of 02.11.24-02.18.24					
Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals		
Sat. 5pm 1st collection	\$ 1,523.00	\$ 1,797.00	\$ 3,320.00		
Sun. 8am 1st collection	\$ 927.00	\$ 1,910.00	\$ 2,837.00		
Sun. 10am 1st collection	\$ 1,709.00	\$ 6,676.00	\$ 8,385.00		
Sun.12:30pm 1st collection	\$ 2,365.96	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 3,445.96		
Sun. 5pm 1st collection	\$ 1,513.00	\$ 3,165.00	\$ 4,678.00		
Sun. 7pm 1st collection	\$ 502.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 797.00		
Daily Masses	\$ 131.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 256.00		
Ash Wednesday	\$ 9,173.91	\$ 2,030.00	\$ 11,203.91		
Online Giving		\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00		
Mailed-In Contributions		\$ 4,970.00	\$ 4,970.00		
		GRAND TOTAL	\$ 40,242.87		
2nd Collection: Black/Indian Mission	\$ 1,970.10	\$2,605.00	\$ 4,575.10		
2nd Collection: Aid to Churches	\$ 1,892.22	\$385.00	\$ 2,277.22		
† Msgr. Bridges Mass for the Poor	\$ 7,287.34	\$4,780.00	\$ 12,067.34		
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!					





Healing After Abortion

All of us are in need of God's mercy, and Jesus stands ever ready to forgive and to heal. Project Rachel Ministry of the Diocese of San Angelo is here to help offer the healing mercy of Jesus Christ to women and men who have experienced an abortion. Many times, our sin, especially the sin of abortion, may leave us feeling great shame and guilt, but know that you are loved, Jesus desires to forgive, and you have a home in the Catholic Church.

Project Rachel offers confidential weekend retreats, oneon-one counseling with Catholic counselors, and private support groups for those desiring healing. Our next retreat in English is scheduled for October.

If you desire healing from abortion, know that we are here and that you are not alone. Please call us at our confidential helpline at

(432) 236-9883

or email us at

projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org.

Jesus is here to offer all of us his love and mercy.

Do not be afraid.





Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code or click Book Now to attend this historic event.











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<u>Altar Server Training</u> For New, Experienced, Advanced, and Master Servers

There will be a required training for all altar servers. Sunday March 17, 2024 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Sanctuary of the Church

All wishing to be servers must have received First Holy Communion.

For additional information or questions please contact:
Anne Hobbs
432-934-3192
behobbs47@gmail.com

<u>Capacitación para monaguillos</u> <u>Para servidores nuevos, experimentados, avanzados y</u> <u>maestros</u>

Habrá un entrenamiento obligatorio para todos los monaguillos.

Domingo 17 de marzo de 2024 14:00 a 15:30 horas. Santuario de la Iglesia

Todos los que deseen ser servidores deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión.

Para información adicional o preguntas por favor comuníquese con:

Anne Hobbs 432-934-3192 behobbs47@gmail.com



jjjQue todos los hombres se salven!!! 25 de febrero 2024 Hermana Gertrudis Muñoz Mendieta

1 Jn 2,1-2 Hijitos míos, Os escribo esto para que no pequéis. Pero, si alguno peca, Tenemos a un abogado ante el Padre: A Jesucristo, el Justo. Él es víctima de propiciación por nuestros pecados, no sólo por los nuestros, sino también por los del mundo entero. Los que han aceptado el mensaje evangélico y están en comunión

Los que han aceptado el mensaje evangelico y estan en comunion con los que lo proclaman auténticamente (1 Jn 1, 1-3), de los que han nacido del agua y Espíritu (Jn 3,5).

El designio salvador de Dios, manifestado y centrado en el don del Hijo propiciación (1Jn 4,10), quiere la fe explícita en Jesucristo, pero no excluye de la salvación a aquellos a quienes la fe no ha sido suficientemente expuesta.

I Tim 2,1-6 Ante todó, recomiendo que se hagan, plegarias, oraciones, súplicas y acciones de gracias por todos los hombres; Por los reyes y por todos los constituidos en autoridad, para que podamos vivir una vida tranquila y apacible con toda piedad y dignidad. Esto es bueno y agradable a Dios, nuestro Salvador, que quiere que todos los hombres se salven y lleguen al conocimiento pleno de la verdad. Porque hay un solo Dios, y también un solo mediador entre Dios y los hombres, Cristo Jesús, hombre también, Que se entregó a sí mismo como rescate por todos. Tal es el testimonio dado en el tiempo oportuno, y de este testimonio yo he sido constituido heraldo y apóstol – digo la verdad no miento, maestro de los gentiles en la fe y en la verdad.

