

4th SUNDAY OF LENT / IV DOMINGO DE CUARESMA
March 30, 2025 / 30 de Marzo de 2025



ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

4601 Neely Avenue
 Midland, Texas 79707
 Phone: 432-520-7394

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

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Ignatius Edet

DEACON

Dcn. Leonard Hendon

NUNS

Madre Gertrudis Munoz Mendieta (DRE)
 Hermana: Leonila Torres Bermudez
 Sister Rajamma Mendam (DRE)
 Sister Nirmala Panditi

ADMINISTRATOR

Josie Brenner

ASST. ADMINISTRATOR

Annabel Wiesman

YOUTH COORDINATOR

Carlos Garcia

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Gabriel Salgado

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Gladys Qualls

RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASST.

Maria T Arredondo

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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>

Theme: "Reconciliation and New Beginnings"

Grace and peace to you, beloved, on this Fourth Sunday of Lent. Today, as we journey through this season of reflection and repentance, our Scriptures invite us to pause and consider the incredible gift of God's reconciliation—a gift that restores us, renews us, and calls us into new life. Let's reflect on these readings together and see what God is saying to us.

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 – The End of Shame, the Start of Provision

Our first reading takes us to the plains of Gilgal, where the Israelites stand on the edge of the Promised Land. For forty years, they wandered in the wilderness, a generation shaped by the shame of slavery and rebellion. But here, God speaks to Joshua: "Today I have rolled away the disgrace of Egypt from you." The Hebrew word for "rolled away" connects to the name Gilgal—it's a tangible sign of release, of burdens lifted. Then, the people celebrate the Passover, eating the produce of the land for the first time. The manna ceases, not because God abandons them, but because they now feast on the abundance of the promise fulfilled. This is a moment of transition: shame is replaced with honor, wandering with rootedness, dependence with partnership. God has brought them home.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 – Ambassadors of a New Creation

In our second reading, Paul writes with urgency and joy: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation—everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" This isn't just a personal makeover; it's cosmic. Through Christ, God reconciles the world to Himself, not counting our trespasses against us. And then Paul drops a stunning call: we are ambassadors of this reconciliation. Imagine that—us, broken and flawed as we are, entrusted with the message that God is making all things right. The old life of sin and separation is gone; we're invited into a new identity, a new purpose, aligned with God's love.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-31 – The Prodigal's Return

Finally, we come to the Gospel, the parable we often call the Prodigal Son. Jesus tells this story to Pharisees and scribes grumbling about His welcome to sinners. A younger son demands his inheritance—essentially wishing his father dead—squanders it in reckless living, and hits rock bottom. But he comes to his senses and returns, expecting judgment. Instead, his father runs to him, embraces him, and throws a feast. The older son, though, bristles with resentment—he's been faithful, yet feels unrewarded. The father's response is the heart of it all: "You are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate, for this brother of yours was dead and is alive again." This is a story of reckless grace, of a love that restores both the wayward and the self-righteous.

The Common Theme: Reconciliation as Renewal

What ties these readings together? Reconciliation. In Joshua, God reconciles the Israelites to their identity as His people, rolling away shame and settling them in the land. In Corinthians, God reconciles humanity to Himself through Christ, making us new creations and agents of His peace. In Luke, the father reconciles his sons—one through mercy, the other through invitation—restoring a fractured family. In each case, reconciliation isn't just a patching up; it's a new beginning. It's shame turned to honor, sin turned to righteousness, death turned to life. God doesn't just forgive; He transforms.

Conclusion: Beloved, today God is rolling away what holds you back, calling you into newness, and sending you out to share His love. Whether you feel like the prodigal, the older brother, or the Israelites stepping into promise, hear this: You are reconciled. You are renewed. And you are enough, because Christ has made it so. Let's go forth as ambassadors of that truth. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Cumbie Family by friend
Chris Sims (GH) by family
10:00am †Anthony Miro by Gina Ryall
12:30pm †Pauline Brown by friends
†Victor Manuel Villegas by family
5:00pm †Ignatius Ekeigwe by Fr Ignatius
7:00pm The Parish and †Maria

Monday, March 31

7:00am †Pilo Medrano & †Nela Ortega by daughter
†Jennifer, †Gloria & †Joe by Sylvia
5:30pm Billy Garcia by Robert Garcia
Rachel Rendall by Johnson family

