

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 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*



**DESTROY
THIS
TEMPLE
AND
IN
THREE
DAYS
I WILL
RAISE
IT UP**

**Mass Intentions for
March 2– March 10**

**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 am + Martha V Limas
+ Brian Chad Hammond
+ Finley L Ponthie

12:00 pm

**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.**

**Monday, March 4--
Lenten Weekday**
(**2Kgs 5:1-15ab, Lk 4:24-30**)
9:00 am + Michael Tracy
SI Rebecca Escobar

**Tuesday, March 5-
Lenten Weekday**
(**Dt 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35**)
9:00 am + Mara de la Cruz Castanon
+ Enrique Mata III
SI Maggie Castanon
SI Mata Family

**Wednesday, March 6-
Lenten Weekday**
(**Dt 4:1, 5-9, Mt 5:17-19**)
9:00 am + Glenn Michael Idhe II
+ Annette Avila Chavez

**Thursday, March 7
Lenten Weekday**
(**7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23**)
9:00 am + Miss Matthews

**Friday, March 8-
Lenten Weekday**
(**Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34**)
9:00 am + Sonia Hemley
SI Kellan Coats
SI Jose Sanchez

**Saturday, March 9-
Lenten Weekday**
(**Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14**)
4:30 pm + Sonny, Jane & Will
Emmett
+ Armando & Oralia
Martinez
+ Lilly Caldwell

**Sunday, March 10-
Fourth Sunday of Lent**
(**2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23, Eph 2:4-10,
Jn 3:14-21**)
8:00 am + Carlos Escobar

10:00 Mass For The People
12:00 pm + Fernanda Tarango

Lenten Schedule

Community
Reconciliation
March 14 at 6 pm
Stations of the Cross
Every Friday at noon and 6
pm

Easter Week
Chrism Mass:
March 25 at the
Cathedral at 6:30 pm
Holy Thursday:
March 28 at 7 pm
Good Friday:
March 29
Stations at 12:00 pm
The Passion at 3:00 pm
El Pesame at 4 pm
5-8 pm: Church is open for
prayer
Easter Vigil:
March 30 at 8 pm
Easter Sunday– March 31
Mass at 8 am, 10 am and
noon

**CALENDAR AND EVENTS
MARCH 3 - MARCH 9**

Sunday, March 3
11:30 am-1pm RCIA/ RCIC Conf Rm/ Bldg G

Monday, March 4
10 am-12 pm Legion of Mary Cottage

Tuesday, March 5
5:30-6:30 pm Pietra Fitness Bldg J
6:30-8:30 pm Women's Rosary Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 6
9:30-11:30 Mas Deus Sacred Heart Rm
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, March 7
7:45-8:45 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J
10 am-12 pm Bible Study Conf Rm

Friday, March 8
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 Hall

Saturday, March 9
7-11:30 am ACTS Retreat Parish Hall
8:30-9:30 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J
2-3 pm Confession Church

VIRTUS
New VIRTUS classes available
on
March 23 at 9 am
and April 15 at 6 pm
Register at virtus.org before
the class
NOT a renewal class.



The Universal Call to Holiness

“Be holy, for I am holy” (1 Pet 1:16; cf. Lev 11:44). The universal call to holiness is for everyone, “all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity” (LG, 40). All men are called by God for the sanctification of their souls, and any circumstance of life can be the place and means for this transformation. However, “many are invited, but few are chosen” (Mt 22:14).

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches the people ways to enter the way of holiness. One way toward holiness is through Baptism, which is the “true entry into the holiness of God through incorporation into Christ and the indwelling of his Spirit” (NMI, 31). Benedict XVI explains that a holiness is not the result of personal efforts or actions but God’s gift through Baptism. Another way toward holiness is putting on Christ’s humility for the sake of God’s Kingdom (Mt 11:29). Now, think of the sinful woman (Lk 7:38), Martha and Mary (Lk 10:38-42), or our Lady at the foot of the cross (Jn 19:25); they understood that holiness is to be with Christ, “living our lives with love and bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves” (GE, 14).

Nevertheless, holiness has enemies. Pope Francis refers to Gnosticism and Pelagianism as detractors to holiness. These two are heresies from early Christian times that continue to plague us today in different manners (GE, 35). Gnostics think that a holy person is one who possesses knowledge (GE, 37). As Catholics, we believe that it is not the intellect that makes us holy but the depth of our charity (Lk 7:47). Later, others began to believe that the cause of holiness is personal effort [human will] (GE, 48). This notion is not accurate in Catholic theology. Holiness is about becoming more aware of God’s love for us, which is realized by listening to the Word of God and the help of the Holy Spirit. This can allow us to rediscover the face of Christ and the mystery of God’s love at the heart of our own existence. We must not forget that everything “depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy” (Rom 9:16) and that “he first loved us” (cf. 1 Jn 4:19)” (GE, 48).

In this regard, Pope Saint John Paul II tells us that to fight the enemies of holiness, we need to “rediscover the Church as “mystery” or as people who are “gathered together by the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit” (NMI, 30). For holiness is the backbone of the Church’s pastoral work. Then, when we pick up the Bible and pray, and use these teachings to serve in our parish through a particular ministry, leaving the comfort of our home and going out to encounter the poor and the suffering; then we cooperate with God’s grace and walk the way of holiness.

Remember that holiness is not reserved for those who have been called to religious life or celibate life only. Thus, we all need to keep watching and be on guard (1 Pet 5:8), so that we can be transformed by God’s love and be light for others around us (GE, 56). Let us “*Duc in altum*” in other words, “put out into the Deep” for a catch (Lk 5:4); holiness is God’s personal visitation and invitation to share in his divine and eternal life. Each one of us is called to be holy (Col 2:3-4) and holiness looks like something, and that is “*Perfectae Caritatis*”.

-Jonathan Brieua, Seminarian

Other Information:

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

Upcoming Envelope Schedule

March 3: 1st Sunday
March 10: 2nd 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8,12-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

Spring Cleaning

When Jesus cleansed the temple, he cleared it of all the sacrificial animals and foreign coins that cluttered that holy place. He also shifted the focus of where we find God made present- from a building to himself. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). Saint Paul tells us that we, too, are God's temple because the Holy Spirit dwells in us. So it makes sense that Jesus also wants to clear our lives of all that clutters them so that we might grow up in his image.

Such decluttering happens when youthful freedom and partying are left behind because we hear some inner call to settle down and contribute to life. It happens when the young couples begin to raise a family and trade in sporty cars and fashionable lifestyles for baby furniture and SUVs. It happens in middle age when in the midst of building a life we change the blueprint. The weight of illness will shift our perspectives as well, when worries about life's details turn dispensable because what we once thought was important becomes clutter in need of being cleared out.

None of this comes about because of some user manual for daily living, but rather because we sense an invitation from Jesus to reassess our lives- to join him in clearing out the clutter in order to take care of what is essential. It is a strange sort of wisdom that flows from a source deeper than ourselves. If not for that powerful force of God's Spirit clearing the temples of our lives, we would never become the people God created us to be.

-Fr Joseph Juknialis

3 de marzo de 2024

Tercer domingo de Cuaresma (B)

Exodo 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8,12-17

1 Corintinos 1:22-25

Juan 2:13-25

Cuando Jesús limpió el templo, lo limpió de todos los animales sacrificados y monedas extranjeras que abarrotaban aquel lugar sagrado. También cambió el centro de atención del lugar donde encontramos a Dios presente: de un edificio a Él mismo. "Destruid este templo y en tres días lo levantaré" (Jn 2:19). San Pablo nos dice que también nosotros somos templo de Dios porque el Espíritu Santo habita en nosotros. Así que tiene sentido que Jesús también quiera limpiar nuestras vidas de todo lo que las desordena para que crezcamos a su imagen.

Ese desorden se produce cuando dejamos atrás la libertad juvenil y las fiestas porque oímos una llamada interior a sentar la cabeza y contribuir a la vida. Ocurre cuando las parejas jóvenes empiezan a formar una familia y cambian los coches deportivos y los estilos de vida a la moda por muebles para bebés y todoterrenos. Ocurre en la mediana edad, cuando en medio de la construcción de una vida cambiamos el plano. El peso de la enfermedad también cambiará nuestras perspectivas, cuando las preocupaciones por los detalles de la vida se vuelvan prescindibles porque lo que antes creíamos importante se convierte en un desorden que hay que despejar.

Nada de esto se debe a un manual de instrucciones para la vida cotidiana, sino más bien a que sentimos una invitación de Jesús a reevaluar nuestras vidas, a unírnos a él en la limpieza del desorden para ocuparnos de lo esencial. Es un tipo extraño de sabiduría que fluye de una fuente más profunda que nosotros mismos. Si no fuera por esa poderosa fuerza del Espíritu de Dios que limpia los templos de nuestras vidas, nunca llegaríamos a ser las personas que Dios creó para que fuéramos.

-Padre Joseph Juknialis

WHILE HE WAS IN JERUSALEM AT

THE PASSOVER FEAST, MANY

PEOPLE SAW THE SIGNS HE WAS

DOING AND BELIEVED IN HIS

NAME.

- JOHN 2:23

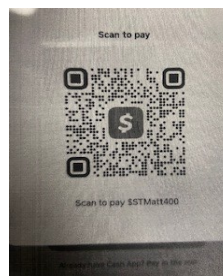
First Tuesday Women's Rosary Group

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.

St Patrick's Day

Annual Dinner 2024

Please join us on Saturday, March 16 following the 4:30 mass For our annual St Patrick's Day feast.

The cost is \$10 per person at the door.

Dinner will be a corned beef and cabbage as well as shepherd's pie. Please RSVP to the office





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 learn to turn away from the false idols of our society – those visible and invisible.

Que podamos aprender a rechazar los ídolos falsos de nuestra sociedad – los visibles y los invisibles.

A Word From Pope Francis:

The Father sent [his Son] to cleanse the temple: not only the Temple of stone, but above all the temple of our heart. Jesus could not tolerate his Father's house becoming a marketplace (see John 2:16); neither does he want our hearts to be places of turmoil, disorder, and confusion.



HOMILY
IRAQ
MARCH 7, 2021

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 25, 2024:

\$9317.00

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

What might be cluttering your life right now?

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
breakfast

ACTS Community gathering-8 a.m. potluck

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 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	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

