

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / XIX DOMINGO DE TIEMPO  
ORDINARIO  
August 10, 2025 / 10 de Agosto del 2025



## ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH-MIDLAND

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm (English)  
Sunday: 8:00am (English)  
10:30am (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  
9:45 AM to 10:25 AM  
12:00 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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Dcn. Leonard Hendon

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Madre Gertrudis Munoz Mendieta (DRE)  
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Sister Rajamma Mendam (DRE)  
Sister Nirmala Panditi

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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](http://www.ststephensmidland.com)  
Email: [frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com](mailto:frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com)

Find us [@st.stephenmidland5420](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCststephensmidland5420) 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. BALA

**Theme: Living with Courageous Faith and Vigilant Hope in a World of Uncertainty**

Readings: Wisdom 18:6–9; Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19; Luke 12:32–48

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, **Grace and peace to you on this Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

As we gather here in the presence of our loving God, let us pause for a moment and reflect on a simple truth: **life is a journey, often filled with uncertainties, fears, and unexpected turns.** Yet, in the midst of it all, our readings today whisper a profound invitation—to live with faith that moves mountains, hope that anchors the soul, and a readiness that opens our hearts to the Kingdom of God.

These words from **Wisdom, Hebrews, and the Gospel of Luke** are not just ancient texts; they are a balm for our weary hearts, a call to awaken from slumber, and a promise that **God is ever faithful, even when we falter.**

**Let us begin with the Book of Wisdom**, where we hear of the night of the Passover—the sacred vigil when God's people awaited their deliverance.

"The night of the exodus was known beforehand to our ancestors... so that... they might have courage."

**Imagine the scene:** families huddled in dimly lit homes, the blood of the lamb smeared on their doorposts, **hearts pounding with a mix of terror and trust.**

They didn't see the full picture—but **they believed in the promises of God.** Their faith wasn't passive—it was a **courageous waiting, a vigilant hope that transformed fear into freedom.**

**This echoes so deeply in our own lives**, doesn't it? How many of us have faced our own "**nights of exodus**"—moments of illness, loss, or uncertainty?

I think of a parishioner I visited last week, **a young mother battling cancer.**

With tears in her eyes, she shared how she clings to God's oaths, **not knowing what tomorrow holds, but trusting** that He who delivered Israel will walk with her through the valley.

**Faith isn't the absence of fear; it's the presence of courage in the face of it.**

**God invites us today to reclaim that ancestral faith**, to stand firm in His promises, knowing that **our deliverance is already woven into His divine plan.**

Turning to the Letter to the Hebrews, we encounter one of the most stirring definitions of faith in all of Scripture:

**"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."**

The author then paints a vivid portrait of **Abraham**, our father in faith.

- **By faith, Abraham obeyed** when called to set out for a place he had never seen.
- **By faith, he dwelt in tents** as a stranger in the promised land.
- **By faith, he offered up his only son Isaac**, believing that God could raise the dead.

**Abraham's life was a testament to radical trust**—a willingness to leave the familiar, to embrace the unknown, all because **he fixed his eyes on the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.**

**Abraham wasn't a superhero; he was a man like us, with doubts and delays.**

**Yet, he chose faith over fear, step by step.**

In our world today, bombarded by distractions and doubts, **Hebrews challenges us:**

**What are we hoping for? What unseen realities convict our hearts?**

Perhaps it's the healing of a broken relationship, the strength to forgive a deep wound, or the grace to persevere in a thankless job.

I recall a story from the life of **Saint Teresa of Calcutta**. She once found a dying man in the gutters. As she cared for him, he whispered, "Why do you do this?"

She replied, **"Because I see Jesus in you."**

Her faith was her assurance—**she hoped for the Kingdom not as a distant dream, but as a present reality breaking into the now.**

**Faith isn't just believing; it's acting on the hope that God is building something eternal through our ordinary lives.**

And now, the Gospel from Luke brings this all home with **urgency and tenderness.**

**"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."**

What comforting words!

- **Sell your possessions, give alms**
- **Make purses that do not wear out**—an unfailing treasure in heaven
- **Be like servants waiting for their master**, lamps lit, ready at any hour

The **parable of the faithful steward** warns us: **blessed is the servant whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.** But woe to the one who abuses his position, thinking the master is delayed.