Tuesday, April 1

7:00am †Carolyn Oetting by family
†Frank Torres Jr. by Bobby Torres
5:30pm Felix Andrade (BD) by Paz & Family
†Jennifer, †Gloria & †Joe by Sylvia

Wednesday, April 2 (St. Francis of Paola)

7:00am Fr Ignatius—50th Birthday Thanksgiving
Michael Morales (BD) by sister
Dickerson family by friend
12:15pm Mike & Audrey (WA)
†Delia Nieto Martinez by Soledad Nieto
5:30pm †Mary Fierro by Husband
†Edis Villasmil by spouse

Thursday, April 3

7:00am †Isabel Herrera by Family
†Jose Marquez
5:30pm Stefan ter Haar (BD) by family
7:00pm Adult Confirmation with Bishop

Friday, April 4 (St. Isidore)

7:00am Margia Garcia
†Jose Marquez
12:15pm †Jose Marquez
†Vicente
5:30pm Katherine Prenentine (BD) Audrey & Mike C.
†Jose Marquez

Saturday, April 5 (St. Vincent Ferrer)

8:00am †Vicente Andrade by sister Paz
†Louis Oetting by family
5:00pm †Frank †Bernadina Hernandez by Olga
†Jose Marquez

Sunday, April 6

8:00am †Cruz & †Juanita Muniz by Marilyn W.
†Sue & †Angela by Marilyn Wachsmann
10:00am Gonzales Family by Johnson Family
†Jose Marquez
12:30pm †Martina Parra by Daughter
†Victor Manuel Villegas by family
5:00pm Tim & Katie Qualls (WA) by Family
Sisto Medrano Sr. by Barger family
7:00pm †Jose Marquez
†Andrew

BD= Birthday; GH= Good Health; BA= Baptism Anv; OA=

Please pray for the following:

Isaiah, Victoria & Vanessa V, Kathen H, Malcom & Brandy, Jacob F, Luis S, Charlie H, 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, 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, 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, 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.

Email 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 Cheese Enchiladas
On Friday, April 4, 2025 at 6:30 PM (After Stations of
the Cross)**

**In our Parish Hall Hosted by
ACTS Community**

**** 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.

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.

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



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The Pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

CLUB DANCE

DATE/TIME: Saturday, April 12, 2025 7pm-10pm

COST/ATTIRE: \$20.00 per person/Casual

BAND: "Cash Call Band" (C & W, Latin, Swing)

DANCE LESSON: There will not be a Group Lesson at this dance

*(Water and Ice Will Be Provided,
You May Bring a Snack and a NON/Alcoholic Beverage)*



NO ALCOHOL MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE BALLROOM BY INDIVIDUALS

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

You are Welcome to attend, and you may pay at the door. For more information or if you have any questions, **PLEASE CONTACT** our Secretary at: permanmusic87@gmail.com. Please do not contact St. Stephens for information on this function as it is separate from the church. **THANK YOU!**

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 31 | 6:30 PM | <u>St. Stephen Parish, Midland</u> |
| Tuesday, April 1 | 6:00 PM | <u>St. Patrick Parish, Brady</u> |
| Tuesday, April 1 | 6:30 PM | <u>St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, San Angelo</u> |
| Wednesday, April 2 | 6:30 PM | <u>St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Big Lake</u> |
| Wednesday, April 2 | 6:30 PM | <u>Sacred Heart Parish, Coleman</u> |
| Wednesday, April 2 | 6:30 PM | <u>St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Eden</u> |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 | 7:00 PM | <u>San Miguel Arcángel Parish, Midland</u> |
| Wednesday, April 2 | 6:30 PM | <u>St. Joseph Parish, Rowena</u> |
| Thursday, April 3 | 6:30 PM | <u>St. Vincent Pallotti Parish, Abilene</u> |
| Thursday, April 3 | 6:30 PM | <u>St. Ann Parish, Sonora</u> |
| Friday, April 4 | 6:30 PM | <u>St. Joseph Parish, San Angelo</u> |
| MONDAY, APRIL 7 | 7:00 PM | <u>Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Andrews</u> |
| Monday, April 7 | 6:30 PM | <u>Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, San Angelo</u> |
| Tuesday, April 8 | 6:30 PM | <u>St. Mary Queen of Peace Parish, Brownwood</u> |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 8 | 6:00 PM | <u>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Odessa</u> |
| Tuesday, April 8 | 6:30 PM | <u>Holy Angels Parish, San Angelo</u> |
| Wednesday, April 9 | 6:30 PM | <u>St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Ballinger</u> |
| Wednesday, April 9 | 6:30 PM | <u>Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Fort Stockton</u> |
| Thursday, April 10 | 6:30 PM | <u>St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Abilene</u> |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 10 | 7:00 PM | <u>Holy Redeemer Parish, Odessa</u> |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 11 | 6:00 PM | <u>St. Joseph Parish, Odessa</u> |
| MONDAY, APRIL 14 | 6:00 PM | <u>St. Ann Parish, Midland</u> |
| Wednesday, April 16 | 6:30 PM | <u>Holy Spirit Parish, Sweetwater</u> |



