

**3rd SUNDAY OF LENT / III DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**  
**March 23, 2025 / 23 de Marzo de 2025**



# ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Midland, Texas 79707  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

Growing Friendships, Families, and 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

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Rev. Ignatius Edet

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Monday-Thursday: 8:30am-5:00pm  
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Find us [@st.stephenmidland5420](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCststephenmidland5420) on YouTube to watch the live stream of the Mass!



Daily online Rosary with Fr Bala at 10pm on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/holyrosary82>

## SUNDAY REFLECTION BY FR. IGNATIUS EDET

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we make progress in our Lenten journey, we are reminded that true repentance means leading a life that reflects our communion with God whom we encounter in varied ways, especially in his Sacred Word and the Holy Eucharist.

### A Terrifying and Fascinating Mystery

Moses' encounter with God in today's first reading (Ex 3:1-8,13-15) echoes a fundamental truth about God in the Judeo-Christian understanding, namely, as a mystery that inspires both awe and fascination at the same time. God is not just a mysterious being who causes creation, especially human beings to tremble before his majesty. He is equally a *personal Being*, who attracts humanity towards himself. He is a mystery that both terrifies and fascinates, repels and attracts at the same time. Besides, God is not merely the creator of the world; that is, an absent, detached or remote creator who cares little about his creation. To the contrary, he is eternally present, active, and deeply interested in his creation. Indeed, he is particularly always concerned with and touched by the lives and circumstances of his people. Understanding this twofold nature of God is very important for the shaping of our imagination and relationship with God. It likewise influences our attitude towards him as well as the mission (or ethical duty) that flows from our encounter and relationship with him.

### God is Essentially Relational

God is not a solitary being either in himself or in relation to creation. The relational nature of God in himself is expressed, above all, in the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (hereafter, CCC) asserts in this regard: "for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity" (CCC §233). The inner life of the three divine persons in the Trinity expresses itself concretely in the history of salvation through creation, redemption and sanctification (CCC §235). Accordingly, the *Catechism* states clearly: "The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men 'and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin'" (CCC §234). This underscores God's relation to creation as a whole and to human beings in particular.

### The Significance of God's Closeness to Us

Today's first reading demonstrates the relational nature of God in at least three ways:

- 1) God's revelation of himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (cf. Mt 22:32);
- 2) God's awareness of the suffering of the people of Israel and his decision to intervene on their behalf; and
- 3) God's revelation of his personal name, I AM.

The uniqueness of the God of revelation is that he sees, hears, cares, empathises, and acts. As the psalmist declares, it is unimaginable that He who made the eyes, ears, and to whom all powers in heaven and under the heavens are subject would be otherwise (Ps 94:9-14). In the same vein, the prophet Isaiah exhorts the Israelites to trust in the Lord in anticipation of their liberation from Babylon: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear" (Is 59:1; see Num 11:23).

Being omniscient, God sees and knows everything, especially the plight of his people. And so, he tells Moses: "*I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt.*" Further, he asserts that he is the One who hears the cry of the poor and oppressed (see Ps 34:6,17): "[I] have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers." Furthermore, he does not just see and hear but also identifies with their travails. "So," he says to Moses, "I know well what they are suffering." 'Knowing well' here is beyond abstract knowledge or familiarity with data and statistics or charts. It is a consequence of sharing deeply in their travails precisely as those created in his image and likeness (Gn 1: 27) and as his chosen people to whom he had bound himself in a special covenant through their ancestors. As Jesus emphasises in the Gospel, whatever is done to the least of his brothers and sisters is done to God – same with the contrary (see Mt 25:40, 45). Finally, deeply touched by their plight, he is moved to act, to liberate them from servitude and restore them to the land of promise: "Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." To this mission he enlists Moses as his chosen instrument.

### God is Always Present and Active

Meanwhile, God's actions are not merely historical or sporadic events. They are not consigned to the past. They are ongoing, consistent and constant. He acts unfailingly and continually, in the present and into the future. Thus, the sacred writer asserts: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lam 3:22-23, ESV).

This is the meaning of the sacred name that he revealed to Moses – I AM. It means, literally, "*I am always there*" ... "*I will always be there*..." Now, the mystery encapsulated by this sacred name is fully manifested in the mystery of the incarnation and is expressed in the divinely given name of the eternal-word-made-flesh – *Immanuel, God with us* – the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb 13:8). In a similar way, the liberation from slavery in Egypt to which Moses (Aaron) was assigned to bring about foreshadowed the ultimate liberation of the people from sin and death by Jesus Christ, thereby, establishing a new and eternal covenant between God and humanity. The apostle Paul alludes to this in the second reading (1 Co 10:1-6,10-12), when he identifies Christ as the rock from which Moses gave the Israelites water to drink during their exodus: "All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ" (cf. Jn 6:32-33).

