

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / LA ASCENSION DEL SEÑOR
June 1, 2025 / 1 de Junio 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

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Rev. Ignatius Edet

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SUNDAY REFLECTION BY FR. IGNATIUS EDET

Dear brothers and sisters,

The *“Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.”* With these words, the Collect (a.k.a. *Opening Prayer*) of today’s Mass underlines the significance of the Lord’s Ascension not only in the history of salvation, but also in the life and mission of the Church – and for each of us as missionary disciples of Christ.

A Historical and Transcendent Event

The Ascension of the Lord is a historical and transcendent event. Our Lord himself foretold it as an event unique to him when, in response to the grumbling of his disciples in Capernaum at the prospects of being fed by his body and blood, he asks: *“Do you take offence at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?”* (Jn 6:61^b-62). Similarly, to Mary of Magdala, after his resurrection, he says: *“Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God’”* (Jn 20:17).

The fulfilment of these prophecies is recorded in the New Testament. Particularly, the evangelist Luke offers us two accounts of this event – both of which feature prominently in today’s celebration of this great solemnity. In the first account, Luke 24:50-53 – which forms part of the today’s Gospel – the evangelist situates the Ascension within the post-resurrection appearances of the Risen Lord to the disciples, beginning with the two disciples on the way to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35), and culminating with the disciples in a locked room in Jerusalem (Lk 24:36-49). This aligns closely with Mark the evangelist’s rather skeletal account (see Mk 16:12-19). Luke also names the location, namely *Bethany*, where this event took place. The second report which constitutes today’s first reading (Acts 1:1-11), is relatively more detailed especially about the disciples’ engagement with the Lord as he was lifted up in their sight – and subsequently suggests *“the mount called Olivet”* (Acts 1:12) as the location where it took place.

These and other minor discrepancies that may be noticed between these two accounts by the same evangelist, do not in any way undermine his testimony. Instead, they complement each other – and reinforce the authenticity of the episode not merely as a historical but also a transcendent event. This latter aspect is particularly highlighted by the response and / or reaction of the disciples in both accounts. Whereas they are ecstatic in the Gospel – *“And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God”* (Lk 24:52-53) – in Acts, they appear overwhelmed, *“gazing into heaven as he went”* (Acts 1:10^a), lost in awe and wonder (contemplation) – Or perhaps frustration and disappointment? The bottom-line, however, remains the same – namely, from the site of the Ascension, they returned to Jerusalem where they tarried in prayer for the promised Holy Spirit (see Lk 24:49; Acts 1:4,12; 2:1).

Our Profession of Faith

The above scriptural witnesses provide the clear basis for the Church’s faith in the Lord’s Ascension as contained in the sixth article of the Creed – *“He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.”* The Creed echoes the evangelist Mark and the apostle Peter, both of whom clearly emphasise that our Ascended Lord is sitting at the right hand of the Father (see Mk 16:19 and 1 Pe 3:22).

Our profession of faith in this article of the Creed reminds us that Christ’s Ascension is the ultimate glorification of God’s only begotten Son, the eternal Word who, by the mystery of the Incarnation, came down from heaven and became man (see Jn 1:1-4,14) *“when the fullness of time had come ... born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law”* (Gal 4:4-5). According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the Ascension of the Lord marks the *“irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolised by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God’s right hand”* (CCC, §659). This means that the two natures of Christ – divine and human – united by the mystery of the Incarnation remains inseparable. In other words, he ascended with both natures after the paschal mystery of his saving death and resurrection. The mystery of the Lord’s Ascension holds a great promise and challenge for his holy people, individually and collectively.