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

Read the Angelus online

Sign up for DOSA Mail (see below) to get the WTA and other news from the diocese in your inbox.

Past issues available at:
sanangelodiocese.org/west-texas-angelus



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.

Parábola del Padre Misericordioso
30 de marzo 2025.
Hermana Gertrudis Muñoz Mendieta.

La parábola del hijo prodigo Lucas15, 11-32 describe varios elementos que se pueden aplicar a una buena confesión los pasos claves que se reflejan en la parábola son:

1.- Reconocer la necesidad del cambio: El hijo pródigo, después de haber mal gastado su herencia, llega a la realización de que ha pecado y que necesita volver a su padre. Este paso es clave en cualquier confesión, ya que implica reconocer sinceramente el error y el arrepentimiento.

2.- Volver al Padre: El hijo decide regresar a su hogar, lo que simboliza la voluntad de acercarse a Dios o al confesor, buscando la reconciliación. Acto de humildad y de disposición para reparar el daño causado.

3.- Expresar arrepentimiento sincero: En su regreso el hijo dice: “Padre, he pecado contra el cielo y contra ti” este es el momento en que se expresa el arrepentimiento genuino, reconociendo el pecado no solo como una transgresión personal si no también como un daño hacia Dios.

4.- Recibir el perdón: El padre, al ver a su hijo regresar, corre a su encuentro y lo abraza, mostrando el perdón incondicional. Este acto refleja la misericordia de Dios, que está dispuesto a perdonar sinceramente a quien se arrepiente y busca la reconciliación.

5.- Renovar la relación: Después del perdón, el padre organiza una fiesta para celebrar el regreso de su hijo, lo cual simboliza la restauración plena de la relación. De manera similar, la confesión no solo busca el perdón, sino también la restauración de la relación con Dios o la comunidad.

Estos pasos reflejan la estructura de una confesión sincera y completa: arrepentimiento, reconocimiento del error, humildad y buscar el perdón, y restauración de la relación.

Last Week's Collection

| Contributions: | Cash | Checks | Totals |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Sat. 5pm—1st collection | \$ 1,817.00 | \$ 2,405.00 | \$ 4,222.00 |
| Sun. 8am—1st collection | \$ 696.00 | \$ 2,705.00 | \$ 3,401.00 |
| Sun. 10am—1st collection | \$ 2,347.00 | \$ 3,614.00 | \$ 5,961.00 |
| Sun. 12:30pm—1st collection | \$ 3,309.25 | \$ 780.00 | \$ 4,089.25 |
| Sun. 5pm—1st collection | \$ 1,888.52 | \$ 2,320.00 | \$ 4,208.25 |
| Sun. 7pm—1st collection | \$ 666.00 | \$ 325.00 | \$ 991.00 |
| Daily Masses | \$ 68.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 118.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 5,290.10 | | \$ 5,290.10 |
| | | GRAND TOTAL | \$ 28,280.87 |
| Second Collection Flowers | \$ 2,765.00 | \$ 2,150.00 | \$ 4,915.00 |

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

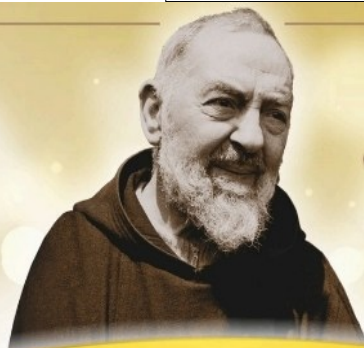
Domingo, 1 de Junio: Para los servidores de la misa dominical de 10:00am

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 monaguillos se comuniquen con nosotros para programar una reunión informativa. Por favor, contacten a una de las personas a continuación.

