

# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Second Saturday: 9 am-12 pm

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2024

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## SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

WEEKDAY LITURGY:  
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION:  
Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
or by appointment

*"I will be with you always,  
even to the end of  
the world." Mt 28:20*



He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.  
Mark 1:34

Jesús sanó a muchos enfermos con dolencias de toda clase y expulsó muchos demonios; pero no los dejaba hablar, pues sabían quién era.  
Marcos 1:34

**5**  
ORDINARY  
TIME

**Mass Intentions for  
February 3– February 11**

**Saturday, February 3-  
Weekday  
(1Kgs 3:4-13, Mk 6:30-34)**  
10:00 am First Saturday Mass

4:30 pm Mass For The People

**Sunday, February 4-  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Jb 7:1-4,6-7, 1Cor 9:16-19,22-23, Mk 1:29-39)**  
8:00 am

10:00 am + Rachel Villalobos  
+ Lilly Caldwell  
+ James Onick

12:00 pm + Raul Catalon  
+ Alfredo Trabulsi  
+ Luz Acosta

**Monday, February 5 -  
St Agatha  
(1Kgs 8:1-7,9-13, Mk 6:53-56)**  
9:00 am SI Esther Escobar  
SI Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, February 6-  
St Paul Miki and Companions  
(1Kgs 8:22-23,27-30, Mk 7:1-13)**  
9:00 am + Carmen Escandon Franco  
+ Armando & Oralia Martinez

**Wednesday, February 7-  
Weekday  
(1Kgs 10:1-10, Mk 7:14-23)**  
9:00 am SI Alex Alanis  
SI Theresa Alanis  
SI Ben Alanis

**Thursday, February 8-  
Weekday  
(1Kgs 11:4-13, Mk 7:24-30)**  
9:00 am + Luis Baeza  
+ Gloria L Chavez  
SI John Fuhrman

**Friday, February 9-  
Weekday  
(1Kgs 11:29-32,12:19, Mk 7:31-37)**  
9:00 am + Felipe Hernandez  
+ Liam Cooney  
+ Rosa Delia Montes

**Saturday, February 10-  
St Scholastica  
(1Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34,  
Mk 8:1-10)**  
4:30 pm + Sonia Hemley  
+ Julio Acevedo Jr  
+ Marsela Lara

**Sunday, February 11-  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Lv 13:1-2,44-46, 1Cor 10:31-11:1,  
Mk 1:40-45)**  
8:00 am + Agosto Aruno  
+ Carlos Escobar

10:00 Mass For The People

12:00 pm

**CALENDAR AND EVENTS  
FEBRUARY 4 - FEBRUARY 10**

**Sunday, February 4**  
11:30 am-1pm RCIA/ RCIC Conf Rm/ Bldg G  
11:30 am-1 pm Confirmation Bldg J/School

**Monday, February 5**  
10 am-12 pm Legion of Mary Cottage  
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Ctyd/ Bldg G

**Tuesday, February 6**  
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Cottage/Ctyd/ Bldg G  
5:30-6:30 pm Pietra Fitness Bldg J  
6:30-7:30 pm Women's Rosary Parish Hal

**Wednesday, February 7**  
9:30-11:30 Mas Deus Sacred Heart Rm  
5:30-6:45 pm Faith Formation Bldg G  
6-8 pm Yarn for Love Parish Hall  
6-7 pm Youth Group Bldg J  
6:30-8:30 pm Bible Study Conf Rm  
6:30-7:30 pm Spanish Rosary Sacred Heart Rm  
7-9 pm TMIY Bldg J

**Thursday, February 8**  
7:45-8:45 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J  
10 am-12 pm Bible Study Conf Rm  
5-8 pm Social Justice Parish Hall  
6-8 pm Baptism Class Conf Rm

**Friday, February 9**  
10 am– 5 pm Adoration Church

**Saturday, January 10**  
8:30-9:30 am Pietra Fitness Parish Hall  
8:30-10:30 am SVDP Conf Rm  
2-3 pm Confession Church

**Please inform the  
office of any changes  
to the calendar by  
Monday of each  
week. Room requests  
are required for all  
activities. Available  
online or in the office.  
Thank you.**

**Stewardship**

**February 4, 2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"  
- Mark 1:35, 38*

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

**4 de febrero de 2024  
5<sup>o</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

*"De madrugada, antes del amanecer, Jesús se levantó y, saliendo de la ciudad, se dirigió a un lugar apartado a orar...Vayamos a otra parte, a las aldeas cercanas, para proclamar también allí el mensaje, pues para eso he venido". - Marcos 1:35, 38*

En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy vemos un perfecto ejemplo de corresponsabilidad. Jesús da Su tiempo para hacer todo lo que Dios desea - sanar a los enfermos y predicar, pero antes de comenzar, Jesús toma tiempo para estar solo con Dios en oración. Es a través de la oración, pasando tiempo con Dios, que nos serán dadas las gracias que necesitamos para hacer lo que Él desea que nosotros hagamos. Rezar antes de actuar es un gran hábito que debemos desarrollar.