The Significance of the Ascension

From the onset of today’s liturgy, we are reminded that the Ascension of the Lord is our exaltation. Of course, Christ shares the human nature which is taken up with us (see Heb 4:15; Rm 8:3). The liturgy recapitulates this when we pray in the *Prayer after Communion*, *“that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you [God].”* The *Preface* reiterates it further by asserting that Christ *“was taken up to heaven in their sight, that he might make us sharers in his divinity.”* What does this mean? How may we understand it? To answer this question adequately, requires returning to where it all started, the Garden of Eden – Creation and the Fall! God created man – male and female – in his image and likeness (see Gn 1:27). Through disobedience, that image was compromised and corrupted. With this came dire consequences for man, culminating in death (see Gn 3:16-34; cf. Rm 6:23). Yet, God did not completely abandon man.

According to the Church Fathers, the promise of salvation was already announced even at the Fall when God said to the serpent, *“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel”* (see Gen 3:15). For example, Irenaeus of Lyons (c.130–202 AD), identify in this passage a prophecy of Christ’s victory over Satan, with the Blessed Virgin as the New Eve (see *Adversus Haereses*, 3.23). That is why this passage is generally described as *protoevangelium*, first Gospel. In a nutshell, this takes us to the purpose of the Incarnation.

Again, Irenaeus of Lyons sheds light on this reality with a powerful insight which is generally summed up in the maxim, ‘God became man so that man might become God’ (see *Adversus Haereses*, 3.20). In other words, the Ascension of Christ is the guarantee of our glorification; indeed, he pledges this to us when he says, *“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself”* (Jn 12:32). Consequently, it is only through him, in him, and with him that we can attend our final goal of dwelling with God. For, as the *Catechism* teaches, *“Left to its own natural powers, humanity does not have access to the ‘Father’s house,’ to God’s life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us”* (CCC, §661). Meanwhile, faith in the promise of our final glory imposes a duty upon us, which we must take seriously if we are to attend this heavenly goal.

Following Christ Our Head

Once again, the *Collect* sums up the challenge of the Ascension for us – *“where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.”* Now, if we are to accomplish this, we must pay heed to Paul’s advice: *“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth”* (Col 3:1-2). Since “everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure” (1 Jn 3:3), we must purge ourselves of our evil inclinations, attachments and actions – socially, politically, culturally, morally, and spiritually – if we are to stand any chance. While this is certainly not an easy venture, we can take comfort from the fact that, the Ascended Lord is always with us. He has not abandoned us. Rather, we are reassured by the Letter to the Hebrews (*the alternative second reading*) that he the eternal high priest, *“did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf”* (Heb 9:24). And so, we beseech the Lord in the prayer over the offering, *“grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.”*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 1 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 8:00am John Baumgarten (BA) by Godparents
†Stan and †Anita Brosig by Family
- 10:00am †Juanita Carrizales by Family
Pope Leo XIV by John and Linda
- 12:30pm †Jose Luis Salazar by Clara Borunda
†Edis Villasmill by family
- 5:00pm †Frank and †Francis Villa by Villa Family
For Rain by John & Linda
- 7:00pm Steve Oetting by Family
†Angela Wiesman by Darrel and Annabel

Monday, June 2 (Sts. Marcellinus & Peter)

- 7:00am Madelyn Jones (BD) by family
Nathan Palumberi (BD)
- 5:30pm †Frank and †Francis Villa by family
†Stan and †Anita Brosig by Family

Tuesday, June 3 Sts. Charles Lwanga & Companions

- 7:00am †Joe J. Martinez by Rey & Helen Garcia
Mateo Corra (BD) by family
- 5:30pm Pope Leo XIV by John & Linda
†Frank and †Francis Villa by family

Wednesday, June 4 Weekday

- 7:00am †Stan and †Anita Brosig by Family
†Richard Otis Powell by family
- 12:15pm †Barney Seidenberger by family
Pope Leo XIV by John & Linda
- 5:30pm Pope Leo XIV by John & Linda
†Frank and †Francis Villa by family

Thursday, June 5 St. Boniface

- 7:00am †Stan and †Anita Brosig by Family
†Jose Montes III by wife and family
- 5:30pm †Robert J Ramirez by family
†Frank and †Francis Villa by family