Granted, through the paschal mystery of his suffering, death and resurrection, Jesus Christ has won salvation for us, definitively. Yet, we must constantly strive through openness to God's grace and mercy to embrace it and express its fruits in our thoughts, words and actions. This calls for constant conversion and renewal on our part. Lent particularly offers us a unique opportunity and time to intensify our effort and commitment in this regard.

Against this backdrop, in the Gospel (Lk 13:1-9), Jesus expresses a strong sense of God's action in the here and now and offers a salutary warning to us, to repent or risk damnation: "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

### See, Judge, and Act

This mystery does not just speak to us loosely as we journey through Lent towards the Easter festivities. Confronted with sundry evils and human inhumanity towards human beings – and other members of our common home – around us and in the world at large, it speaks to us concretely and forcefully about our responsibility, like God, to see, hear, be well aware of, understand, and feel the cries of our suffering, marginalised, and persecuted brothers and sisters, and to take solid steps to act to liberate them. God has set before us an example of how to respond in the face of any evil, especially when the safety, life, wellbeing and/or future of the poor, vulnerable, and marginalised is concerned – in our family, community, nation, or globally. Through our Lenten observances may we receive the grace to always see, hear, judge and act like God, to the praise, glory and honour of Him who lives and reigns eternally — Father, Son, and Holy Father. Amen!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, March 23 Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Frank Garcia by Robert Garcia  
Unborn Babies
- 10:00am †Johnny Contreras by family  
†Anthony Miro by Gina Ryall
- 12:30pm †Rosalinda Rubio by friends  
Thankful to God by Raxely
- 5:00pm Chris Sims (GH) by family  
Bridgette Brorman by friend
- 7:00pm Chris Sims (GH) by family

### Monday, March 24

- 7:00am †Irene Lujan Galindo by family  
†Jullet Miller Dornan by Martha
- 5:30pm †Danna White by White family  
†Arturo Huerta by daughter

### Tuesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

- 7:00am †Ben Bryan by family  
Somto Emembolu (BD) by Mom
- 5:30pm Souls in Purgatory  
†Antonio Merino & †Josefina Arellano

### Wednesday, March 26

- 7:00am †Chris Hunter by family  
†Antonio Merino & †Josefina Arellano
- 12:15pm Armando Garcia by Robert Garcia  
†Antonio Merino & †Josefina Arellano
- 5:30pm Souls in Purgatory  
†Antonio Merino & †Josefina Arellano

### Thursday, March 27

- 7:00am Sofia Salcedo (BD) by family  
†Antonio Merino & †Josefina Arellano
- 5:30pm Souls in Purgatory  
†Antonio Merino & †Josefina Arellano

### Friday, March 28

- 7:00am Raymond Garcia by Robert Garcia  
†Antonio Merino & †Josefina Arellano
- 12:15pm
- 5:30pm †Victor Manuel Villegas by family  
†Antonio Merino & †Josefina Arellano

### Saturday, March 29

- 8:00am †Bernard Wulfekull  
†Antonio Merino & †Josefina Arellano
- 5:00pm Timothy Garcia by Robert Garcia  
Javier Molinar (GH) by parents

### Sunday, March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Cumbie Family by friend  
Chris Sims (GH) by family
- 10:00am
- 12:30pm †Pauline Brown by friends  
†Victor Manuel Villegas by family
- 5:00pm †Ignatius Ekeigwe
- 7:00pm The Parish

**BD = Birthday; GH = Good Health; BA = Baptism  
Anv; OA= Ordination Anv.; WA= Wedding Anv.**

### ***Please pray for the following:***

Ygnacio M, Jolan V, Jose O, Annaliza E, Gladys N, Josie B, Ann C, Rio family, Santa Cruz family, Caceres family, Gustavo, Ester E, Ruben A, Raymundo F, Andrea B, Abdulia B, Drew W, Charlie H, Joan M, Mary S, Jeanette G, Gonzalo, Maria del Rocio, Edmundo A, David L, Olivia H, †Joyce B, LeAnn H, Olivia H, Ruben A, Amanda O, Brigitte, Manoj Y, Dr. Manickavasagar, Jacob S, Maeve & Krew, Xiomara L, Nicholas C, Maddie F, Ramon B, Janie S, Galen Jr, Coen S, J.D., Thiago, Teresa G, Cullen C, Eva, Bob C, Brenda F, Custodians, Clergy, Eva M, Mamen B, Giovanni H, Sammy G, Chris S, Cullen C, Eva M, Aurora H, Marlen S & kids team, Rebeca A, Ann & Fam, Luis A G, Eric L, Luis E, Arvai T, Mark & Veronica A, Virginia M, Ray F, Ernest S, Andrea B, Caceres family, Gustavo C, Luis S, Jerry D, Mary B, Gabriel B, Vazquez Fam. Gabriela G. Ez M. Deepa S. Lee E, Luis E, Isaiah & Victoria V, Richard R, Olivia V, Mika V, Inn V, Rosa F, Seda, Mrs. Spencer, Armani I, Richard S.