This Gospel moves me profoundly because **it's not a scolding; it's a loving exhortation from Jesus**, who knows our frailties.

He calls us His "**little flock**"—**small, vulnerable, yet cherished beyond measure.**

In a culture obsessed with security—bank accounts, insurance policies, endless planning—

**Jesus invites us to a different kind of readiness:** one rooted in generosity, simplicity, and trust.

**Closing Encouragement:** So, dear friends, let us take heart.

- **Like the Israelites, let us wait with courage.**
- **Like Abraham, let us walk by faith and not by sight.**
- **Like Saint Teresa, let us act with compassion rooted in conviction.**
- **Like the faithful servant, let us stay awake, our lamps burning bright.**

**Because the Kingdom is near. The Master is coming. And we, His little flock, are never forgotten.**

MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, August 10 XIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 8:00am †Jose Torres by Victor Torres  
†Ramon Munoz by Elsa Torres  
10:30am †Roman Solano by Ortencia  
†Gamaliel Navarro by Celina Torres  
12:30pm †Alberto Gonzalez by sister  
†Jesus Garcia by Family  
3:00pm Special Needs  
5:00pm †Rosa Rivas by Family  
Conversion & GH of BEF  
7:00pm Conversion & GH of BEF  
† Mary Bryan by Family

**Monday August 11 St. Clare**

- 7:00am Elizabeth Johnson by Family  
†Maria Torres by Flores Family  
5:30pm †Jose Torres by Victor Torres  
Conversion & GH of BEF

**Tuesday, August 12 (St. Jane Frances de Chantel)**

- 7:00am †Ramon Muñoz by Elsa Torres  
Conversion & GH of BEF  
5:30pm †Francis Casas (AV) by Family  
†Maria P. Martinez by Family

**Wednesday, August 13 (St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus)**

- 7:00am Enrique's Exam by Mom  
Conversion & GH of BEF  
12:15pm †Gamaliel Navarro by Celina Torres  
†Lloyd Coppedge by daughter  
5:30pm Kenneth Manssfield (GH) by Alianna  
†Gena McNearney by Sotelo Family

**Thursday, August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe**

- 7:00am Patrick and Jacqueline Campion (WA) by Linda and John  
Conversion & GH of BEF  
5:30pm Soleda Nieto Flotte (BD) by Family  
†Jeanne Brunel by Sotelo Family

**Friday, August 15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

- 7:00am Msgr. James Bridges (BD) by Memo  
Conversion & GH of BEF  
12:15 pm Javier and Ann Carrillo (WA)  
†Sofia Madrigal by Frias Family  
5:30 pm †David A. Contreras by Adela, Marta & Family  
†Robert J. Ramirez by Family

**Saturday, August 16 St. (Stephen of Hungary)**

- 8:00am Conversion & GH of BEF  
Lisa Wilson (GH) by Family  
5:00pm Henry Wilson by Family  
Marci Wilson by Family

**Sunday, August 17 XX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 8:00am Titus Joseph Powell (BD) by Family  
Conversion & GH of BEF  
10:30am Msgr. Bridges by Paz Carrizales  
Griselda Frias (BD) by Martha Manguia  
12:30pm †Rodolfo Villa by Family  
†Natalia and †Francisco Valladares  
5:00pm †Lloyd Coppedge by daughter  
†Ramon and †Maria Granado by Family  
7:00pm Adaelis Socorro (BD) by parents  
†Maria Galindo by Adriel

BD=Birthday; GH=Good Health; BA=Baptism Anv; ` OA=Ordination Anv.; WA=Wedding Anv; HBD= Heavenly BD

**ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH-MIDLAND**

Is seeking candidates for the position of Business Manager. The Business Manager is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the church, managing office functions and finances, as well as facilitating communication within our congregation and community including all parish committees. The Business Manager ensures compliance with local, state, and federal reporting requirements, as well as the standards of practice established for financial management. Applicants should have a minimum of two years' administrative experience in business management or organizational leadership. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Job duties and other information regarding the position are available at the Parish Office. Resumes should be sent to Fr. Bala Anthony Govindu at [bgovindu@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:bgovindu@sanangelodiocese.org) by August 25, 2025.