Friday, June 6 Weekday (St. Norbert)

- 7:00am Jeanette Urbanovsky (GH)
All Souls
- 12:15pm †Jesus Chavez by Mom
Pope Leo XIV by Linda & John
- 5:30pm †Frank and †Francis Villa by family
†Rosie and †Vincenta Marin by family

Saturday, June 7 Weekday

- 8:00am †Albert Sulak
Pope Leo XIV by Linda & John
- 5:00pm †Frank and †Bernadina Hernandez by Olga
†Frank and †Francis Villa by family

Sunday, June 8 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

- 8:00am †George Fierro by family & friends
Nathan Palumberi
- 10:00am Saul Riano (BD) by family
Pope Leo XIV by John and Linda
- 12:30pm †Juan Hidalgo by family
†Blanca Regalado by friend
- 3:00pm Special needs mass
- 5:00pm †Frank and †Francis Villa by Villa Family
†Madeline Pontoja Molina
- 7:00pm Altar Servers of St. Stephen's
†Frank Hoelscher by Fr, Joe

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

Please pray for the following:

Alan M, Richard R, Belinda S, Leonardo A, Noah L, Mirna L, Brenda G, Lacey G, conclave, Melissa T, Grayson N, Jennifer N, Austin N, Rebecca M, Josh I, Katalina A, Cesareo V, Sammy G, Angie L, Gonzalo, Elida and Rogelio V, Cristina M, Esteban M, Aj S, Cristina P, Vanessa H, Sarah S, Manuel A. Jr, Ludivina E, Ruben M, Cristina R, Juho, Elviira, Reijo, Aino, Kalevi, Seppo, Birgitta, Gape, Alexandra L, Bertta, Otto, Tatiana T, Samantha S. M, Joel L, John & Britney V, Jeremy & Marissa T, Eddy & Maria L, Dinh M, Theresa C, Loretta G, Andrea Emilia B, Sylvia S, Javier Maria A, 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.

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!

Upcoming Baptismal Classes Proximas Clases bautismales

June 8, 2025 / June 8, 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.**



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 June 7, after the 8:00am

Ad Sizes:

1. Label Size: Price: \$25 per issue
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5. Full Page (7.5" x 10"): Price: \$300 per issue

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

- * July 26, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.
- * September 27, 2025—7:00 P.M.

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

- 22 de Junio de 2025 - 12:30 P.M.
- 24 de Agosto de 2025 - 12:30 P.M.
- 26 de Octubre de 2025— 12:30 P.M.

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. Estudiantes del grado 3 a 12 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 estas personas.

Anne Hobbs
432-9343192

Claribell C. Lopez
432-302-1929

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. 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 **Claribell Carter Lopez**
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LITURGICAL CATECHESIS

ON

SYMBOLS & GESTURES IN THE HOLY MASS

BY

Part- II

Fr. Ignatius Edet



St. Stephen Catholic Church

4601 Neely Ave, Midland, TX 79707

Tuesday June 10, 2025

6:30 pm- 7:30 pm

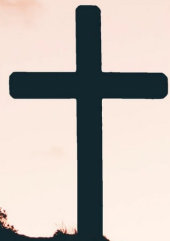
@ The Parlor

15th Anniversary of DIACONATE

Hearty congratulations to Deacon Leonard as he marks Diaconate ordination on June 5, 2025



As we thank God for his faithful witness and devoted service to our parish, we wish him many more happy & fruitful years of ministry to God's holy people!



8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
JUNE 14

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Women's Conference

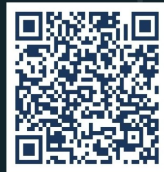
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Junio: 9 - 13, 2025

Horario: 8:15am - 12:00pm

Date: June 16-20, 2025

Time: 8:15am - 12:00pm

Volunteers are needed

MINI RETIRO JOVENES MIXTO

20 JUNIO 2025



Horario: 6:00 p.m. a 10:00 p.m.
Cuota de recuperación 15 dólares



Predicador

Óscar Cuevas

Horario: de 8:30 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.
Cuota de recuperación 40 dólares

Mini Retiro de Parejas

21 de junio 2025



Mario Alberto

Midland, Tx.

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*Domingo de la Ascensión del Señor
1 de junio 2025*

Hermana Gertrudis Muñoz Mendieta

-De los cuatro evangelistas, ni san Mateo ni san Juan hablan de la Ascensión; san Marcos la menciona de forma muy breve, pero san Lucas la describió cuidadosamente.

-Dice en una homilía uno de los Padres de la Iglesia, san Juan Crisóstomo, que Jesucristo «podía haber ascendido en secreto y no públicamente. Pero así como tuvo por testigos de su resurrección los ojos de sus discípulos, así también constituyó a estos mismos testigos oculares de su elevación».

-La importancia de este acontecimiento hizo que se convirtiera en causa de conmemoración en la Iglesia. ¿Desde cuando? San Agustín señala que desde tiempos de los Apóstoles. Dice San Lucas 24, 50 que la Ascensión de Cristo a los Cielos tuvo lugar “cerca de Bethania”. Sin embargo, la capilla de la Ascensión fue edificada en la cima del Monte de los Olivos, en Jerusalén.

¿Pero qué tiene que ver con nosotros?

-Explica san Juan Crisóstomo que con la Ascensión aconteció “una cosa admirable. El Salvador vino, y viniendo trajo al Espíritu Santo; y al regresar llevó consigo allá, a lo Alto, el cuerpo santo, con el objeto de dar al mundo una prenda de salvación que es la virtud del Espíritu Santo... Y cuando esto digo, me refiero a ti y a todo cristiano también... Recibí del Cielo el Espíritu Santo de Dios y de este modo poseo una prenda cierta. ¿Qué prenda? Que su Cuerpo está allá arriba, pero su Espíritu está acá abajo, con nosotros”.

-Y continúa explicando el Padre de la Iglesia esta maravilla: “¡Se ha hecho uno solo el linaje de Dios y el de los hombres! Pues así como el parentesco une las partes que estaban separadas..., al tomar Cristo nuestra carne, por medio de su carne vino toda la Iglesia a estar emparentada con Él. Pablo era pariente de Cristo y Pedro también y todos los fieles y todos nosotros y todo hombre piadoso también. Así lo dice Pablo: ‘Siendo nosotros linaje de Dios...’.

“En conclusion, tenemos una prenda suya allá arriba, que es el cuerpo que por nosotros tomó; y acá en la Tierra también la tenemos, que es el Espíritu Santo que está con nosotros” ...

-“Ascendió Cristo y llevó consigo nuestro cuerpo. Y se pudo entonces ver a la imagen de Adán... no ya... entre los ángeles, sino por encima de los ángeles y sentada con Dios; para que también nosotros... allá estuviéramos sentados. ¡Oh, disposición tremenda y admirable! ¡Oh Rey, en todo gran Rey; tan grande, digo, ¡y tan admirable!

Last Week's Collection

Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals
Sat. 8:30pm—1st collection	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 2,950.47	\$ 4,060.47
Sun. 8am—1st collection	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 1,795.00	\$ 2,985.00
Sun. 10am—1st collection	\$ 1,867.00	\$ 3,146.00	\$ 5,013.00
Sun. 12:30pm—1st collection	\$ 2,556.14	\$ 1,085.00	\$ 3,641.14
Sun. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 1,401.00	\$ 1,910.00	\$ 3,311.00
Sun. 7:00pm—1st collection	\$ 772.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 1,092.00
Daily Masses	\$ 94.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 119.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,853.00		\$ 3,853.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$ 24,074.61
Second Collection Building Fund	\$ 2,416.60	\$ 5,285.00	\$ 7,701.60



JUNIO, MES DEL SAGRADO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS:

El mes de junio está dedicado al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, fuente inagotable de amor, misericordia y consuelo. Te invitamos a que te unas con nosotros a rezar el Santo Rosario al corazón que tanto nos ama.

Participa en el Rosario al Sagrado Corazón, donde cada misterio será ofrecido por las intenciones de cada uno de los participantes, por la conversión de los pecadores, por la paz del mundo, por los que sufren, por la Iglesia y por nuestras familias.

Trae a tus niños para que ofrezcan flores.

De lunes a viernes aquí en la Parroquia de San Esteban
7:00 p.m.

¡¡¡Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, en Vos confío!!!



Querida comunidad de San Esteban.
**Este sábado 7 de junio 2025
tendremos adoración con el
Santísimo
de 6:00 p.m. a 12:00 a.m.**

Te invitamos a preparar el corazón para la fiesta de Pentecostés en una **vigilia de adoración al Santísimo Sacramento**, en la que nos reuniremos como Iglesia orante, al estilo de cenáculo, con María y los apóstoles, esperando la venida del Espíritu Santo.

Será un espacio de oración, silencio y contemplación. Una noche para dejar que el Espíritu Sople sobre nuestras vidas, nuestras familias, la parroquia y el mundo entero. Hoy más que nunca, necesitamos su fuego, su consuelo y su impulso.

Como nos recordó el Papa Francisco:
“El Espíritu Santo nos transforma verdaderamente y quiere transformar, también hoy, al mundo en el que vivimos.”
Homilía de Pentecostés, 2020
Te animamos a venir y quedarte el tiempo que puedas. En este tiempo de desafíos y búsquedas, como comunidad queremos vivir **como hijas e hijos de Dios.**

Que esta noche de adoración sea también un acto de amor a Nuestro Padre Dios que nunca deja de enviar su Espíritu a los que lo invocan.



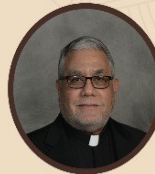
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“Warrior Prepare for Battle” is not just a catchphrase. God has called all men to stand and defend our Faith, our Families and our Communities.

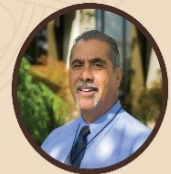
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DOORS OPEN AT 8AM FOR REGISTRATION.



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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!



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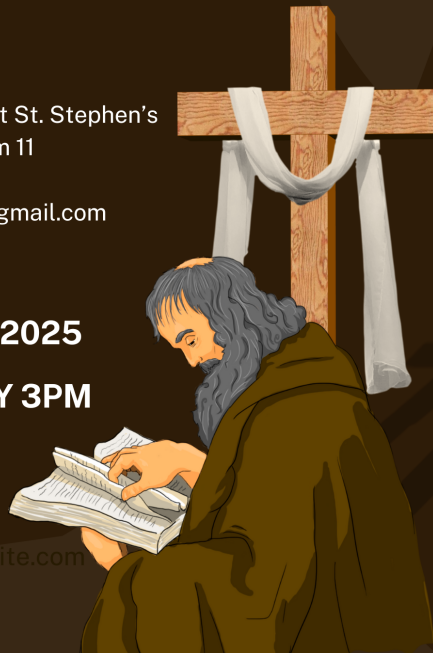
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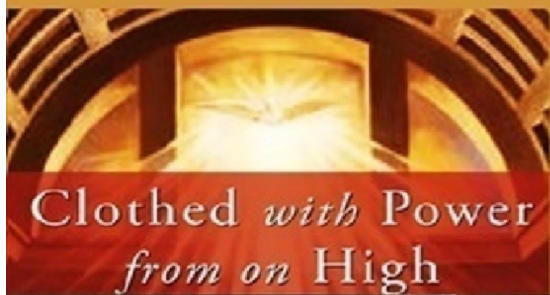
First time:

"We publish the banns of marriage between ROBERTO RUIZ ROBLES and JAZMIN ARELY ACOSTA ALDABA of St. Stephen in Midland, Texas, USA for their upcoming marriage on October 11, 2025 at Parroquia Ntra. Sra. De Fatima in Cd. Delicias, Chih., 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 first time of asking.

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Rent	15 families	\$ 26,580.15
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Total		\$ 30,381.19

A few of the families we have assisted recently:

A 49-year-old man slipped and fell at home, severely fracturing his ankle. He has no insurance and has been unable to pay his bills for the past month. He used his 401K to pay his rent, utilities and some of his medical bills, but his money was soon depleted. His daughter and son-in-law are helping out as much as they are able, however they struggle to pay their own bills. Since it will be some time before this man is able to return to work, we paid his rent for two months.

A single mother with two young children owns her home (it was left to her by her parents), however the house developed a severe mold problem which caused ongoing sickness to her children. The family had to vacate the house for two weeks while the repairs were done. Being a single mom raising two small children, she was barely able to pay daycare, utilities, put food on the table and pay for the home repairs. Handling temporary housing was something she simply could not afford on top of everything else. We placed mom and children in a motel for the two-week period.

A young mother recently lost her child. The death was unexpected, and her grief was intense. The manager of her apartment complex came to us pleading on her behalf. The manager could not bear to confront this woman with rent being due when she had problems that were so much greater, including burying her child. We applaud the manager for caring enough to come to us. We gladly paid the mother's rent. We pray that she had the strength to get through the pain and grief that she is suffering right now.

Most of the cases we assist are either medical in nature or arise out of real emergency situations such as living in tents or sleeping in cars, especially when children are involved. We wish we could report one each one of the people we help, as each case is unique and shows how much varied the legitimate needs are in our city. We continue to do our best to provide housing for as many of those legitimate needs as we can. We thank you for your ongoing support of Helping Hands that makes it possible to do so much for so many. God bless you!

JUNE TRUCK SCHEDULE

Our trucks will be at St. Stephen's on Saturday, **June 7** and at St. Ann's on Saturday, June 21 from 9 am until 1 pm to accept your donations.

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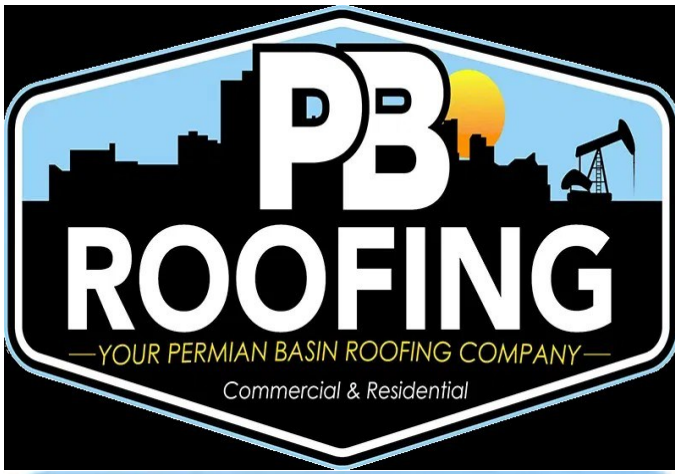
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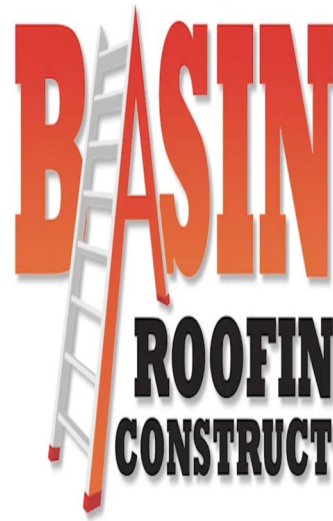
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