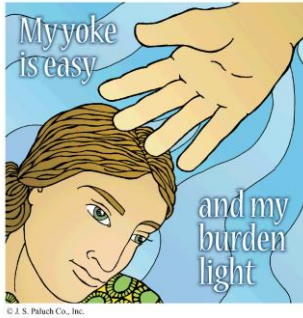


## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**The Humble** This month, we in the United States celebrate our Independence Day. Perhaps during the celebration one may hear all or part of the poem inscribed on the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free ... Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me ..." Interestingly, these words echo those of Jesus in today's Gospel. Both speak of welcoming the humble.

### Comment

People of Jesus' day expected to see leaders as a notch or two above the common folk. They were accustomed to thinking of military leaders as people who wore stately uniforms with jewels and medals of precious value, rode the best horses, and drove the shiniest chariots. But Jesus, known for his use of opposites in order to convey a message, denied the norm and rode the colt of a donkey. This move pointed to the peacefulness of the kingdom he promised to rule. Throughout time, it has been hard for people to understand a different view from the norm, but eventually we will come to know that the reign Jesus promises is nothing like what we've experienced on earth.

It is difficult for people to shift their thinking. It's especially tough for those who know too much—those who have been educated in a belief system filled with rules, idiosyncracies, and misconceptions. Brainwashed and stubborn, set in their ways, there were people of Jesus' time who refused to reshape their thinking. They were not open to any news of a kingdom they could not understand. Their closed-mindedness caused the truth to be hidden from them.

On the other hand, Jesus tells of those who, like a child, have not learned so much. Their minds are open and able to be shaped by the truth. It is these people who accept Jesus' teachings. They are open and welcoming enough to understand the good news.

Paul tells us more about that kingdom. Even though it remains a mystery to us, it is clear that we must die first in order to live with Christ in his kingdom. The death we must undergo is a death that will relieve us of our burdens and labor-filled lives.

Jesus himself promises us rest from those burdens. Further along in today's Gospel, Jesus tells us his yoke is easy and his burden light.

## Reflection

Sometimes it seems that the more material possessions we have the more we are a slave to them. Think of your car. If it's an old beater, it takes just enough maintenance to keep it running. It requires minimal insurance, not much soap and polish, and theft protection is unnecessary. But, if you just purchased a car that cost more than your first house, you can bet it will be in a garage, insured extensively, equipped with anti-theft devices, and cleaned and polished often. Easier than any of this would be to ride a horse ... or a donkey colt.

Zechariah shows us that the king will come victoriously in peace riding humbly on a donkey colt. He has no need to flaunt his greatness. As a matter of fact, this king will do away with all that the world has come to know as greatness. He will do away with chariots and war horses.

So what does it mean for us to serve this king? He demands one thing of us: love. We must love God, our neighbors, and our enemies. This is not a crushingly heavy load for those with humble hearts. Jesus gives us a yoke of constraint, but also gives us the grace to carry it. We are never alone with the burden of Jesus.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday:    | Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22;<br>Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26         |
| Tuesday:   | Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10;<br>Mt 9:32-38               |
| Wednesday: | Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7                 |
| Thursday:  | Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16;<br>Mt 10:7-15      |
| Friday:    | Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17;<br>Mt 10:16-23     |
| Saturday:  | Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33                        |
| Sunday:    | Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23;<br>Mt 13:1-23 [1-9] |

**Honduran Partnership Collection** A special collection for the benefit of the Honduran dioceses of La Ceiba and San Pedro Sula will be taken up at parishes in the Diocese of San Angelo July 11-12, 2026. This year the partnership (*Hermanamiento*) among the dioceses of La Ceiba, San Pedro Sula, Tyler, and San Angelo celebrates its 25th anniversary. Our donations to this collection will assist the Honduran dioceses and parishes to promote evangelization, provide basic education, and extend assistance to the disadvantaged of the community. Our special collection is divided between the two Honduran dioceses. In those situations in which parishes from the Diocese of San Angelo are partnered directly with parishes in Honduras, what is collected benefits the partner parish directly. In addition, our diocese will send our second medical mission, San Rafael Expedition, to the La Ceiba Diocese in July. Thank you in advance for your generosity. May God reward you.