**Upcoming Baptismal Classes  
Proximas Clases bautismales**

**August 10, 2025 / Agosto 10, 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.**



**The Feast of  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

## 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 September 6 after the 8:00am

### Ad Sizes:

1. Label Size: Price: \$25 per issue
2. Business Card Size (3.5" x 2"): Price: \$50 per issue
3. Quarter Page (3.75" x 5"): Price: \$75 per issue
4. Half Page (7.5" x 5"): Price: \$150 per issue
5. Full Page (7.5" x 10"): Price: \$300 per issue

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

- October 25, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

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

- 24 de Agosto, 2025 - 12:30 P.M.
- 23 de Noviembre, 2025 - 12:30 P.M.



The (CDA) – Daughters of St. Stephen's, Court #2818, are working hard to serve you! We wish to thank those that supported our Hot Dog Day fundraiser! We did well and hope to have it become an annual event! CDA serves the mass on the Fourth Sunday of each month. We will have our next General Meeting on **August 28, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 11.**

\*ALL Catholic women 18 years and older are invited to join and share in serving our parish community under our **Motto of Unity & Charity**, with our Patroness the **Blessed Mother Mary!** For information, please contact 432-230-4426 or join us at our next meeting!

*No hay mujer más bella que la que tiene a Cristo en su corazón.*

El Ministerio de Mujeres de Fe y Esperanza invitan al

# 5<sup>TO.</sup> CONGRESO de Mujeres

4 de octubre 2025

Parroquia San Esteban, Midland, Tx.

Hora de inicio: 8:30 de la mañana y concluimos a las 3:00 p.m.

- Ministerio de Alabanza en vivo y Adoración. "Jesús Pan de vida"

**Padre Ricardo López**  
Predicador

**Cuota de recuperación: 40 dólares**

**Información, llame a los teléfonos:**  
**432 349 8592 • 432 940 3481 • 432 296 1897 (ODESSA)**





*Ge'La*

En Honor a La Reina de La Misericordia

Concierto de Alabanza Y Testimonio

**AUGUST 14, 2025**

- Musica
- Oracion
- Testimonio
- Confesion
- Misa
- Tienda de Regalos Disponible Con Articulos Religiosos

**Trea Contigo:**

- Protector Solar
- Paraguas
- Sillas de Gardin

**Ven A Recibir Las Bendiciones De Dios**

**Ambassadors**

Embajadores de La Llama De La Misericordia



**Informacion:**  
Brenda Garcia 806.319.1222  
6927 Highway 84  
Shallowater TX 79363

**4:00pm Ge'La Concierto y Testimonio**  
**6:00pm Misa** Entrada Gratis  
Evento Al Aire Libre

## OCIA REGISTRATION 2025-2026

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Would you like to learn more about our Catholic Faith?  
Are you interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church and do you need your Sacraments of Initiation? (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation). Then OCIA is for you.

Currently registering online

<https://ststephensmidland.com/adult-inquirer-form>

Accepting registration at  
St. Stephen's office  
and following  
Saturday and Sunday Masses  
in the church foyer.

OCIA classes begin September 9, 2025,  
7pm, St. Stephen's church parlor

Contact Person  
Sheryl Neatherlin  
432-288-1627  
[sneatherlin@gmail.com](mailto:sneatherlin@gmail.com)  
Gladys Qualls  
432-520-7394  
[Gladys@ssccmidland.com](mailto:Gladys@ssccmidland.com)

OCIA is a journey of exploration  
and initiation into the Catholic Church  
Is God calling you? The Catholic Church welcomes you!

## INSCRIPCIONES PARA OCIA 2025-2026

(Orden de Iniciación Christiana para Adultos)

¿Te Gustaría aprender más sobre la fe católica? ¿Estás interesado en convertirte en un miembro de pleno derecho de la Iglesia Católica? (Bautismo, Sagrada Eucaristía, Confirmación) Entonces OCIA es para ti!

Actualmente disponibles en línea:

<https://ststephensmidland.com/adult-inquirer-form>

También se aceptan inscripciones en la oficina de St. Stephen y después de Misa cada domingo a partir del 20 de Julio de 2025.