***Email [frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com](mailto:frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com) or call the office at (432) 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. Thankyou!***

### **Up coming Baptismal Classes Proximas Clases bautismales**

**April 13, 2025 / Abril 13, 2025  
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.**



**You are invited to  
Our upcoming Lenten Dinner of baked potatoes  
On Friday, March 28, 2025 at 6:30 PM  
(After Stations of the Cross)  
In our Parish Hall Hosted by  
Mujeres de Fe  
\*\* There is no charge for the dinner, however, a  
donation is highly appreciated,  
to help cover the costs \*\***

## PASTORAL PLAN

Dear friends in Christ,

I want to share with you the good news that we are seeking your input for the creation of the next Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of San Angelo.

I want to hear from you, to hear your opinion of what it will take for the Church here in West Texas to thrive in the upcoming years.

How can we be more faithful and more effective in bringing new life to our faith?

I want to hear from as many of you as possible.

You can come in person to one of our structured listening sessions, or you can fill out our survey, either online or on paper.

The survey is available in both English & Spanish at [sanangelodiocese.org](http://sanangelodiocese.org).

It can also be printed from the website for those who prefer a paper version.

We will accept survey results through April 22. Our upcoming deanery listening sessions will take place on March 24 in San Angelo, April 8 in Abilene, and April 10 in Midland/Odessa.

All the deanery listening sessions will be offered in both English & Spanish.

I welcome you to complete our survey and to participate in a listening session, if possible.

Your input will help inform the priorities for our Catholic Church in West Texas.

I ask you to pray that the Holy Spirit may guide this pastoral planning process, so that we can be more faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Thank you for your participation in this important process.  
In the joy of Christ,  
Bishop Michael Sis

## PLAN PASTORAL

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Quiero compartirles la buena noticia de que buscamos su opinión para la creación del próximo plan pastoral de la Diócesis de San Angelo.

Quiero saber de ustedes, de su opinión sobre lo que se requiere para que la Iglesia aquí en el Oeste de Texas florezca en los próximos años.

¿Cómo podemos ser más fieles y eficaces para dar nueva vida a nuestra fe?

Quiero saber de la mayor número posible de ustedes.

Pueden asistir en persona a una de nuestras sesiones de escucha estructuradas o completar nuestra encuesta, ya sea en línea o en papel.

La encuesta está disponible en inglés y español en [sanangelodiocese.org](http://sanangelodiocese.org).

También se puede imprimir desde el sitio web para quienes prefieran la versión en papel.

Aceptaremos los resultados de la encuesta hasta el 22 de abril. Nuestras próximas sesiones de escucha en los decanatos se llevarán a cabo el 24 de marzo en San Angelo, el 8 de abril en Abilene, y el 10 de abril en Midland/Odessa.

Todas las sesiones de escucha en los decanatos se ofrecerán tanto en inglés como en español.

Los animo a completar nuestra encuesta y a participar en una sesión de escucha, si es posible.

Sus comentarios nos ayudarán a definir las prioridades de nuestra Iglesia Católica en el Oeste de Texas.

Les pido que oren para que el Espíritu Santo guíe este proceso de planificación pastoral, para que podamos ser más fieles a la misión que nos encomendó Jesucristo Nuestro Señor.

Gracias por su participación en este importante proceso.  
En la alegría de Cristo,  
Obispo Miguel Sis

## **EL GRUPO DE ORACION**

**“El Buen Pastor” de la Renovación Carismática Católica y el padre Anthony Bala**



**Le invita a vivir el retiro-seminario  
“VIDA EN EL ESPIRITU SANTO”**



Que se llevará a cabo el 29 y 30 de marzo del 2025. A las 8:00am. En la iglesia de San Esteban 4601 Neely Ave. Midland TX. Será para hombres y mujeres mayores de 18 años y de preferencia que nunca hayan vivido ningún retiro. El seminario de vida en el espíritu tiene como fin que los hermanos vivan un retiro de ojos abiertos y corazón palpitante con Cristo vivo. Que puedan experimentar la salvación de Jesús haciéndolo el Señor de sus vidas (Juan :45-51).

