

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

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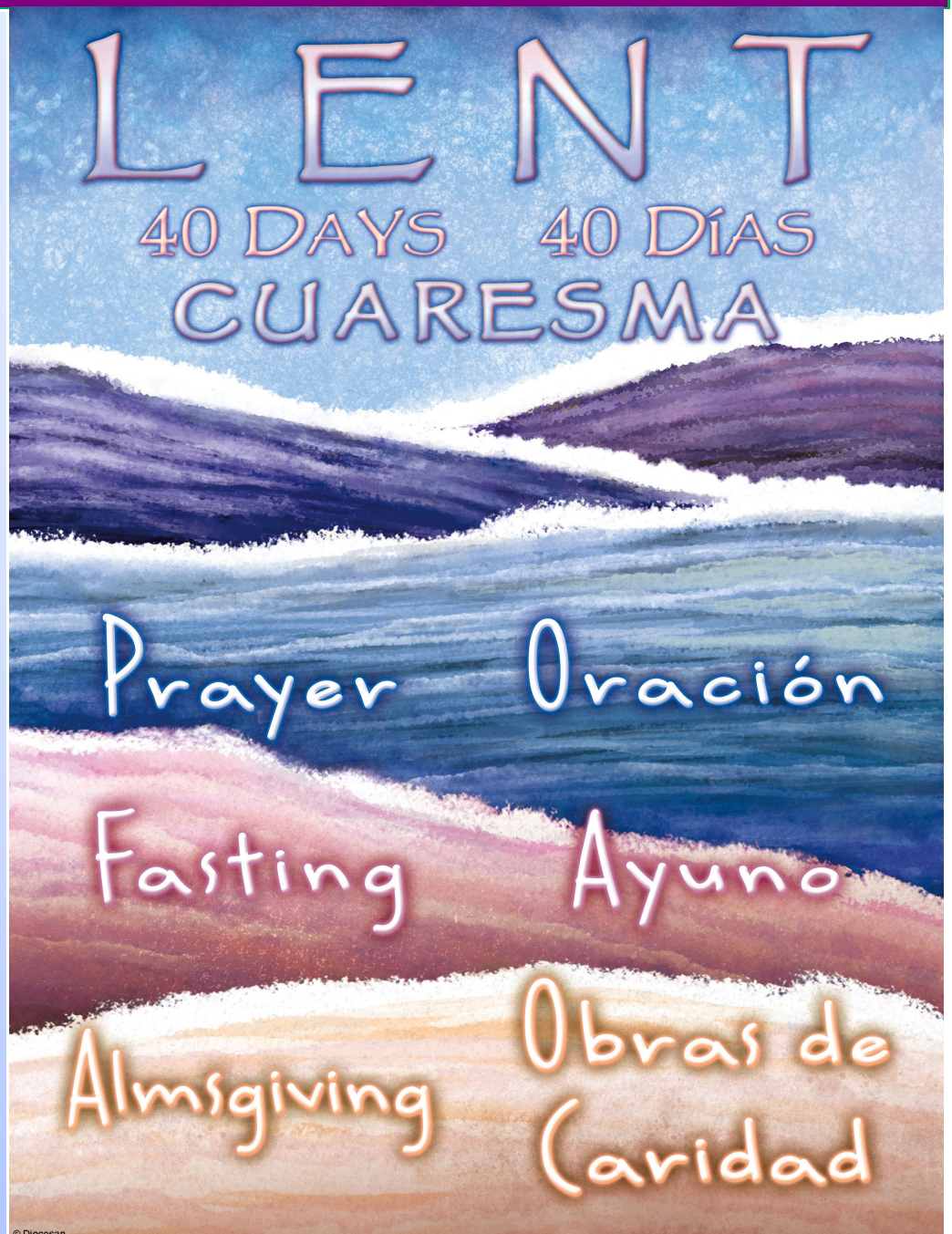
SUNDAY LITURGY

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*



**Mass Intentions for
February 17– February 25**

**Saturday, February 17-
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
(Is 58:9b-14, Lk 5:27-32)**

4:30 pm + Mary Ann Syson
+ Cruz Covarrubio
SI Socorro Rodriguez
80th Birthday Blessing

