

**St. Mary, Star of the Sea
Ballinger, Texas**

Email: ballinger@sanangelodiocese.org
Website: <http://stmarystaroftheseaballinger.org>

St. James
Bronte, Texas

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Robert Lee, Texas

The Eucharist is celebrated:

Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Mary
	6:00 PM	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sunday	8:45 AM	St. Mary
	11:15 AM	St. Mary
	5:00 PM	St. James
Monday	7:30 AM	St. Mary
Tuesday	7:30 AM	St. Mary
Wednesday	7:30 AM	St. Mary
Thursday	9:00 AM	Central Texas Nursing & Rehab
	10:00AM	Ballinger Health and Rehab
	6:00 PM	Home Mass
Friday	7:30 AM	St. Mary
1st Friday Adoration Mass	10:00 AM	St. Mary
	11:00 AM	
Confessions: 2:30 – 3:30 Saturday & by appointment		
CCD: Mrs. Caroline Toliver.....phone 365-2212		
Baptisms: By appointment, classes required		
Marriages: By appointment, six months in advance		
Parish Staff: Fr. Yesu, Pastor.....phone 365-2687		
		cell 325-456-8254
Deacon D. Workman..... phone 365-2687		
		cell 325-400-7202
Secretary: Paula Fischer phone 365-2687		
Retired Priest: Fr. Hubert Wade, Jr.phone 365-6486		

MARCH 18TH & 19TH, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Fast



Prepare



Give

TODAY'S CELEBRATION: Today the Church celebrates the first of three scrutinies with the Elect and their communities. The scriptures are chosen explicitly to help the Elect as they undergo their final preparations for the Easter sacraments. The baptized too can scrutinize their own lives today, following the

example of the Elect in allowing our Lord to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the way we live.

SATURDAY and SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 18th and 19th, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

Water flowed from the rock to quench the people's thirst.

Psalms 95

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts".

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

God's love is poured into our heart in the gift of the Spirit.

John 4:5-42

The water Jesus gives is the wellspring of eternal life.

NEXT SATURDAY'S AND SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 25th and 26th, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

House Blessings – If you would like for Father Yesu to come for a house blessing, please contact the office.

STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

Please bring or send your offering regularly. If you are absent, remember the Parish expenses go on just the same.

			TOTAL
Ballinger			\$3984.24
Children's			\$ 28.05
Robert Lee			\$ 149.00
Bronte			\$ 734.00

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

We sincerely thank all parishioners & visitors for giving so generously of their time and treasure in the true spirit of stewards. May God richly bless you & your's.

Ministry List

Mar 18th - 4pm Rosary: Dana Gore, Announcer: Travis Baird
Reader: Matt Belden
Eucharistic Ministers: Jan Dixon, Bertha Mueller
Altar Servers: John & Ethan
Gift Bearers: Matt Belden Family
Accountants: Dana Gore

Mar 19th – 8:45am Rosary: Fran Havlak Announcer: Bill Baird
Readers: Pete Bryan, Jim Studer
Eucharistic Ministers: Janice Niehues, Victoria Fritze
Altar Servers: Reagan & Trent
Gift Bearers: Frank & Irma Mata
Accountants: Phil & Alex

Mar 19th - 11:15am Rosary: Patricia Garcia Announcer: Carlos Ruiz
Readers: Patricia Brem, Michele Aguilera
Eucharistic Ministers: Alice G., Mary C. alt. - Janie Aguilera
Altar Servers: Natalia & Damien
Gift Bearers: Alex Aguilera Family
Accountants: Alice Galvan

Mar 25th – 4pm Rosary: Matt Belden, Announcer: Jerry Engler,
Reader: Dorothy Carter
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeri Rohmfeld, Billie Schaefer
Altar Servers: Reagan & Trent
Gift Bearers: Roy Niehues family
Accountants: J.C. Gore

Mar 26th - 8:45am Rosary: Cheryl Hoelscher, Announcer: Alvin
Niehues
Reader: Tom Studer, Jody Helms
Eucharistic Ministers: Dot Hoelscher, Brenda Workman
Altar Servers: Jillian & Cooper
Gift Bearers: Gary Jacob Family
Accountants: Fallen