He shall proclaim  
peace  
to the nations



**Saturday, July 4th -**

**5:00-IHM** – Guadalupanas living and deceased; +Ruben Gutierrez; +Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez  
**7:00PM** - Por la Gente de Nolan County

**Sunday, July 5th -**

**8:00AM** – IHM +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira y en acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Rosa Galvan; +Christopher Cardoza; +Margarito & Carlotta Gomez

**11:00AM** – IHM – +Manuel & Cuquita Heredia; +Jaime Montealvo;

In thanksgiving for Gabriel Hernandez's birthday

**Monday, July 6th, 6:00PM-IHM "St. Maria Goretti"**

For the Young People of Nolan County

**Tuesday, July 7th 9:00AM-HF**

+Estela Perez Gomez

**Wednesday, July 8th 6:00PM - IHM**

+Camilo Martinez and deceased members of his family

**Thursday, July 9th 9:00AM-HF**

+Jose Cruces

**Friday, July 10th 9:00AM – HF**

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**Saturday, July 11th -**

**5:00-IHM** – +Belinda Gomez, Tomas and Guadalupe Morales; +Alma and Frances Solano; +Daniel Grimaldo

**Sunday, July 12th –**

**8:00AM** – IHM +Sarah Gomez, Eulalio y Sarita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarrette; +Christopher Cardoza; +Rodrigo DeLoera y difuntos de su familia

**11:00AM** – IHM – For the People of Nolan County

**Colección de la Asociación Hondureña** Se realizará una colecta especial en beneficio de las diócesis hondureñas de La Ceiba y San Pedro Sula en las parroquias de la Diócesis de San Ángelo los días 18 y 19 de julio de 2026. Este año, el Hermanamiento entre las diócesis de La Ceiba, San Pedro Sula, Tyler, y San Ángelo celebra su 25º aniversario. Nuestras donaciones a esta colecta ayudarán a las diócesis y parroquias hondureñas a promover la evangelización, proveer educación básica, y ofrecer asistencia a las personas más necesitadas de la comunidad. La colecta especial se divide entre las dos diócesis hondureñas. En los casos en que las parroquias de la Diócesis de San Ángelo colaboren directamente con parroquias en Honduras, lo recaudado beneficia directamente a la parroquia asociada. Además, nuestra diócesis enviará nuestra segunda misión médica, la Expedición San Rafael, a la Diócesis de La Ceiba en julio. Gracias de antemano por su generosidad. Que Dios le recompense.

**FEAST DAY** of **St. Maria Goretti** is Monday, July 6th, Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm at Immaculate Heart.

**\*PLEASE NOTE** the back page of this bulletin for the "Community Prayer for Rain"

**WEDNESDAY** – Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:00pm @IHM. Fr. Josh will be in the church after the Mass. If you need to go to confession, please let him know. He will hear confessions until 8:00pm.

**ULTREYA MEETINGS**

Sunday, July 5th - 6:00pm (*English*)

Monday, July 6th - 7:00pm (*Spanish*)

at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit

<http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

**RAFFLE TICKETS** "2026 Jamaica" - We are still handing them out after all weekend Masses. Don't forget to get yours!

**Celebrate the Baby by Helping Babies!**

The parish will be collecting baby items during the month of July to donate to the Women's Pregnancy Crisis Center.

► **BABY DONATIONS to include:**

Diapers – Sizes 4-6, Wipes,

New or gently used Baby Clothes, preferably 12 months and up,

Baby Lotions, and Baby Shampoo.

You can bring your donations to any of the Masses.

¡**Celebra al Bebé ayudando a los bebés!**

La parroquia estará recolectando artículos para bebés durante el mes de julio para donarlos al Centro de Crisis de Embarazo de Mujeres.

► **DONACIONES PARA BEBÉS para incluir:**

Pañales - Tallas 4-6, Toallitas húmedas,

Ropa de bebé nueva o poco usada,

preferiblemente de 12 meses en adelante,

Lociones para bebés y Champú para bebés.

Puedes llevar tus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas.