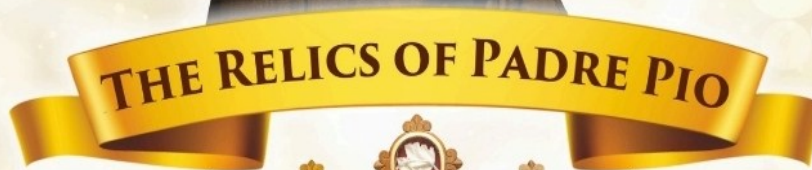
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SAINT
PIO
FOUNDATION



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.



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
7601 N GRANDVIEW AVE
ODESSA, TX 79765
432-367-4657



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.

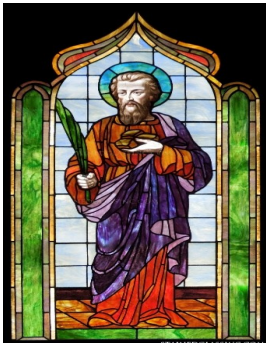
We will spend two days serving the people of Esparta and their surrounding community. We will return home on July 6, 2025.

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 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



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Proceeds will go to the:

Jesus A. Chavez Jr. Memorial Clay Shoot

Being held June 7th, 2025

**To All Parishioners and non-Parishioners,
Breakfast will be served at the St. Stephen's gym after the 8:00a.m.
10:00 a.m. and 12:30p.m. mass. Breakfast menu will include Eggs,
Waffles, Menudo, Chile Verde, Asado, Tamales, and Homemade Tortil-
las and to drink we will be serving Coffee, Aqua's Fresca's, Water and
Orange Juice.**

**We will also have the pleasure of listening to the music of Mariachis
while we enjoy our time eating with family and friends.**

The cost for each plate will be \$15.00

April 6th, 2025

GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!!

LENTEN MISSION 2025

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME:
Encountering the Lord in the Eucharist



By
Fr Ignatius Edet

Monday 14 April

&

Tuesday 15 April

TIME:
6.30pm - 7.30pm

St Stephen's Church
4601 Neely Ave
Midland, Tx 79707



5Th

TO THE HEIGHTS YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

June 27-29, 2025
St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Midland, TX
Ages 18-40



WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:
FR. SAM FLORANCE AND KEITH NESTER

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$100
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FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH | 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH HALL

PRESENTED BY ST. STEPHEN'S WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION & KNIGHTS

INCLUDES
FISH, FRIES,
COLESLAW, HUSH
PUDDIES
AND DESSERT

\$15
PER PERSON

**FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!**

DEADLINE IS APRIL 6TH !! NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!!
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT PLEASE CONTACT LIZ MADRID
@ 432-352-1961

4th Annual ST. STEPHEN'S JC MEMORIAL CLAY SHOOT

**SATURDAY
JUNE 7TH**

**AT BOWLING
RANCH
11700 FM 1788
MIDLAND, TX 79706**

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

EVENTS
*100 TARGET
SPORTING
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!!



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**

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

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| Electric | 10 families | \$ 3,524.39 |
| Water | 1 family | \$ 989.71 |
| Gas | 3 families | \$ 780.07 |
| Rent | 10 families | \$ 17,099.67 |
| Total | | \$ 22,393.84 |

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. **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.

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**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.**



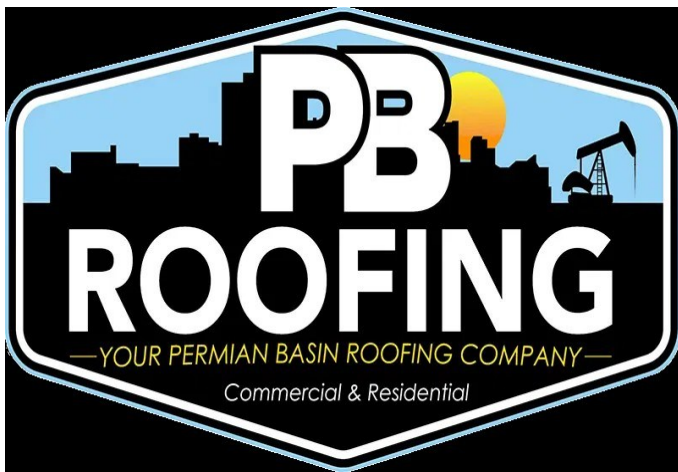
Would you like to volunteer?