Las clases de OCIA comienzan el 9 de septiembre de 2025  
a las 7:00 p.m.  
Iglesia St. Stephen - Salón 11

Personas de contacto:  
Belen Valez: (432) 488-7745  
Gladys Qualls: (432) 520-7394  
Correo electrónico:  
[Gladys@ssccmidland.com](mailto:Gladys@ssccmidland.com)

OCIA es un viaje de exploración e iniciación en la Iglesia Católica  
Dios te está llamando? La Iglesia Católica les da la bienvenida!!

## CCD & OCIC Registration (ENGLISH) Announcement

Registration for CCD and OCIC programs has already begun and will continue every Monday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the church Gym/Hall. Please make sure to come during the schedule time to register your child. We kindly ask all parents to be punctual and help us keep the process smooth and organized. Thank you for your cooperation.

**The deadline for registration will be the  
August 18, 2025**

- We look forward to welcoming all new and returning participants!

We are in need of Teachers and volunteers for our English CCD Religious Education classes, if you feel called to help our children grown in faith, please sign up on the sheets available in the church Gym/Hall, your time and service will be a blessing to our parish. Thank you.

## Inscripción CCD y OCIC (ESPAÑOL) ANUNCIO



La inscripción para los programas CCD y OCIC se realizará todos los lunes, del 21 al 28 de Julio y del 4 al 11 de Agosto, de 5:30 PM a 6:30PM, en el GIMNASIO/ESCENARIO de la Iglesia.

- ✳ Se anima a los padres que deseen inscribir a sus hijos a asistir en el horario establecido.  
El último día de inscripción es el 11 de Agosto de 2025.

- 📅 Las clases para el año académico 2025-2026 comenzarán en agosto.  
Las fechas exactas de inicio se anunciarán próximamente.

¡Esperamos dar la bienvenida a todos los participantes, tanto nuevos como antiguos!

Por favor, traer todos los documentos que tiene (certificado de nacimiento, certificado de bautismo y/o primera comunión)



## Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

St. Stephen's will be holding a training session for  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC's)

**AUGUST 16, 2025, from 9:00 am – 1:00  
pm.**

Are you a fully initiated Catholic (Baptism, Confirmation,  
Eucharist) in good standing, and a registered member of the  
Parish?

Do you have a deep love for the Eucharist?

If you answered "Yes" to all these questions, please  
consider joining this important and very special ministry!

Please **RSVP** at this link [https://ststephensmidland.com/  
extraordinaryministerofholysacrament](https://ststephensmidland.com/extraordinaryministerofholysacrament) as soon as  
possible so we have enough handout material for everyone.  
You may complete a hard copy application available in the  
foyer.

For additional questions please speak with Fr. Bala, any  
Mass Coordinator, or you may contact our Extraordinary  
Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) Trainers at:

Marcos Ybarra  
432-638-9097

Gina Ybarra  
432-230-4426

[Raidermug@yahoo.com](mailto:Raidermug@yahoo.com)  
[gmybarra@yahoo.com](mailto:gmybarra@yahoo.com)

## Communion Calls



If anyone is sick and need of Holy Communion,  
please call Front Office  
423-520-7394  
[frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com](mailto:frontdesk@ststephensmidland.com)



**Volunteers** needed for the Kermesse. There  
are several shifts, and lots of areas to choose  
from. This is a great opportunity for the  
whole family to help, then stay and enjoy the  
food, games and music. If you need hours for  
community service, or just want to serve the  
church community this is your opportunity.  
Please sign up after Mass with the volunteers  
selling raffle tickets and  
t-shirts.

Thank you and God Bless



## Last week Collection

Contributions:	Cash	Checks	Totals
Sat. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 3,441.00	\$ 2,467.47	\$ 5,908.47
Sun. 8am—1st collection	\$ 2,230.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 5,430.00
Sun. 10:30am—1st collection	\$ 1,435.00	\$ 3,201.00	\$ 4,636.00
Sun. 12:30pm—1st collection 3:00pm	\$ 2,124.68	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 3,199.68
Sun. 5:00pm—1st collection	\$ 1,909.00	\$ 2,195.00	\$ 4,104.00
Sun. 7:00pm—1st collection	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 1,410.00
Daily Masses	\$ 157.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 157.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,880.00		\$ 3,880.00
Mailed in contributions		\$ 1,665.00	\$ 1,665.00
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 30,390.15</b>
Second Collection Helping Hands	\$ 4,525.00	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 14,825.00