**VEN Y VERAS LAS MARAVILLAS QUE TIENE EL SEÑOR PARA TI.  
¡TE ESPERAMOS, YA CRISTO PAGO POR TI!**

**Si tiene alguna pregunta o para más información comuníquese con Alexandra Santamaria al Tel. (432)935-0657 o con Belén Valdez al Tel. (432) 488-7745**



**Lenten Penance Service. Below is a list of Lenten penance services in the Diocese of San Angelo. For more information about individual services, please contact the host parish.**

Date	Time	Parish
Monday, March 17	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Mary Parish, San Angelo</a>
Wednesday, March 19	6:30 PM	<a href="#">Holy Family Parish, Abilene</a>
Monday, March 24		<a href="#">St. Lawrence Parish, St. Lawrence</a>
Monday, March 24	6:30 PM	<a href="#">Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Ozona</a>
Tuesday, March 25	6:00 PM	<a href="#">St. Mary Parish, Odessa</a>
Tuesday, March 25	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Ambrose Parish, Wall</a>
Wednesday, March 26	6:30 PM	<a href="#">Sacred Heart Parish, Abilene</a>
Wednesday, March 26	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Joseph Parish, Stanton</a>
Thursday, March 27	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Ann Parish, Colorado City</a>
Friday, March 28	7:00 AM – 10:00 PM	<a href="#">Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Midland</a>
Monday, March 31	6:30 PM	<a href="#">Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Eldorado</a>
Monday, March 31	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Stephen Parish, Midland</a>
Tuesday, April 1	6:00 PM	<a href="#">St. Patrick Parish, Brady</a>
Tuesday, April 1	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, San Angelo</a>
Wednesday, April 2	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Big Lake</a>
Wednesday, April 2	6:30 PM	<a href="#">Sacred Heart Parish, Coleman</a>
Wednesday, April 2	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Eden</a>
Wednesday, April 2	7:00 PM	<a href="#">San Miguel Arcángel Parish, Midland</a>
Wednesday, April 2	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Joseph Parish, Rowena</a>
Thursday, April 3	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Vincent Pallotti Parish, Abilene</a>
Thursday, April 3	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Ann Parish, Sonora</a>
Friday, April 4	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Joseph Parish, San Angelo</a>
Monday, April 7	7:00 PM	<a href="#">Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Andrews</a>
Monday, April 7	6:30 PM	<a href="#">Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, San Angelo</a>
Tuesday, April 8	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Mary Queen of Peace Parish, Brownwood</a>
Tuesday, April 8	6:00 PM	<a href="#">St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Odessa</a>
Tuesday, April 8	6:30 PM	<a href="#">Holy Angels Parish, San Angelo</a>
Wednesday, April 9	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Ballinger</a>
Wednesday, April 9	6:30 PM	<a href="#">Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Fort Stockton</a>
Thursday, April 10	6:30 PM	<a href="#">St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Abilene</a>
Thursday, April 10	7:00 PM	<a href="#">Holy Redeemer Parish, Odessa</a>
Friday, April 11	6:00 PM	<a href="#">St. Joseph Parish, Odessa</a>
Monday, April 14	6:00 PM	<a href="#">St. Ann Parish, Midland</a>
Wednesday, April 16	6:30 PM	<a href="#">Holy Spirit Parish, Sweetwater</a>



**Project MIRIAM**  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ABOVE!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025**  
THE WAY RETREAT CENTER

**FREE ENTRY / DOORS OPEN: 6PM**

4014 N COUNTY RD 1160, MIDLAND TX

COME MEET CONSECRATED WOMEN FROM AROUND THE STATE AND COUNTRY!

Contact Lori Hines to register:  
lhines@sanangelodiocese.org

**Ejercicios Cuaresmales 2025**

17 de Marzo  
24 de Marzo  
31 de Marzo  
7 de Abril  
Horario: 6:30 pm

Para todos los parroquianos de San Esteban

**Join Our Team at The Life Center!**

The Life Center is a non-profit, faith-based organization dedicated to providing a loving alternative to abortion. We are seeking passionate individuals to help support our mission of empowering women, men and families in need. Visit <https://www.tlcdonor.org/employment> for more information and to apply today! Make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

