

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Second Saturday: 9 am-12 pm

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Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 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 24– March 3**

**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 am + Lilly Caldwell
+ Connie Rodriguez
+ Neal Luther

12:00 pm + Hector Murgia

**Monday, February 26--
Lenten Weekday
(Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38)**
9:00 am + Rosemary Rodriguez
+ Margaret Scharnau
+ Santana Palacio

**Tuesday, February 27-
Lenten Weekday
(Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12)**
9:00 am + Finley L. Ponthie
+ Enrique Mata III
+ Agatha Ramiriez
SI Mata Family

**Wednesday, February 28-
Lenten Weekday
(Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28)**
9:00 am + Arturo Franco
+ Felix Lewis
+ Bill Shipton

**Thursday, February 29-
Lenten Weekday
(Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31)**
9:00 am + Rosa Estevis
+ Lilly Caldwell
+ Cancia Alvarez

**Friday, March 1-
Lenten Weekday
(Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a,
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46)**
9:00 am SI Hernandez Family

**Saturday, March 2-
Lenten Weekday
(Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)**
10:00 am First Saturday Mass

4:30 pm Mass For The People

**Sunday, March 3-
Third Sunday of Lent
(Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17,
1Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25)**
8:00 am

10:00 + Martha V Limas
+ Brian Chad Hammon
+ Finley L Ponthie

12:00 pm

**CALENDAR AND EVENTS
FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 2**

Sunday, February 25
11:30 am-1pm RCIA/ RCIC Conf Rm/ Bldg G
11:30 am-1 pm Confirmation Bldg J/School

Monday, February 26
10 am-12 pm Legion of Mary Cottage
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Ctyd/ Bldg G

Tuesday, February 27
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Cottage/Ctyd/ Bldg G
5:30-6:30 pm Pietra Fitness Bldg J

Wednesday, February 28
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 29
7:45-8:45 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J
10 am-12 pm Bible Study Conf Rm
6-7:30 pm ACTS Team-women Sacred Heart Rm

Friday, March 1
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, March 2
8:30-9:30 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J
9:30-10 am Rosary 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.**

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

Stewardship
2024

**February 25, 2024
2nd Sunday of Lent**

“Here I am!” he answered.”– Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

**25 de febrero de 2024
2º Domingo de Cuaresma**

“Él respondió: ¡Aquí estoy!”–Genesis 22:11

Es fácil decir, “Aquí estoy, Señor”, cuando estamos arrodillados en la iglesia. Sin embargo, ¿qué tan fácil es decir “Aquí estoy, Señor” cuando un vecino necesita nuestra ayuda, o cuando nos invitan a unirnos a un ministerio de la parroquia, o cuando se nos pide apoyo financiero? Muchas veces somos llamados cuando no es conveniente para nosotros. El discipulado no es fácil, la mayor parte del tiempo nos hace sentir incómodos y vulnerables.

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 25: 4th Sunday
March 3: 1st 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

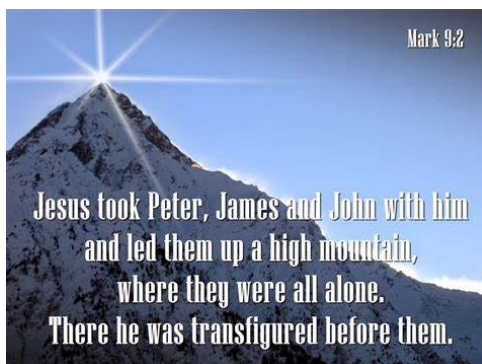
Transfigurations in a Mutilated World

I've never met anyone who thought today's story in Genesis of Abraham and Isaac to be a good story. Abhorred, they ask, "Why would God test someone by asking him to sacrifice his son?" But what if we change the question and ask, "Why would the Hebrew people include that story in their most holy writings? Why would they tell it over and over?" Because of the ending- that's why. Like a movie we watch over and over even though we know how it ends, we watch it, in part, because the ending is satisfying.

The ending of the Abraham/Isaac story shows God is not interested in death and human sacrifice, contrary to the gods of that time. The God of the Hebrews is a God of Life- that's the surprise ending they love, and they keep telling it over and over lest they forget. For them, the part about the testing is simply a means to that unbelievable ending when God insists upon life, contrary to false gods.

In his poem "Try to Praise the Mutilated World," Adam Zagajewski writes of life's Godly moments in a world we have mutilated by violence, greed, division, and more. He muses on tender moments when we fall in love, on laughter until our sides hurt, on nature's dazzle, on the sweet tasted of wine- all simple moments of a life-giving God transfigured in a mutilated world, for our God insists upon life.