**Other Information:**

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday at 9 am  
Daily Rosary : Monday-Friday at 8:15 am in the Daily Chapel

**Upcoming Envelope Schedule**

February 4: 1st Sunday  
February 11: Capital Campaign

**Adoration**

10 am to 5 pm every Friday.  
On the first Friday of the month, Adoration will be 24 hours.  
10 am Friday to 9 am Saturday

**Help Line for St Vincent De Paul**

915-603-5962

**First Saturday Devotion**

Rosary at 9:30 am

Mass at 10 am

**Divine Mercy**

Third Monday at 3:00 pm

**Baptism Information**

Baptism Classes are the second Thursday of every month

6 pm– English, 7 pm– Spanish

Baptisms are the third Saturday of every month

10 am– English, 11 am– Spanish

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**February 4, 2024**

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

**Job** 7:1-4,6-7  
**1 Corinthians** 9:16-19,22-23  
**Mark** 1:29-39

### Why Is There Evil?

At some point in one's faith journey, every believer asks: If God is good and loving, why is there evil in the world? Why is there war? Why do children die prematurely? Why do pandemics rage? The biblical story of Job seeks to speak to that question, though it never really answers it.

God and the satan (the name he is called in the Book of Job) are discussing Job and what a fine man he is. The satan suggests Job is a good man only because everything is going well for him. God then tells the satan that he may do whatever he wishes to test Job but may not harm him. By a series of catastrophes, then, Job loses his flocks, his camels, and even his sons and daughters. It is at this point that we hear today's first Scripture reading- Job's lament of misery and hopelessness.

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*-Fr Joseph Juknialis*

**4 de febrero de 2024**

*Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (B)*

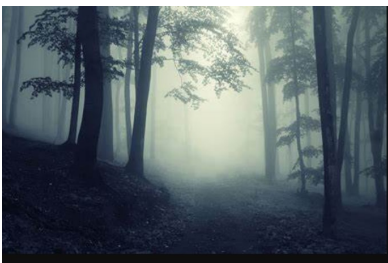
**Job** 7:1-4,6-7  
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**Marcos** 1:29-39

En algún momento del camino de fe, todo creyente se pregunta: Si Dios es bueno y amoroso, ¿por qué hay mal en el mundo? ¿Por qué hay guerras? ¿Por qué mueren niños prematuramente? ¿Por qué hacen estragos las pandemias? La historia bíblica de Job intenta hablar de esa pregunta, aunque nunca llega a responderla realmente.

Dios y el satán (nombre que recibe en el Libro de Job) discuten sobre Job y sobre lo bueno que el hombre que es. El satán sugiere que Job es un buen hombre sólo porque todo le va bien. Dios le dice entonces a satán que puede hacer lo que quiera para poner a prueba a Job, pero que no puede hacerle daño. Por una serie de catástrofes, Job pierde sus rebaños, sus camellos e incluso a sus hijos e hijas. Es en este momento cuando escuchamos la primera lectura bíblica de hoy: el lamento de miseria y desesperanza de Job.

Aunque los amigos de Job sospechan que la causa de todo lo que le ha ocurrido debe deberse a algún pecado grave por su parte, Job niega esta acusación y sigue creyendo en la bondad de Dios, sin vacilar nunca en su fe. Aunque frustrado por lo que le ha deparado la vida, Job nunca culpa a Dios ni le pide que arregle su vida. Dios es Dios, concluye Job, entendamos o no los caminos de la vida. Buscar más es buscar ser Dios. Sigue confiando en Dios y admite que los caminos de Dios son incapaces de ser comprendidos. Ésta se convierte en la única respuesta de Job a la pregunta sobre el "por qué" del mal.

*-Padre Joseph Juknialis*



They brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons.  
Mark 1:32b

### New Bible Class- All Are Welcome

A new study, entitled, "The Holy Spirit in the Bible" will begin on **Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm** and also **Thursday, January 18 at 10 am.**

Class will be held in the conference room.