Mar 26th – 11:15am Rosary: Jovita Galicia, Announcer: Harvey
Esquivel
Reader: Lupe Juarez, Michelle Aguilera
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary C., Jovita G, alt.- Lupe Juarez
Altar Servers: Claudia & Olivia
Gift Bearers: Ernest Cavazos Family
Accountants: Michelle Aguilera

**Cleaning Angels: Lupe Juarez, Patricia Garcia, Debra Prendez,
Patricia Brem, Henrietta Luera, Patricia Rangel, Elizabeth Rangel
March 25: Confirmation Class.**

Prayer is important in our daily life and we are called upon to pray for others, especially those who are sick. If you would like someone prayed for or information about someone being hospitalized, please send your name and email address to the parish email address. ballinger@sanangelodiocese.org.

We have seven people studying in our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) program and seeking to join the Catholic Church. They are Teresa Armendariz, Hailey Binder, Doris Coffey, Christine Hoelscher, Elke Hughes, Heather Stapper and Whitney Worthington.

March 19 RCIA candidates will profess the faith with the congregation. All candidates please attend the 8:45am service.

April 9th RCIA candidates will profess the Lord's Prayer with the congregation. All candidates please attend the 8:45am service.

***Seminarian of the month* is: *Kevin Lenius*. If you would like to write or send a card to *Kevin* the address is:**

St. Mary's Seminary
9845 Memorial Dr.
Houston, TX 77024-3498

MASS INTENTIONS

The church considers “the Mass” the greatest possible prayer of intercessions especially on Birthday, Death and Wedding Anniversary .We would be honored to remember your intentions through our Spiritual Mass celebrations. Kindly drop your Mass intentions at the office, or put them in the collection plate.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar	18	4:00pm	In memory of Jessica Saucedo by Rose Mueller, Joseph & Rita Busenlehner
Mar	19	8:45am	Vicki Goetz by Edwin and Eldoris Zly
Mar	19	11:15am	In memory of Robert Garcia, Jr. by Juanita Garcia, In memory of Hope Martinez by Juanita Martinez
Mar	20	7:30am	In memory of Jessica Saucedo by Rose Mueller
Mar	21	7:30am	In celebration of Edwin Zly birthday by Eldoris Zly & family In memory of Shirley Tucker by Juanita Tucker
Mar	22	7:30am	In memory of Margie Jacob by Wanda Gully, In memory of Jessica Saucedo by Rose Mueller
Mar	23	7:30am	In memory of Jessica Saucedo by Rose Mueller
Mar	24	7:30am	In memory of Shirley Tucker by Juanita Tucker
Mar	25	4:00pm	In memory of Hope Martinez by Juanita Garcia, In memory of Jessica Saucedo by Rose Mueller
Mar	26	8:45am	In memory of Weida Larremore by Juanita Tucker
Mar	27	7:30am	In memory of Margie Jacob by Wanda Gully
Mar	28	7:30am	In memory of Shirley Tucker by Juanita Tucker
Mar	29	7:30am	In memory of Margie Jacob by Wanda Gully
Mar	30	7:30am	In memory of Margie Jacob by Wanda Gully
Mar	31	7:30 am	In memory of Shirley Tucker by Juanita Tucker

St. Mary will be sponsoring a Mission Retreat April 2 – 4, 2017.

Fr. Blaise Czaja, C.P., will be leading the retreat. During the course of the Mission, Jesus will be moving, touching lives, healing and blessing people. This is the reason for the Mission, that people hear the Good News and come to know God in a more deeply intimate and personal way. We can believe and expect great things to happen in our Parish.

Sunday , April 2nd 5:00pm Talk in Bronte

Monday, April 3rd 7:00am Mass

6:00pm Talk

6:45pm Confessions

Tuesday, April 4th 7:00am Mass

6:00pm Talk

Appreciation collection for Fr. Blaise after each evening talk.

Lenten Activities

During the Fridays of Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 6pm in the Church. Also, during the Fridays of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 11:30am, except for the first Friday.

Saturday, April 1, will be the general parish cleanup day. All parishioners are requested to come and help do some spring cleaning and get ready for Easter Sunday. We will start at 9:00am.

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor 40 cans for 40 days to support our local food pantry.