## **TIEMPO DE PENITENCIA Y CONVERSIÓN.**

23 de marzo 2025

Hermana Gertrudis Muñoz Mendieta

*El pasaje del Santo Evangelio de hoy Lucas 13,1-9 nos invita a la conversión y a reflexionar sobre la paciencia y misericordia de Dios que nos ofrece la oportunidad para dar frutos en nuestra vida espiritual.*

*En tiempo de Jesús era normal considerar los males de este mundo como “castigos de Dios”. Por eso podían pensar que los que derramaron su sangre en la época de Pilato y los que murieron aplastados por la torre de Siloé, murieron como castigo de Dios. Y de ahí se sacaba la consecuencia de que aquellos a quienes no les ocurría esas desgracias era porque eran buenas personas.*

*Jesús se opone radicalmente a esta manera de concebir la religión. Y nos dice que aquellos que mueren de accidente o de enfermedad contagiosa, o de coronavirus, no es por castigo de Dios. Todavía Jesús lo dejó más claro cuando le presentan un ciego de nacimiento y le hacen esta pregunta: Maestro, ¿Quién pecó para que naciera ciego? ¿Él o sus padres? Y Jesús contesta: Ni él ni sus padres”. (Juan 9,2-3). El Dios manifestado en Jesús no es un Dios que castiga, sino que ama y se mete dentro del dolor humano para liberarnos. Esta idea de que nuestros males son castigos de Dios ha llegado hasta nuestros días. Por eso, incluso entre cristianos, se oye decir: ¿Qué le he hecho yo a Dios para que me castigue? Decía Santa Teresa de Jesús: “Señor, con grandes favores castigabais mis delitos”. Esa es la manera que tiene Dios de castigarnos. Incluso cuando nuestra vida se parece a esa “higuera seca que no produce frutos”, no la corta, sino que, con una paciencia increíble, la cava, la abona, la riega, la mimas, para que dé fruto. Dios no nos tiene en cuenta nuestros pecados. Lo que quiere es que volvamos a Él. “A veces nos comportamos como controladores de la gracia, y no como facilitadores. Pero la Iglesia no es una Aduana, es la casa paterna donde hay lugar para cada uno, con su vida a cuestas”. (Papa Francisco).*

### **Last Week's Collection**

<b>Contributions:</b>	<b>Cash</b>	<b>Checks</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Sat. 5pm—1st collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,307.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,090.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,397.00</b>
<b>Sun. 8am—1st collection</b>	<b>\$ 895.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,218.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,113.00</b>
<b>Sun. 10am—1st collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,946.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,501.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,447.00</b>
<b>Sun. 12:30pm—1st collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,218.32</b>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,768.32</b>
<b>Sun. 5pm—1st collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,854.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,840.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,694.00</b>
<b>Sun. 7pm—1st collection</b>	<b>\$ 814.00</b>	<b>\$ 990.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,804.00</b>
<b>Daily Masses</b>	<b>\$ 295.00</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ 320.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 8,107.65</b>		<b>\$ 8,107.65</b>
<b>Mailed in Contributions</b>		<b>\$ 4,790.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,790.00</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 37,440.97</b>
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**Second Collection Indian Mission**

## FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH POTLUCK BREAKFAST

Come meet and mingle with other parishioners. If you like bring a dish to share. Our next get together will be Saturday April 5th 2025, after the 8:00am Mass.

## Healing and Deliverance Masses in English (Every Alternate Fourth Saturday)

\* May 24, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

\* July 26, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

## Misa de Sanación y Liberación en Español (Cada cuarto domingo alterno)

\* 27 de Abril de 2025 - 12:30 P.M.

\* 22 de Junio de 2025 - 12:30 P.M.

\* 24 de Agosto de 2025 - 12:30 P.M.

### Training Schedule for Altar Servers:

All trainings will be on **Sundays from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. We ask you to arrive 10 minutes early to sign in and get ready because we will start promptly at 3:00 PM

**Sunday, March 30** For 12:30 PM and 7:00 PM Sunday Mass Servers

**Sunday, April 6** For 8:00 AM Sunday Mass Servers

**Sunday, May 4** For 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday Mass Servers

**Sunday, June 1** For 10:00 AM Sunday Mass Servers

Students in grades 3 to 12 who have received their First Communion and are interested in joining our altar server ministry are asked to contact us so we can set up an informational meeting. Please contact one of the people below.

**Anne Hobbs** 432-9343192  
**Claribell Carter Lopez** 432-302-1929

### Horario de capacitación para monaguillos:

Todas las capacitaciones se realizarán los **Domingos de 3:00pm 4:00pm**. Les pedimos que lleguen 10 minutos antes para registrarse y prepararse, ya que comenzaremos puntualmente a las 3:00 p. m.