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Diocese of San Angelo Office of Vocations is seeking a skilled and creative part-time Content Creator to develop and manage multimedia content to promote vocational discernment and awareness within the Diocese of San Angelo. This position will focus on creating videos, social media, and print materials to inspire and inform individuals about vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Content Creator will work closely with the Vocations Director. This position requires a minimum of 2-3 years in a media, communications, or marketing role (a religious or nonprofit setting preferred), proficiency in video editing software and graphic design tools, and a strong understanding of social media platforms, trends, and analytics. San Angelo residency is not required, but applicant must be available for regular travel within the Diocese of San Angelo. Job duties and other information regarding the position are available at the Diocesan website, [www.sanangelodiocese.org](http://www.sanangelodiocese.org). Resumes should be sent to Mike Wyse, Chancellor, at P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo, Texas 76902-1829, or emailed to [mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org) by September 15, 2025.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Diocese of San Angelo is seeking candidates for the position of Chancellor. The Chancellor is the chief officer of administration and operations for the Diocese of San Angelo and has the responsibility and authority for overseeing the day-to-day administration and supervision of the staff and operations of the diocese. Responsibilities of the Chancellor include developing, implementing, and evaluating policies and procedures for the strategic, administrative, and financial management of the diocese. The Chancellor ensures compliance with local, state, and federal reporting requirements and canonical aspects of diocesan operations, as well as the standards of practice established for financial management by the USCCB. Applicants should have a minimum 10 years' administrative experience in business management or organizational leadership, preferably in the Church, with a minimum of 5 years' experience of proven executive leadership in a non-profit organization, the Church, a private sector company, government, or the military (as the CEO, CFO, COO, or similar position). MBA, MSCM, current CPA, CGMA, or CDFM credentials is required. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Job duties and other information regarding the position are available at the Diocesan website, [www.sanangelodiocese.org](http://www.sanangelodiocese.org). Resumes should be sent to Mike Wyse, Chancellor, at P.O. Box 1829, San Angelo, Texas 76902-1829, or emailed to [mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:mwyse@sanangelodiocese.org) by August 20.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

For the Diocese of San Angelo

September 12-13, 2025 | McNease Convention Center



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Registration: \$40

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[cchavez@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:cchavez@sanangelodiocese.org)



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## OFFICIAL 2025 SCHEDULE

**CHANGITO FROM LA CALIENTE**  
**OPENING CEREMONY/PRAYER FATHER BALA 12:00 - 1:00PM**  
**LA CALIENTE RADIO REMOTE 2:00 - 4:00**  
**FREDDY GALINDO Y SUS JINETES 4:30 - 5:30**  
**GRUPO PIRAMIDE 6:00 - 7:00PM**  
**ERICK Y MASSORE 8:00 - 9:30PM**  
**RAFFLE AND CLOSING 9:30 - 10:00PM**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH**

**COTERRA PAVILION** 5514 CHAMPIONS DR. MIDLAND, TEXAS

RAFFLE + FOOD + DRINKS + MORE

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- \$1000 Visa Gift Card
- 70 Inch Smart TV
- BBQ Griddle
- Dallas Cowboy Helmet Autographed by Dak Prescott
- Yeti Cooler
- Airpods Pro
- \$500 Gift Certificate for custom made boots by Pina Boots
- Xbox
- Nintendo Switch
- \$500 Visa Gift Card
- \$500 Gift card to Midland Meat Market
- Patio Furniture
- PS5
- Dallas Cowboy Jersey Autographed by Demarcus Lawrence
- Dallas Cowboy Autographed by Sean Lee
- \$250 Gift Card
- Fun Speaker



### Friends,

The Diocese of San Angelo is pleased to announce the acceptance of a new seminarian, **Mr. Leo Herrera**. Leo is a parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Andrews and a recent graduate of Andrews High School. And **Mr. David Ruvalcaba**. David is a parishioner of St. Stephen's Church in Midland and is the biological brother of Fidel Ruvalcaba, a seminarian currently in his Junior Year at Conception Seminary College. We have a sibling seminarians!

Leo's email is: [lherrera@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:lherrera@sanangelodiocese.org).