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KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

Your Knights have a busy month ahead.

On Tuesday's February 27, we will lead a rosary in the church at 7:00 pm.

Bring out your unused items from around your house! The Helping Hands trucks will be in our church parking lot from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on March 2. Clothes, shoes, dishes, working TV's, VCR's, etc. Please stop by and show support.

We have many more functions coming up in the near future, please be sure to check the bulletin for updates.

Men over the age of 18, in good standing with the catholic church, and would like to be part of our fraternity, please visit with any of your Knight's wearing their green vest.

Thank you and God Bless. Vivat Jesus!!



St. Joseph Ministry News

The St. Joseph Ministry is our Parish's outreach ministry dedicated to serving individuals who are involved in the child welfare system and creating awareness in our parish for the needs of these families

Looking to get involved in the child welfare system? Become a CASA Volunteer!



All children in the foster care system need an advocate!

They need YOU to stand up for them and lift up their voice.

Join CASA of West Texas to learn more about what it takes to make a difference in the child welfare system!

February 22 Time: 12pm-1pm

Location: 1611 W Texas Ave Midland TX 79701

March 7 Time: 12pm-1pm

March / Location: 1611 W Texas Ave Midland TX 79701

March 14 Time: 12pm-1pm

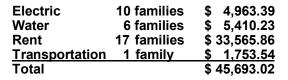
Location: 1611 W Texas Ave Midland TX 79701

March 20 Time: 12pm-1pm

Location: 1811 S. Scurry St Big Spring TX 79720

Ouestions? Call or text Ariel Sanchez at 432-266-1750

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:





People continue to ask us how we can continue to spend as much as we do each week on assistance to the needy. Well, we answer, we are blessed to have supporters like you who realize the importance of helping our neighbors in need. And we are blessed to have volunteer caseworkers who are willing to allocate that money. And because we are volunteer, every cent that you donate to us goes directly to the poor. So far we have been able to keep up with, and at times exceed the \$40,000/week we are allotted to spend. God bless all of you for making that possible!

We are very privileged at Helping Hands in that your generosity makes it possible that we are not bound by rules that limit how much we can spend on someone in need. Some examples: a man in his mid-40's suffered 3 strokes. He was partially paralyzed and had difficulty with speech. We helped him with his rent and utilities for 3 months. His needs ended up costing Helping Hands over \$4,000, but we were privileged to be able to pay it — the man did not have to worry about keeping a roof over his family's heads while he learned to live with his handicap and eventually get his disability benefits. Likewise, the middle-aged woman who became afflicted with seizures: unable to work or to drive her car, she went though her entire life savings paying for utilities and medications while she waited for disability benefits. Finally, she had not choice but to come to us for help. She expressed that doing so was personally the most humiliating thing she had ever done — she had never dreamed of being in that situation. We joyfully helped her with utilities and medical bills for the two months it took for her first disability check to arrive. We worked on a case of an elderly woman whose daughter was in a car accident and had been hospitalized for several months. The rent on the daughter's house had not been paid. The mother's small social security check did not enable her to help financially, nor did she have room in her 1-bedroom apartment for the 5 children. The daughter's rent was 3 months overdue and while the landlord had been very patient, he needed his money. Bringing her rent current cost us almost \$5,000 but we felt the money was well spent.

Is our spending wasteful or frivolous? No! Are we covering everyone who comes to us with a legitimate need? Not hardly. There are many people out there who are either too proud to call us, or who, because of language or cultural limitations, do not know how to reach us. We are grateful to all of you who continue to support Helping Hands with your financial contributions and donations to our thrift store, which allow us to continue to help our neighbors in need in such a grand and glorious way. Thank you very much, and we praise God for your support!



LENTEN DINNERS

You are invited to our upcoming Lenten Dinner after stations of the Cross,

Of baked potatoes by the Mujeres de Fé

Of baked potatoes by the Mujeres de Fe this Friday March 1st at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in our Parish Hall.

There is no cost but a donation to help defray the costs of the meal is appreciated.

We are looking forward seeing you then.







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