**Domingo, 30 de Marzo:** Para los servidores de la misa dominical de 12:30pm y 7:00pm

**Domingo, 6 de Abril:** Para los servidores de la misa dominical de 8:00am

**Domingo, 4 de Mayo:** Para los servidores de la misa dominical de 5:00pm

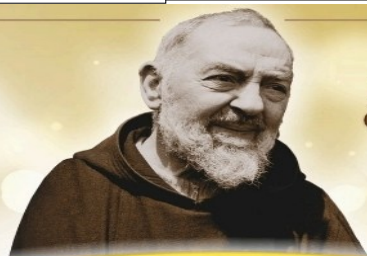
**Domingo, 1 de Junio:** Para los servidores de la misa dominical de 10:00am

Se solicita a los estudiantes de 3 a 12 grado que hayan recibido su Primera Comunión y estén interesados en unirse a nuestro ministerio de que monaguillos se comuniquen con nosotros para programar una reunión informativa. Por favor, contacten a una de las personas a continuación.

**Anne Hobbs**  
432-9343192

**Claribell Carter Lopez**  
432-302-1929

SAINT  
**PIO**  
FOUNDATION



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church invites you to a teaching and exposition of these Sacred Relics. Among the relics will be Saint Pio's Crust of his stigmata wounds, a lock of his hair, a piece of Saint Pio's Mantle, his white glove, and the handkerchief he used to wipe his tears during Mass.

### THE RELICS OF PADRE PIO

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ODESSA, TX 79765  
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HELD IN THE CHURCH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH FROM 12 NOON - 7 PM

1 SAINT PIO'S CRUST OF THE WOUNDS 2 A PIECE OF SAINT PIO'S MANTLE 3 SAINT PIO'S WHITE FINGERLESS GLOVE 4 SAINT PIO'S HANDKERCHIEF 5 A LOCK OF SAINT PIO'S HAIR



## MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

### **2025 Medical Mission to Honduras June 29 - July 6, 2025**

Bishop Michael Sis and the Diocesan Mission Council are pleased to announce an opportunity to serve on a week-long medical mission trip to Honduras. We will be serving our brothers and sisters of the Diocese of La Ceiba, Honduras.

We are seeking compassionate medical professionals, (physicians, nurses, PAs and NPs), to join us in providing essential healthcare services to underserved communities. This mission aims to offer medical assistance, health education, and support to those in need.

Sunday, June 29, 2025, we will fly from west Texas to beautiful Roatan, Honduras. There, we will work with the local parish in providing the much-needed medical services as a result of a tragic fire that destroyed the only hospital on the island.

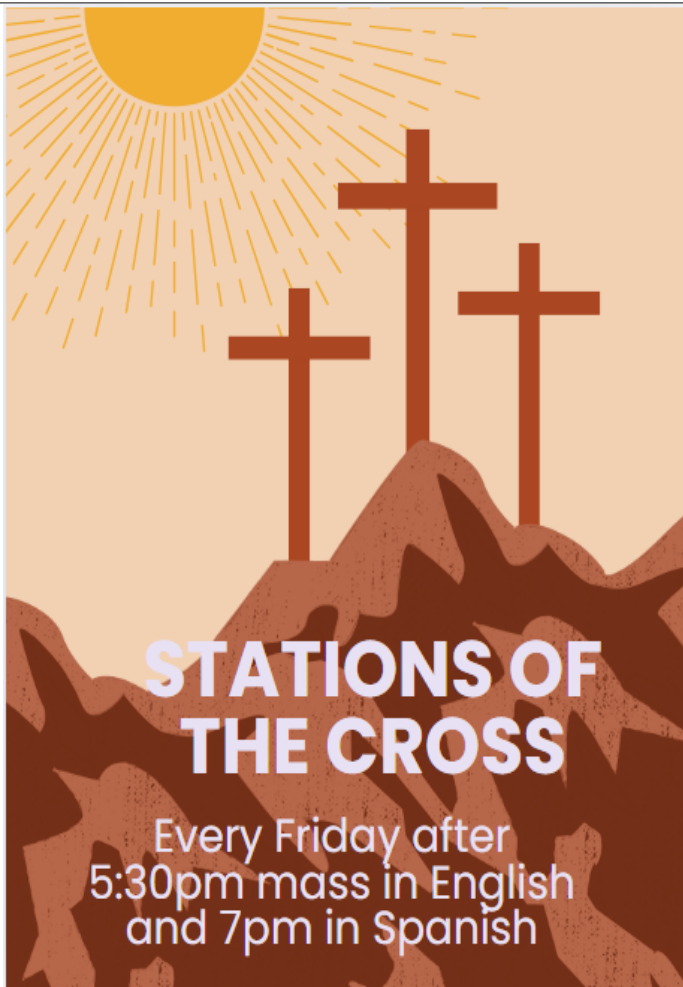
From there we will travel to La Ceiba, Honduras, to meet and work with the local medical community in preparation for a trip to Esparta, Honduras, a rural community about 55 miles from La Ceiba. Esparta is a community of approximately 19,000 people with no medical services.