David email is: [druvalcaba@sanangelodiocese.org](mailto:druvalcaba@sanangelodiocese.org)

Please feel free to send Leo and David an email note, encouraging them in his discernment. They will begin school at Conception Seminary College in Conception, MO, this August 2025.

In the meantime, our current seminarian list is on our vocation office website:

<https://www.dosavocation.org/seminarians>

This email rounds out our new seminarians for August 2025. Please pray that more men will respond generously to God's Call. We will begin this Fall 2025 with 12 men in formation.

In Christ,

**Rev. Ryan Rojo, S.T.L.**

Vocation Director

Seminarian Director

Diocese of San Angelo

## CHOOSE LIFE MIDLAND

Is welcoming anyone interested in learning more about this important ministry of Prayer and Care of mothers and their children. Included in this ministry is making known the plight of the mothers and that we are praying for them and making available resources to them.

The rosary for LIFE is prayed Fridays at 12 noon at the Choose Life Midland located at 2500 W. Ohio for an end to abortion throughout the world and for mothers who find themselves in difficult situations. Call 432-695-6955 for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

### 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.

### OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

We encourage any adult who is interested in growing in their understanding of the faith to register for the Basic or Advanced Formation program. **Registration for Year Two (2025-2026) is due on August 14, 2025.** To register for Basic Formation and to access a full schedule and syllabus, please go to <https://sanangelodiocese.org/basic-formation>. For Advanced Formation <https://sanangelodiocese.org/advanced-formation>

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Adult Confirmation Classes **for those Catholics who have been baptized** and are above High School age, 18 years and older: Those candidates who also need to receive First Communion will receive it in the same ceremony. These classes are **NOT** for those who need to receive Baptism or Reception into Full Communion. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM for English in the Ballroom and for Spanish in room 1. If you're interested in attending the classes, please contact our Parish office at [432-520-7394](tel:432-520-7394) or via email [gladys@ststephensmidland.com](mailto:gladys@ststephensmidland.com) or fill out our [Adult Inquirer Form | St. Stephen's Catholic Church Midland, TX \(ststephensmidland.com\)](#).

PS. A COPY OF YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED TO TURN IN 1ST OR 2ND DAY OF CLASS (WITHOUT FAIL AND NO EXCEPTIONS).



Clases de Confirmación **para Adultos Católicos bautizados** mayores de 18 años que hayan cursado la preparatoria. Los candidatos que también necesiten recibir la Primera Comunión la recibirán en la misma ceremonia. Estas clases **NO** son para quienes necesiten recibir solo Bautismo o la Comunión. Las clases comenzarán el martes 23 de Septiembre de 2025, de 6:30-8:30 pm Las clases en Inglés serán en el salón de baile y para las clases en Español en el salón #1. Si le interesa asistir a las clases, comuníquese con nuestra oficina parroquial al [432-520-7394](tel:432-520-7394) o por correo electrónico a [gladys@ststephensmidland.com](mailto:gladys@ststephensmidland.com) o complete nuestro [Formulario para Adultos en Iglesia Católica de San Esteban, Midland, TX \(ststephensmidland.com\)](#).

PD. SE REQUIERE UNA COPIA DE SU CERTIFICADO DE BAUTISMO PARA ENTREGAR EL 1ER O 2DO DÍA DE CLASE (SIN FALTA Y SIN EXCEPCIONES).

The poster for the Eucharistic Procession features a central image of a monstrance (a golden vessel used to display the Eucharist) set against a background of soft, warm colors. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of green leaves and pink flowers. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the title in a large, bold font and the dates listed below it.

**Eucharistic Procession**  
Procesion Eucaristica  
August 7, 2025 @8pm  
November 6, 2025  
February 5, 2026  
May 7, 2026

The poster for Mens Bible Study has a dark blue background with a large orange banner on the right side. The title "MENS BIBLE STUDY" is written in large, white, bold letters. Below the title, there is a call to action in smaller white text, followed by the upcoming dates and location in orange text, and the contact information in white text.