**Sunday, February 18-
First Sunday of Lent
(Gn 9:8-15, 1Pt 3:18-22, Mk 1:12-15)**

8:00 am + Dora Herrera

10:00 am + Julius & Eustolia
Jendrzajczyk
+ Fernando Arriola
+ Antonio Fuente

12:00 pm Mass For The People

**Monday, February 19--
Lenten Weekday
(Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Mt 25:31-46)**

9:00 am + Georgina Hernandez
SI Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, February 20-
Lenten Weekday
(Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15)**

9:00 am + Rachel Cain
+ Finley Leo Ponthie
SI Edward Haines

**Wednesday, February 21-
Lenten Weekday
(Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32)**

9:00 am + Martha V Limas
+ Michael Ramos

**Thursday, February 22-
Chair of St Petter the Apostle
(1Pt 5:1-4, Mt 16:13-19)**

9:00 am + Italia
+ Annette Avila Chavez
+ David Anthony Hijar

**Friday, February 23-
Lenten Weekday
(Ez 18:21-18, Mt 5:20-26)**

9:00 am + Margaret Gallegos
+ Luz Arriago

**Saturday, February 24-
Lenten Weekday
(Dt 26:16–19, Mt 5:43-48)**

4:30 pm + Santiago Gonzalez
+ Haydee Ramirez
+ Ramon Chavarria

**Sunday, February 25-
Second Sunday of Lent
(Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Rom
8:31b-34, Mk 9:2-10)**

8:00 am Mass For The People

10:00 + Lilly Caldwell
+ Connie Rodriguez
+ Neal Luther

12:00 pm

**CALENDAR AND EVENTS
FEBRUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 24**

Sunday, February 18
11:30 am-1pm RCIA/ RCIC Conf Rm/ Bldg G
11:30 am-1 pm Confirmation Bldg J/School

Monday, February 19
10 am-12 pm Legion of Mary Cottage
3-4 pm Divine Mercy Church
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Ctyd/ Bldg G
6-8 pm VIRTUS Conf Rm

Tuesday, February 20
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Cottage/Ctyd/ Bldg G
5:30-6:30 pm Pietra Fitness Bldg J

Wednesday, February 21
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 22
7:45-8:45 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J
10 am-12 pm Bible Study Conf Rm

Friday, February 23
10 am– 9 am Saturday 24 hour Adoration Church
12-12:30 pm Stations of the Cross Church
6-6:30 pm Stations of the Cross Church
5:30-8:00 pm Knight of Columbus Fish Fry Parish Hal

Saturday, January 24
8:30-9:30 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J
7-11 am ACTS Community Parish Hall
10 am-12 pm Baptisms Church
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

1st Sunday of Lent

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” – Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

18 de febrero de 2024

1^{er} Domingo de Cuaresma

*“Después de que encarcelaran a Juan, Jesús se fue a Galilea a anunciar las buenas nuevas de Dios”.
–Marcos 1:14*

Alguna vez ha pensado lo difícil que debió ser para Jesús ir a Galilea, sabiendo que Juan había sido arrestado por enseñar el mismo mensaje que Él estaba proclamando. Jesús tuvo un gran amor y confianza para hacer lo que el Padre le había enviado a cumplir en la tierra. De la misma manera, tener un estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad supone un gran amor y confianza de nuestra parte. Debemos tener la voluntad de rendirnos completamente a Dios, confiando que Él siempre nos dará todo lo que necesitamos para cumplir el plan que tiene dispuesto para nosotros.

Lenten Schedule

Community
Reconciliation
March 14 at 6 pm

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday at noon
and 6 pm

Easter schedule will
be posted at a later
date

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 18 : 3rd Sunday
February 25: 4th Sunday

Adoration

10 am to 5 pm every Friday.
During Lent, 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent (B)

Genesis 9:8-15

1Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

A Trek in the Desert

Deserts come in all shapes and sizes. For Noah, it turned out to be a desert of water, an endless, dreary expanse. For Jesus, it was also without end, one of rocks and sand; it was a harsh existence. In our lives, deserts might be a debilitating illness, a dried-up marriage, grief over a lost love, a job that seems to tax our sanity, or a childhood scarred by abuse. Not long ago, the world found itself in a pandemic desert. For many, it was one of cabin fever that isolated us from family and friends. Deserts are not alluring places. They are places from which we tend to run.

