

MAY 7/8, 2016

ASCENSION



“And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.”

Luke 24:49

TODAY’S CELEBRATION: My friends, today we celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven. In the first reading we will hear his last words to the disciples: “You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.” One wonders if there isn’t some other way to spread the good news than to rely on us! But this is what Jesus chose — to entrust his message to fallible, struggling, often sinful human beings. Let us pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit so that we might be good messengers.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

Acts 2:1-11. All are filled with the Holy

Spirit.

Psalms 104:24, 29-31, 34. Lord, send out your Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13. Many gifts, one Spirit; many parts, one body

John 20:19-23. Jesus said, “Peace” and “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

Please bring or send your offering regularly.

If you are absent, remember the Parish expenses go on just the same.

	ENVELOPES	LOOSE	TOTAL
Ballinger	\$6720.00	\$690.71	\$7410.71
Robert Lee	\$891.00	\$35.00	\$926.00
Bronte	\$340.00	\$74.25	\$414.25

**Catholic Radio Station
91.5 FM KPDE**

The Franciscan Resource Center is located at 133 W. Concho, Suite 108 in San Angelo.

San Angelo Office for Immigration Services

The San Angelo Immigration Services Office, Located at the Franciscan Resource Center, 133 W. Concho, Suite 108, in San Angelo on Mondays from 8am to 5pm, and Tuesdays from 8am to 4pm.

Christian 12 Step

Group carrying the 12 Steps to a deeper level meet at the 1st United Methodist Church at 7PM. Use the Ave A and 7th St. entrance. 325-365-2323

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER The Pregnancy Help Center of San Angelo needs our help to prevent abortions. Any new or gently used items for babies or mothers are graciously appreciated. Please place your gifts in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you for helping others.

Seminarian of the month for May is: Joshua Gray. If you would like to write or send a card to Josh the address is:

Mundelein Seminary
1000 East Maple Ave.
Mundelein, Illinois 60060

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

Prayer is important in our daily life and we are called upon to pray for others, especially those who are sick. The parish has established an **electronic prayer chain**. If you would like to receive notification to pray for someone, please send your name and email address to the parish email address. <http://stmarystaroftheseaballinger.org>.

Cindy Rettman new cell number is 325-977-9117.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We remember the following in a special way at these Masses

May	7	4:00PM	James Mueller by Janet & Dennis Minzenmayer
		6:00PM	James Mueller by Janet & Dennis Minzenmayer
May	8	8:45AM	For all Mothers Living & Deceased
		11:15AM	For the Parish
		5:00PM	For all Mothers Living & Deceased
May	9	7:00PM	James Mueller by Andreas & Helen Lange
May	10	7:30AM	James Mueller by Andreas & Helen Lange
May	11	7:00PM	David Jansa by Leon & Dot Hoelscher
May	12	9:00AM	James Mueller by Billie Schaefer
		10:00AM	James Mueller by Billie Schaefer
May	13	7:30AM	James Mueller by Bill & Sharon Baird
May	14	4:00PM	James Mueller by Bill & Sharon Baird
		6:00PM	William Fenwick by a friend
May	15	8:45AM	Daniel Jansa by Leon & Dot Hoelscher
		11:15AM	For the Parish
		5:00PM	James Mueller by Bill & Sharon Baird

The **Vocation Office** is live. Check out the webpage and inks at <http://sanangelovocationoffice.org>.

Adult Bible Study meets on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM in the Parish Center. All are invited to join.

“Se generoso en glorificar al Senor, y no seas avaro con las primicias que ofreces.” (Siracides 35:10)

“In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts...”. (Sirach 35:7)

SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Youth Group will meet on Sundays, from 5-7pm in Parish Center. Please contact Cindy for more information.

The **Altar Society** will meet on **May 16 at 5:30 PM**. They support the various liturgies with their time and talent. For more information contact Brenda Workman or Cindy Rettman.

The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe will meet on **June 6th in the parlor at 6PM**. All members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS: There is a need for Altar servers. If you are interested call Pete and Ginger Bryan, 365-8929. We welcome all who have a desire to serve at any Mass.

Horizons, classes for our senior high school students in grades 11th – 12th, meet on Wednesdays in the parlor of the Parish Center.

Questions about Annulments? If you or anyone you know is in need of an annulment of a previous marriage, we invite you to see Deacon David Workman for more information on how to begin the process for an annulment. For more information contact Deacon David at 325-400-7202.

PRIESTLY ASSIGNMENTS

The Diocese of San Angelo is happy to announce that Fr. Yesu Mulakaleti, currently the Pastor of St. Charles in Eden, will become the new pastor of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, St. James and Our Lady of Guadalupe effective July 25th of this year. Fr. Wade will begin medical retirement effective 25th of July of this year and will take up residence in St. Mary's House.

Deacon David no longer has the phone number 365-2142 in his office. You may contact him on his cell phone at 325-400-7202 or at the Rectory number 365-2687.

Going to the Hospital? If you are going to be in the hospital please make sure that the hospital knows that you are Catholic and publishes this on their census. If you do not do this, the Ministers to the Sick who visit the hospitals with Communion will have no way of knowing that you are there.

A donation was made to the **Ballinger Community Pantry in Memory of Joyce Piel by the Sunshine Group & UMW of the First United Methodist Church**. Monies donated to the Pantry go to purchase much needed food for the poor of the community

BAPTISMAL CLASS

The Baptismal class scheduled for **May 13th** at 6:00PM in the parlor. Both parents are required to attend and godparents are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact the Rectory.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues on the first Friday of each month at 6 PM. The next adoration is June 4th.

“For I was ...in prison and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:36)

Ministry to the inmates of Runnels County Jail is one of the outreach ministries of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish. We have four teams of ministers, and one of the teams visits the jail each week. Some of the ministers have retired and we need volunteers to take their places. This involves going to the jail once a month for two hours; one hour with the female inmates and one hour with the male inmates. We go as a team of two or three persons, so you are never by yourself. If you feel called by God to serve in this rewarding ministry, contact Cindy at the Rectory 365-2687. God Bless.

Along with parishes around the country, we will take up a special collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign on the weekend of May 7-8, 2016.

Information about the campaign is available at www.usccb.org/ccc

Today, we will take up a special Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Remember half of your donation stays in our diocese to support our diocesan communication efforts. Thank you for your generosity.