**Holy Spirit VBS 2026**

**"Fruits of the Spirit"**

July 20 - 24 Incoming 1st-6th grade

Monday – "Pool Party"

6 – 9 PM @ Sweetwater City Pool

**Tuesday - Friday VBS**

**6 – 8 PM @IHM Hall**

June 27/28, 2026 COLLECTION DATA

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| ENVELOPES/CHECKS..... | \$4,069.00 |
| LOOSE PLATE.....      | 1,491.21   |
| Holy Father.....      | 1,087.00   |
| TOTAL COLLECTION..... | \$6,647.21 |

*Thank you for your generosity*

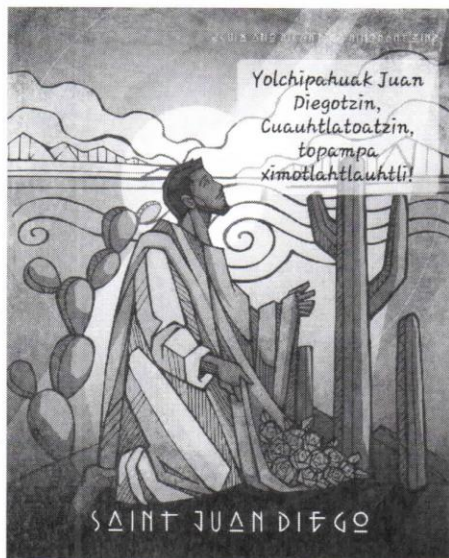
**HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE**

July 11 – Cursillistas

July 18 – Finance

## **Community Prayer for Rain**

The tradition of novenas comes from the nine days the Apostles and the Virgin Mary prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit between Christ's Ascension and Pentecost.



The following prayer may be prayed for nine days in a row with the intercession of St. Juan Diego for rain and for the local crops.