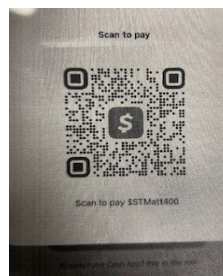
Join us as we travel through the Bible from Creation to the writings of St Paul to learn about the role and actions of the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit is alive in our present daily lives.

**Join class at any time**  
**Cost of the book is \$15.**

All Contributions can be made in several ways:

Online at: [www.osvhub.com/stmatthewep/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/stmatthewep/funds)

Or use the QR code below :



Cash App at \$StMatt400

**You can always donate with your envelopes at mass or in the office as well.**



Remember those who have asked for our prayers. May God grant them healing:

Marsha Gannon, C. Alice Ihde, Naya Gurrola, Lorenzo Ortega, David Gutierrez, Salvador Hernandez, Henry Ragsdale, Mary Villareal, Doris Montes, Martha Alarcon, John Rudloff, Ralph Montes, Stefanie Rudloff, Joya Wright, Perch Valdez, Bobby Nunez, Gloria Telles Hernandez, Michael Vela, Christina Ramos, James Gillis, Emilio Lopez, Mary Lou Rede, Nicholas Rede, Sandra Martinez, Edward Wells, Bianca Falvey, Jackie Fritz, Gary Rapp, Karleigh Fuhrman, Sofie Marie Crowe, James Lee Jamison, Mike Bogdan, Beatriz Gonzalez, Angel Baker, Carmen Moreno, Marisol Moreno, Arturo Huerta, Guadalupe Delgado, Lilly Grado, Jose Castillo, Edmundo Silva, Susie Salinas, Carlos Spector, Willie Toscano, Bertha Garcia, Cruz and Carmen Ito, Margarita Payan, Ricardo Ramos, Lilly Grato, Miriam Skelton, Erica Torres, Ryan Salisbury, Lonnie Villarreal, Ernesto Ontiveros III, Avery Balsiger Coats, Kellan Coats, Terry Pallanes.

**Please call the office at the first of each month if you would like to continue to keep these names on the list.**

### Prayers of the Faithful

That - just as Jesus rose early to pray - we, too, may find time in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from Him.

Que, así como Jesús se levantó temprano para orar, nosotros también podemos encontrar el tiempo en nuestro día para estar con Dios y recibir de Él fortaleza y sustento.

### A Word From Pope Francis:

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true

Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

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ROME

FEBRUARY 8, 2015



### Faithful Fitness

Pietra Fitness— classes for women  
Ages 14 and up

**Tuesday:**

5:30-6:30 pm: Gentle (women's class)

Thursday: 7:45-8:45 am

Intermediate/ Advanced (women's class)

Saturday: 8:30-9:30 am

Gentle/ Intermediate (women's class)

To register, please contact

Christy Balsiger at (915) 525-5384

Or at hcbalsiger1@aol.com

### Tithes and Offerings

Offerings collected for January 28, 2024:

**\$7,820.60**

Capital Campaign posted once a month.

If you or a loved one are facing a difficult challenge in your life due to a serious illness or circumstance, the **Yarn for Love** Ministry would love to offer you a Prayer Shawl or lap Afghan, to remind you that you are not alone. Please contact the office at 915-584-3461 for further information.

*Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear: I am with you; do not be afraid: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.*

### Legion of Mary Monday 10am-12 pm

You are invited to come and join us, and put your best effort in developing your own spiritual life, by furthering the cause of Christ and His Blessed Mother. A very worthwhile investment.

If you are an Auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary and have not been recently contacted, please leave your contact information with the office so we can update the roster. Thank you.

We will be praying the rosary at 8:15 am, Monday– Friday in the Daily Chapel. Please join us.

### Men's Breakfast Saturday morning

7:30-8:30 am– Yvonne's Cantina

All are welcome. Join us for Fellowship, Prayer and Faith Formation.

Call or text Karl Kimball at 915-539-0006 for details.

### For Reflection

How do you answer the question of why evil exists?

### Quinceanera Preparation Classes

If you are interested in having a quinceanera here at St. Matthew, please contact the office at least 6 months in advance. We have a committee to prepare you and your family—we cannot wait to meet you!



### UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS – PLEASE JOIN US

**Saturday, Feb. 24** ACTS Community Gathering-8 a.m. potluck breakfast  
**Saturday, May 4** ACTS Community gathering-8 a.m. potluck breakfast

**Thursday, June 20-**  
**Sunday, June 23** **Women's English ACTS retreat**

**Thursday, Aug. 1-**  
**Sunday, Aug. 4** **Men's English ACTS Retreat**

**Saturday, Aug. 17** ACTS Community gathering-8 a.m. potluck breakfast

**Saturday, Nov. 16** ACTS Community gathering-8 a.m. potluck breakfast

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Knights are Back!!**  
 On the 3rd weekend each month  
 the Knights of Columbus  
 will be selling  
 empanadas .  
 Menudo sales will begin in November!  
 Meetings: 2nd Monday at 7 pm- 3rd degree  
 3rd Monday at 7 pm- 4th degree

**St Matthew Parish Ministries  
 And Ministry Heads**

Adoration	Bob and Joyce Kautz	584-8782
Altar Servers		office
Baptism Class		office
Bereavement	Luis and Wilma Santos	office
Bible Study-		
Tues am English	Christy Balsiger	office
Thur am Spanish	Margarita Aguilar	office
Wed pm English	John Cooney	479-4700
Thur am English	John Cooney	479-4700
Choir Leaders-		
Michelle Kessler	Saturday at 4:30 pm	
Adrian Zamora	Sunday at 8:00 am	
Wade Daw	Sunday at 10:00am	
Marisela Quesada	Sunday at noon	
Divine Mercy	Olivia Roeckl	office
Evangelizacion		office
Extraordinary Ministers	Silvia Ortega	office
Homebound		office
Knights of Columbus	Jesus Perez	office
Lectors	Laura Cruz-Acosta	office
Legion of Mary	Rosario Rubio	office
MASDeus	Jazmin Rodriguez	office
Hospitality	Bob Kautz	584-8782
Yarn for Love	Marie Nicholas	office
Prayer Chain	C.C. Ayoub	373-1289
Arts and Environment	Alice Valles, Terry Acosta -Ponce, Ana Cooper	office
Safety and Security		office
Social Justice	Becky Escobar	252-2701
St Vincent De Paul	Dorothy Schatzman, Letty Carrasco	581-3482/ office
SVDP at St Matthew Food Pantry	Dorothy Schatzman, Terri Cullen Cordova	204-5120/ office
That Man Is You	Felipe Gonzalez	575-496-7445
Wedding Preparation		office
Women at the Well		office

womenatthewellconference@gmail.com  
 Office number: 584-3461

Corporate Board: President: Fr Frank Lopez  
 Parish Pastoral Council: Dorothy Schatzman

worldwide marriage encounter  
 We can **HEARTLY** wait for you to fall in love  
 Come join us for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.  
 February 16 - 18 at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham  
 6789 Boeving Drive El Paso, TX, 79925  
 APPLY at: www.elpasowwwmexicowwme.org  
 For questions please contact: Joe & Erika Castro 915-249-5508



**St. Vincent de Paul at  
 St. Matthew Food Pantry**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Matthew Conference (SVDP) is partnering with the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank to provide the **St. Vincent de Paul at St. Matthew Food Pantry.**

Food distribution will be from 9-11 am on the following days:

- First Quarter of 2024:
- February 5, February 19
- March 4, March 18

For more information call Terri Cullen, (915) 204-5120, or the Parish Office.

*Dia Mundial del Matrimonio*  
 World Marriage Day  
 Celebration Mass / Misa de Celebracion  
 11 February 2024  
 3:00 PM  
 St. Patrick Cathedral  
 1118 North Mesa Street  
 Registration / Registracion  
<https://www.elpasodiocese.org/world-marriage-day.html>



This leadership program is based on Scripture and Catholic faith.  
 Spring session begins January 17, 2024.  
 Join us Wednesdays at 7 pm in Building J.  
 Contact Felipe Gonzalez at 575-496-7445 or the office with any questions.

**First Tuesday Women's Rosary Group**  
 The Women's Rosary Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All women who want to join us are welcome.

**PREPARING FOR LENT**  
 LORD, JESUS. As the Holy Season of Lent draws near, I come to you for help. There are so many more things I need to know and even more that I need to understand.  
 Cleanse my heart as you wash away my sins with Your Holy and Precious Blood that You shed for me on the Cross.  
 Send Your Holy Spirit upon me to open my mind and my understanding so that I can begin to grasp the magnificence of Your Love for me. Amen.