We will spend two days serving the people of Esparta and their surrounding community. We will return home on July 6, 2025.

If you feel called to make a difference and have the skills to help, please consider giving back your expertise and talents as volunteers to our first annual mission to Honduras.

For more information, and to sign up, please contact us at [SanRafaelExpedition@outlook.com](mailto:SanRafaelExpedition@outlook.com) or call Janelle O'Connell at 325-668-3397. Let's come together to bring hope and healing to our brothers and sisters in Honduras!

Scan the QR code below for an explanation of mission from Bishop Sis and the diocesan Mission Council



## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday after  
5:30pm mass in English  
and 7pm in Spanish

## **You're invited to celebrate SPECIAL MASSES**

### **EVERY 2ND SUNDAY**

3:00 pm Special needs  
Mass

### **EVERY THIRD SUNDAY**

2:30 pm African Mass

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# ENCOUNTER

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Encounter With God's Call at Conception Seminary College is an opportunity to discern the call to priesthood and learn about college seminary life. Throughout the weekend, we pray, meet, and relax with seminarians and other young men discerning the priesthood. Together we all seek to listen for God's voice and our call.

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"What is seminary like? What will my life be like if I choose the path of priesthood? What kind of people will I meet at the seminary? These questions and many more are addressed at the Encounter With God's Call weekend. The time I spent in prayer and brotherhood there provided clarity during a period of uncertainty about my next steps. At the retreat, I was encouraged to courageously trust in God's plan for my life."

— Ezra Mwaura  
Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

"When I arrived at my first Encounter, I felt a wave of peace come over me. Encounter gave me the opportunity to interact with the seminarians and see how they interacted with their teachers, formators, and each other. I saw that they were normal college guys. By the end of the weekend, I could see myself coming to Conception to continue my discernment process."

— Raymond Martinez II  
Diocese of San Angelo

"When I was first invited to the Encounter With God's Call, I was deathly afraid. Thankfully, despite my worries, I went. On this retreat, I grew in relationship with Jesus and began learning how to discern a vocation. How can young men discern their vocation? Listen to what Jesus told Peter at the end of John's Gospel: Follow Me. We must grow in relationship with Jesus, and Encounter With God's Call is a great place to start."

— Luke Dalton  
Diocese of Jefferson City



Luke Dalton

Ezra Mwaura

Raymond Martinez II



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FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH | 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH HALL

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT PLEASE CONTACT LIZ MADRID  
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**SATURDAY  
JUNE 7TH**

**AT BOWLING  
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Come and Participate in St. Stephen's 4th Annual JC Memorial Clay Shoot! Enjoy a day of fun, competition, and comradery while honoring the memory of JC. All skill levels Welcome. Silent Auction, prizes, food and entertainment for everyone.

**EVENTS**  
\*100 TARGET  
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CLAYS  
\*MODIFIED 5  
STAND  
\*LONG BIRD

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. STEPHEN'S  
YOUTH BUILDING FUND.**  
1 in 10 entered will win a Door Prize  
Don't Miss Out on This Exciting Event!!





The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) – Daughters of St. Stephen's, Court #2818**, were installed on 3/1/2025. Thank you to Father Bala for all support in starting this Court, all attendees, State Vice Regent, Mary Jane Albert, State Secretary, Deborah Johnson, District Deputy, Suzy Acosta, all Courts for their support, donations and gifts, and to our Knights of Columbus, #12657 for preparing the delicious meal! We are excited to begin serving our Parish, Priests, and Community! We invite ALL Catholic women 18 years and older! Monthly meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. The next meeting will be on **March 27, 2025**. For further information please contact 432-230-4426.