Some people deal with the inevitable deserts of life by becoming angry; others grow bitter and turn inward; others blame God and walk away from faith. Yet deserts can also be the very forces that reshape lives. With nothing else to distract us, in the desert we come face to face with ourselves, with who we really are and whose voice it is that we follow. There we take a stand on life, as Jesus did. It was the Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert, and it was there that he realized the future to which he was being called. So also with us. Deserts become places where we discover what God is asking of us and where we need to go, all discoveries that may otherwise never have occurred. In some strange and curious way, then, deserts may be blessings in our lives.

-Fr Josph Juknialis

18 de febrero de 2024

Primer domingo de Cuaresma (B)

Genesis 9:8-15

1Pedro 3:18-22

Marcos 1:12-15

Los desiertos tienen muchas formas y tamaños. Para Noé, resultó ser un desierto de agua, una extensión interminable y lúgubre. Para Jesús, también era sin fin, de rocas y arena; era una existencia dura. En nuestras vidas, los desiertos pueden ser una enfermedad debilitante, un matrimonio reseco, la pena por un amor perdido, un trabajo que parece poner a prueba nuestra cordura o una infancia marcada por los abusos. No hace mucho, el mundo se encontró en un desierto pandémico. Para muchos, era una fiebre de cabaña que nos aislaba de la familia y los amigos. Los desiertos no son lugares seductores. Son lugares de los que tendemos a huir.

Algunas personas afrontan los inevitables desiertos de la vida enfadándose; otras se amargan y se encierran en sí mismas; otras culpan a Dios y se alejan de la fe. Sin embargo, los desiertos también pueden ser las propias fuerzas que remodelan la vida. Sin nada más que nos distraiga, en el desierto nos enfrentamos cara a cara con nosotros mismos, con quiénes somos realmente y a qué voz seguimos. Allí tomamos posición ante la vida, como hizo Jesús. Fue el Espíritu quien condujo a Jesús al desierto, y fue allí donde se dio cuenta del futuro al que estaba llamado. Lo mismo ocurre con nosotros. Los desiertos se convierten en lugares donde descubrimos lo que Dios nos pide y hacia dónde tenemos que ir, descubrimientos que, de otro modo, quizá nunca se hubieran producido. De alguna extraña y curiosa manera, pues, los desiertos pueden ser bendiciones en nuestras vidas.

-Padre Joseph Juknialis



*[Jesus] remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
Mark 1:13*

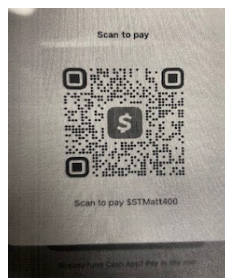
First Tuesday Women's Rosary Group

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.

All Contributions can be made in several ways:

Online at: 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.

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.



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 we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each us.

Que podamos colocar nuestras vidas en las manos de Dios y tengamos la fortaleza para llevar a cabo Su plan único para cada uno de nosotros.

A Word From *Pope Francis*:

How do we hear the voice of God? We hear it in his Word. For this reason, it is important to know Scripture, because otherwise we do not know how to react to the snares of the Evil One. And here I would like to return to my advice of reading the Gospel every day...



ANGELUS
ROME
FEBRUARY 22, 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 February 11, 2024:

\$6,836.00

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

Have you had a desert experience?
How did it shape your life?

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fish Fry Dinners

February 16-March 23, 2024

Serving from 5:30-7:30 pm

St Matthew Parish Hall

\$9.00 per plate (dine in or take out)



February 16 and March 23 will be
 LEMON CRUSTED PARMESAN SALMON

Every Friday we will be serving
 both fried and baked fish

Served with coleslaw, fries, tartar sauce, rolls and tea
 Bring your wine, beer or any refreshment
 And enjoy the evening!

Please support our Christmas Basket Fund.

Baskets include food for the less fortunate within the St
 Matthew, Canutillo and La Union area.

Thank you and God Bless
 Knights of Columbus Council 6711



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 19

March 4, March 18

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



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.

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	womenatthewellconference@gmail.com	
	Office number: 584-3461	

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

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity.

The pandemic had hit Christianity in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land.

Please be generous in your donations!

For more information, visit

myfranciscan.org or custodia.org