BI-WEEKLY / THURSDAYS  
**MENS BIBLE STUDY**  
CALLING CATHOLIC MEN TO INVEST TIME DIVING INTO THE WORD OF GOD TOGETHER  
UPCOMING DATES: **AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup> @ 7:15PM**  
LOCATION: **ST. STEPHEN'S HALL IN ROOM 8**  
CONTACT: **JOHN 661-348-2994**



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

Electric	7 families	\$ 2,844.40
Water	4 families	\$ 1,908.85
Rent	15 families	\$ 26,677.15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 31,430.40</b>

We are only able to provide the services to those in need each week because of the hundreds of co-workers that we have, who ensure that the needs of Midland's poor are met.

Each time that you choose to share what you have with those in need, whether it be through a donation of cash or your "no longer needed" items to our thrift store, you become a volunteer for Helping Hands and a co-worker for the poor.

And we are so grateful for you! You continue to bless us with an abundance of donations, and we, in turn, acting as your arms and legs, are able to reach out and help more and more of our neighbors in need.

We thank you for being co-workers for the poor, and we pray that you continue to serve them – for, in the words of Gandhi, "He who serves the poor serves God."

### **AUGUST TRUCK SCHEDULE**

Our truck will be at St. Ann's on Saturday, **August 16 from 9 am until 1 pm** to accept your donations. We appreciate the Knights of Columbus councils from both churches for taking on this very important project!

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

*Faith S, Neha N, Andrea B, Daniel C, Froylan G, Joel, Cesar, Teresa P, Alonso Family, Gustavo C, Erika C, Rios Family, Santa Cruz Family, Caceres Family John C, Amanda O, Roy, Tania C, Elizabeth H, Elidia V, Rogelio V, Dalia H, Fr. Edward B, Noah L, Natalie & Matthew, Natalie T, Anne H, Jonathan R, Anne H, Alan M, Richard R, Maria M, Jesus M, Belinda S, Leonardo A, Noah L, Mirna L, Brenda G, Lacey G, 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, Joel L, John & Britney V, Jeremy & Marissa T, Eddy & Maria L, Dinh M, Theresa C, Loretta G, Andrea B, Sylvia S, Javier Maria A, Isaiah, Victoria & Vanessa V, Kathen H, Malcom & Brandy, Jacob F.*

**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!*



#### **Would you like to volunteer?**

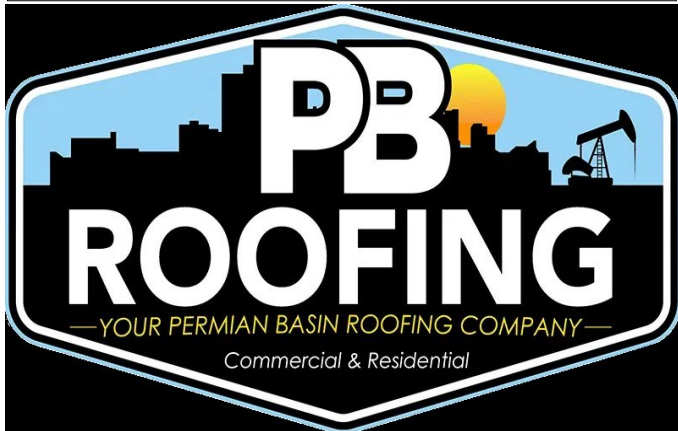
We are in urgent need for more Mass Coordinator's to help with Weddings, Quinceanera's and Funerals!

**\*TRAINING is provided!**

**\*Bi-lingual is helpful!**

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

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We have many items that have been left in the church and we are moving all of those to a secure place in the sacristy. At present we have a cell phone, sunglasses, some jewelry, hats, a jacket, a gift bag with a child's Bible, and many other items. If you have missing items, please see an usher, Mass Coordinator or one of the sisters after Mass so they can take you to the cabinet where they are secured. Items will be kept for up to 6 months and then donated to Helping Hands if not claimed.

**OBJETOS PERDIDOS**

Tenemos muchos artículos perdidos en la Iglesia y los estamos trasladando a un lugar seguro en la sacristía. Actualmente tenemos un celular, lentes de sol, algunas joyas, sombreros, una chaqueta, una bolsa de regalo con una Biblia infantil y muchos otros artículos.

Si perdio algún artículo, por favor, hable con un usher, un coordinador de misa o una de las hermanas después de la misa para que puedan llevarlos al gabinete donde están guardados. Los artículos se guardarán hasta por 6 meses y luego se donarán a Helping Hands si no se reclaman.



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