Wednesday April 12 we will have the Seder Meal to remember the Passover. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Lenten Lunches

- March 22 - Glory Road Church & Presbyterian Church
@ First Presbyterian Church
- March 29 - 7th Street Baptist Church
- April 5 - St. Mary Catholic Church
- April 12 - Jesus Christ Church & Kingdom Stream (at Kingdom Stream)

ST. MARY'S SOCIETIES, ORGANIZATIONS & EVENTS

Stations of the Cross Schedule – 6:00pm

March 24 - KOC

March 31 - Altar Society

April 7 – CCD Teachers

Home Mass Schedule

March 23rd, 2017 – Michelle Aguilera, Ballinger

March 30th, 2017 – Judy Frey, River Road

The Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe meets on the first Monday of each month after 6pm Mass, members will attend mass before the meeting. The next meeting will be 3 April. All members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcome.

Adult Bible Study meets on Tuesday evenings at 6 PM in the parlor. Also weekend readings studied at 1:30PM in the Parlor. All are invited to join.

Building up God's Kingdom: Come join a labor of love, beading rosaries, one prayer at a time. Thursdays in the Parlor at 1:30pm.

Eucharist Minister and Lector training will be held March 21 at 6:00pm.

The **Altar Society** meets on the third Monday of the month at 5:15pm in St. Hubert's Hall, next meeting will be the 20th of March. They support the various liturgies with their time and talent. For more information contact Brenda Workman.

Come join us for **scripture study** of the Sunday Gospel, Bilingual Readings with Fr. Yesu in the parlor, on Tuesday's at 1:30PM.

The Knights of Columbus meet on the third Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center Hall at 7PM.

The HORIZONS Group meets every other Wednesday in the Parlor of St. Mary Parish Center after 6pm Mass. The group will attend mass before the meeting.

Directory Updates –Please help us update our parish directory and be better organized for 2017. Forms for parishioners and new members can be found in the back of church. Please return your family information to the church office.

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.

Baptismal Class will be held every second Friday of the month at 6:00pm in the parlor. The next class will be May 12, 2017. Please contact the church office for information.

Light Weigh One King is now meeting at St. Mary. Light Weigh One King is a 12 week Bible Study – DVD program designed to help members grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and increased health through weight-loss and healthy eating. Let Our Lord and King help you break free from anything keeping you chained! Contact Fran Havlak 432-349-6852.

Alanon Meeting

Meet at the 1st United Methodist Church Wednesdays 7PM. Use the Ave A and 7th St. entrance. 325-365-2323

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.

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

The Franciscan Resource Center is located at 133 W. Concho, Suite 108 in San Angelo, offers spiritual direction and guidance for those wanting to walk more closely with God. Contact them at 325-651-2403 or frcsanangelo@gmail.com

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. Please also inform St. Mary._

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Olfen St. Boniface Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters are hosting a BBQ chicken sale Sunday March 19th at the Parish Hall. Homemade potato salad and beans will also be sold. Whole chickens are \$8, pint of potato salad \$4 and pint of beans \$2. Please pre-order by calling Marty Frey at 365-6618 or David Rohmfeld 442-3331. Drive through pick up is at 11:00 until 12:30.

Next weekend we take a second collection for Catholic Relief Services.

Fr. Yesu will be assisting with many Penance Services in the evenings during Lent. All weekday Masses at St. Mary Catholic Church will be in the mornings at 7:30 AM until Palm Sunday. Please note this change.

Paula Fischer is our new parish secretary. Her hours will be Monday thru Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1PM to 3PM. On Fridays Paula's hours are 9:00 AM to Noon. Stop by and welcome Paula to her new position.

During the Fridays of Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 6PM in the Church. During the Fridays of Lent, there will also be Stations of the Cross at the Cross at 11:30AM, except for the first Friday of the month.

Monday March 20, the Altar Society meets in St. Hubert Hall at 5:15PM

Tuesday March 21 is Eucharistic Minister and Lector training at 6 PM in the Church. These ministries are especially good for husband and wife to share, and serve God together.

St. Mary Star of the Sea will be conducting a Lenten Spiritual Pilgrimage for its parishioners to the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle, San Juan, Texas, on March 25 and 26, 2017.

April 14th 2017 Baptismal class has been cancelled due to "Good Friday"