### **HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES**

#### **Holy Thursday / Jueves Santo (April 17, 2025)**

- **5:30 PM – Misa en Español / Mass in Spanish** (Fr. Bala & Fr. Ignatius)
- **7:00 PM – Mass in English / Misa en Inglés** Fr. Ignatius & Fr. Bala)

#### **Good Friday / Viernes Santo (April 18, 2025)**

- 10:00 AM – Spanish CCD (Estaciones de la Cruz) – Hermanas**
- **11:30 AM – English CCD (Stations of the Cross) – Sisters**
- **3:00 PM – English Service (Stations of the Cross, Communion Service, & Veneration of the Cross) – (Fr. Ignatius & Fr. Bala)**
- **7:00 PM – Servicio en Español (Estaciones de la Cruz, Servicio de Comunión y Veneración de la Cruz) – (Fr. Bala & Fr. Ignatius)**
- **9:00 PM – Pésame a la Virgen María (Español)**

#### **Holy Saturday / Sábado Santo (April 19, 2025)**

- 8:30 PM – Easter Vigil Mass / Vigilia Pascual** (Fr. Bala & Fr. Ignatius)

#### **Easter Sunday/ Domingo de Pascua (April 20, 2025)**

- **8:00 AM – Mass in English** (Fr. Ignatius)
- **10:00 AM – Mass in English** (Fr. Bala)
- **12:30 PM – Misa en Español** (Fr. Bala)
- **5:00 PM – Mass in English** (Fr. Ignatius)
- **7:00 PM – No Mass/ No hay Misa**

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

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



Because of your very generous donations, this is what we were able to provide in assistance last week:

Electric	2 families	\$ 836.38
Rent	11 families	\$ 17,115.65
Total		\$ 17,952.03

### HOW TO GET ASSISTANCE FROM HELPING HANDS

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Please call our helpline (432) 520-8900, Ext. 1 and leave the required information. Be sure to leave a phone number so we can get back with you. We average 60 calls/day so you may need to call several times. Do not come to Helping Hands in person unless you already have an appointment, or you will be turned away.

**DONATIONS:** We accept donations every day except Wednesdays and Sundays from 8 am until 1:30 pm. Drive through the gate on the west side of the building and proceed to the unloading area at the back of the store. Financial donations can be brought to the store, mailed to 1301 Brinson Lane, Midland, TX 79703, or made online through our website [www.helpinghandsmidland.com](http://www.helpinghandsmidland.com).

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Those needing to do hours for community service should report Monday thru Friday from 8 am until 2 pm and on Saturday from 7:30 am until 2 pm. Wednesdays and Saturdays workers cannot leave early.

**TO SCHEDULE A PICKUP:** We only come to your house to pick up if there is furniture involved, and then we will take whatever else you have. Call us at (432) 520-8900, Ext. 3.

**OUR STORE IS OPEN WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS FROM 10 AM UNTIL 2 PM**  
(Furniture and jewelry close at 1:30 pm)

### APRIL TRUCK SCHEDULE

Our truck will be at St. Stephen's on Saturday, April 5 and at St. Ann's on Sunday, April 19 from 9 am until 1 pm to pick up your donations. We thank the Knights of Columbus for taking on this responsibility.

**MARZO**



**POR LAS FAMILIAS  
EN CRISIS.**

Para que encuentren  
**sanación y reconciliación**  
a través del perdón.

**ABRIL**



**POR EL BUEN USO  
DE LAS NUEVAS  
TECNOLOGÍAS.**

Para que su uso no reemplace  
las relaciones humanas y  
se **respete la dignidad.**



**Would you like to volunteer?**

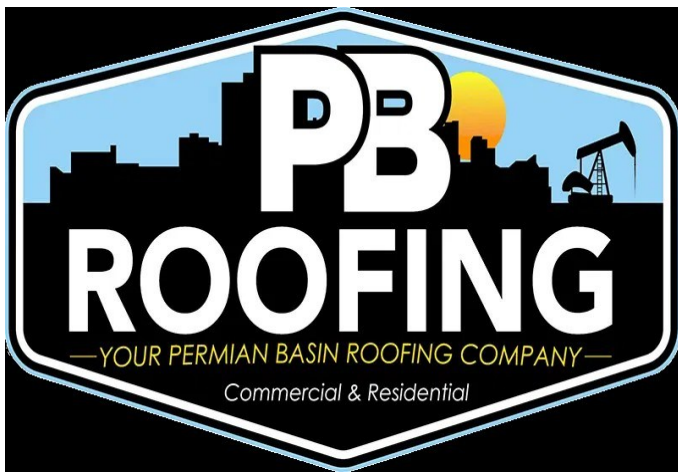
We are in urgent need for more Mass Coordinator's to help with Weddings, Quinceanera's and Funerals!

\*TRAINING is provided!

\*Bi-lingual is helpful!

Please contact the church office for further information: 432-520-7394





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**St. Ann's Catholic Church**

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