-Fr Joseph Juknialis



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.

25 de febrero de 2024

Segundo domingo de Cuaresma (B)

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Romanos 8:31b-34

Marcos 9:2-10

Nunca he conocido a nadie que pensara que la historia de hoy en el Génesis de Abraham e Isaac fuera una buena historia. Aborrecidos, preguntan: "¿Por qué iba Dios a poner a prueba a alguien pidiéndole que sacrificara a su hijo?". Pero, ¿y si cambiamos la pregunta y preguntamos: "¿Por qué incluiría el pueblo hebreo esa historia en sus escritos más sagrados? ¿Por qué la contarían una y otra vez?". Por el final, por eso. Como una película que vemos una y otra vez aunque sabemos cómo acaba, la vemos, en parte, porque el final es satisfactorio.

El final de la historia de Abraham/Isaac muestra que a Dios no le interesan la muerte ni los sacrificios humanos, al contrario que a los dioses de aquella época. El Dios de los hebreos es un Dios de Vida: ése es el final sorpresa que les encanta, y lo repiten una y otra vez para no olvidarlo. Para ellos, la parte de la prueba es simplemente un medio para llegar a ese final increíble en el que Dios insiste en la vida, contrariamente a los falsos dioses.

En su poema "Intentar alabar el mundo mutilado", Adam Zagajewski escribe sobre los momentos divinos de la vida en un mundo que hemos mutilado por la violencia, la codicia, la división y otras cosas. Reflexiona sobre los momentos tiernos en que nos enamoramos, sobre la risa hasta que nos duelen los costados, sobre el deslumbramiento de la naturaleza, sobre el dulce sabor del vino: todos ellos momentos sencillos de un Dios dador de vida transfigurado en un mundo mutilado, pues nuestro Dios insiste en la vida.

-Padre Joseph Juknialis

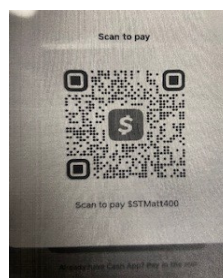
First Tuesday Women's Rosary Group

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.



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, 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, 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 answer, "Here I am, Lord," whenever, wherever and however God calls us to serve Him.

Que podamos responder, "Aquí estoy Señor" cuando, donde y como Dios nos llame a servirle.

A Word From Pope Francis:

Our Father said this to these Apostles, and says it to us as well: "Listen to Jesus!" The Pope is not saying this, God the Father says it to everyone: to me, to you, to everyone, all people! It is like an aid for going forward on the path of Lent. "Listen to Jesus!" Don't forget.



ANGELUS
MARCH 16, 2014

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 18, 2024:

\$8518.00

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

Remember and give thanks for the moments of this past week that make you smile.

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, 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

SECOND 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
 Starting **MARCH 1, 2024**
 Serving from **5:30-7:30 pm**
St Matthew Parish Hall



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

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 Half of 2024:
 March 4, March 18
 April 1, 15, 29
 May 13, 27
 June 10, 24

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		office
	womenatthewellconference@gmail.com	
	Office number: 584-3461	

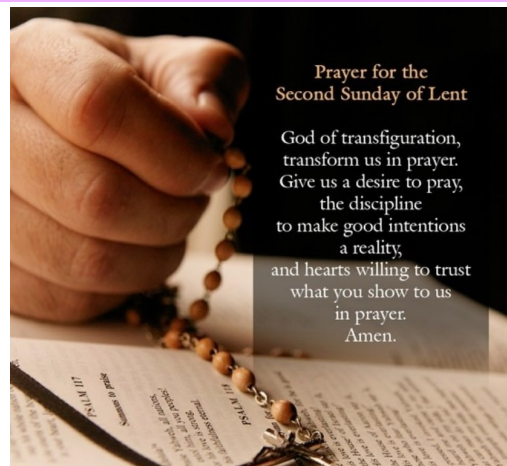
Corporate Board: President: Fr Frank Lopez
 Parish Pastoral Council: Dorothy Schatzman

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



**Prayer for the
 Second Sunday of Lent**

God of transfiguration,
 transform us in prayer.
 Give us a desire to pray,
 the discipline
 to make good intentions
 a reality,
 and hearts willing to trust
 what you show to us
 in prayer.
 Amen.