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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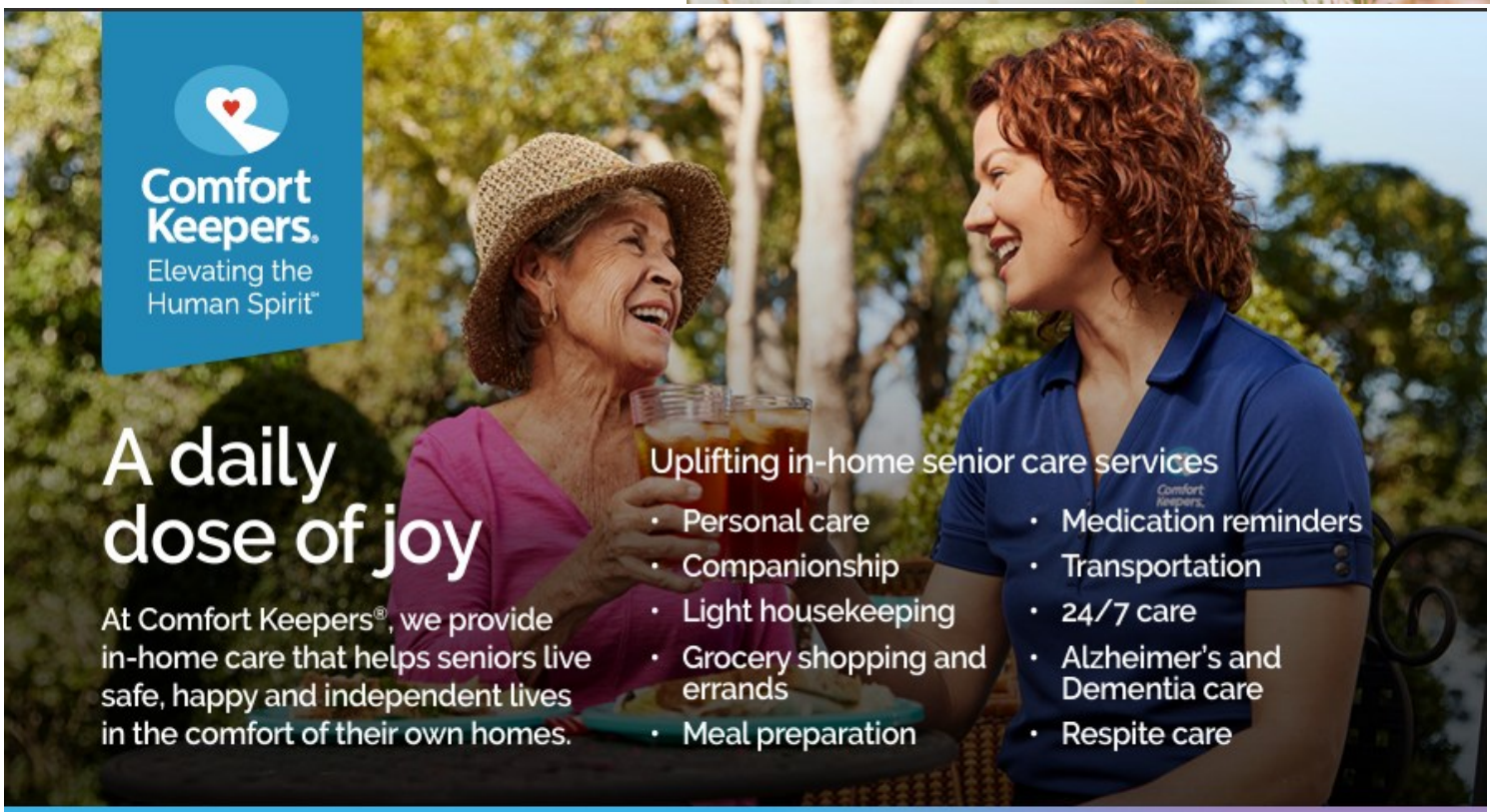


St. Gianna's Hope

A Mass for Infant Loss and Miscarriage

Saturday, May 3rd at 8:30 am
St. Ann's Catholic Church

*We would be honored to add you and your child
to our St. Gianna's Hope prayer list.
Please scan this QR code to learn more
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Thank you for letting us pray for you.*



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