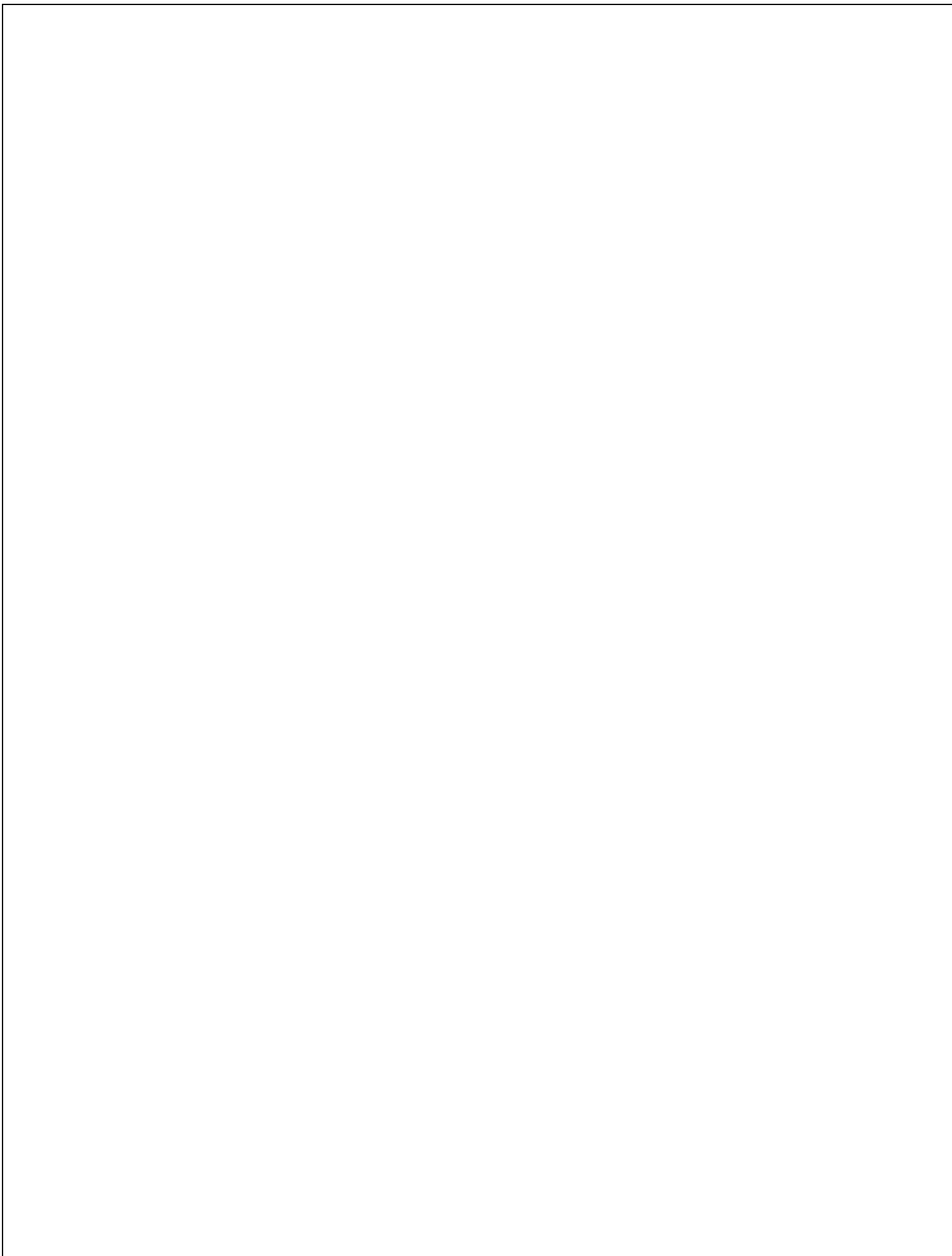
St. Juan Diego, humble messenger and confidant of the Most Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, you who walked through arid lands and blossomed in faith beneath her maternal mantle. You know the value of labor, of the earth, and of the need for daily sustenance, I ask you to intercede before the Creator, Lord of heaven and earth, He For Whom We Live, that He may pour down upon our fields the sorely needed rain. Just as you brought the sign of the roses in the depths of winter, help, through your prayers, to bring the dew of heaven upon our thirsty lands today. Calm our affliction and teach us to trust in the love of God, so that the earth may turn green as jade again and yield fruit for all. May the rain be a sign of God's grace that will cause the flowers of truth and virtue to blossom within our hearts. St. Juan Diego, Talking Eagle, pray for us, and together with Our Lady present our urgent plea before God. Amen.

## **Oración Comunitaria por la lluvia**

La tradición de las novenas proviene de los nueve días en que los Apóstoles y la Virgen María oraron por la venida del Espíritu Santo, entre la Ascensión de Cristo y Pentecostés.

La siguiente oración puede rezarse durante nueve días consecutivos, con la intercesión de San Juan Diego, para pedir lluvia y por las cosechas locales.

San Juan Diego, humilde mensajero y confidente de la Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe, tú que caminaste por tierras áridas y floreciste en la fe bajo su manto maternal. Tú conoces el valor del trabajo, la tierra, y la necesidad del sustento diario, te pido que intercedas ante el Creador, Señor del cielo y de la tierra, Aquel Por Quien Se Vive, para que derrame sobre nuestros campos la lluvia tan necesaria. Así como trajiste el mensaje de las rosas en pleno invierno, con tus oraciones ayuda traer hoy el rocío del cielo sobre nuestras tierras sedientas. Calma nuestra aflicción y enséñanos a confiar en el amor de Dios para que la tierra reverdezca como el jade y dé frutos para todos. Que la lluvia sea signo de la gracia de Dios que hará brotar en nuestros corazones las flores de la verdad y la virtud. San Juan Diego, Águila Que Habla, ruega por nosotros y junto con Nuestra Señora presenta nuestra urgente suplica ante Dios. Amén.





With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God,  
the Diocesan Church of San Angelo  
joyfully announces the

## 40th Anniversary Mass

of Priestly Ordination of

**Bishop Michael J. Sis**

Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Cathedral  
20 E. Beauregard Ave., San Angelo, TX 76903

All are invited.

Reception to follow in the Cathedral gymnasium.  
No gifts please.

Donations are welcome in support of the Seminary Burse  
for the Diocese of San Angelo at the following link:

