

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

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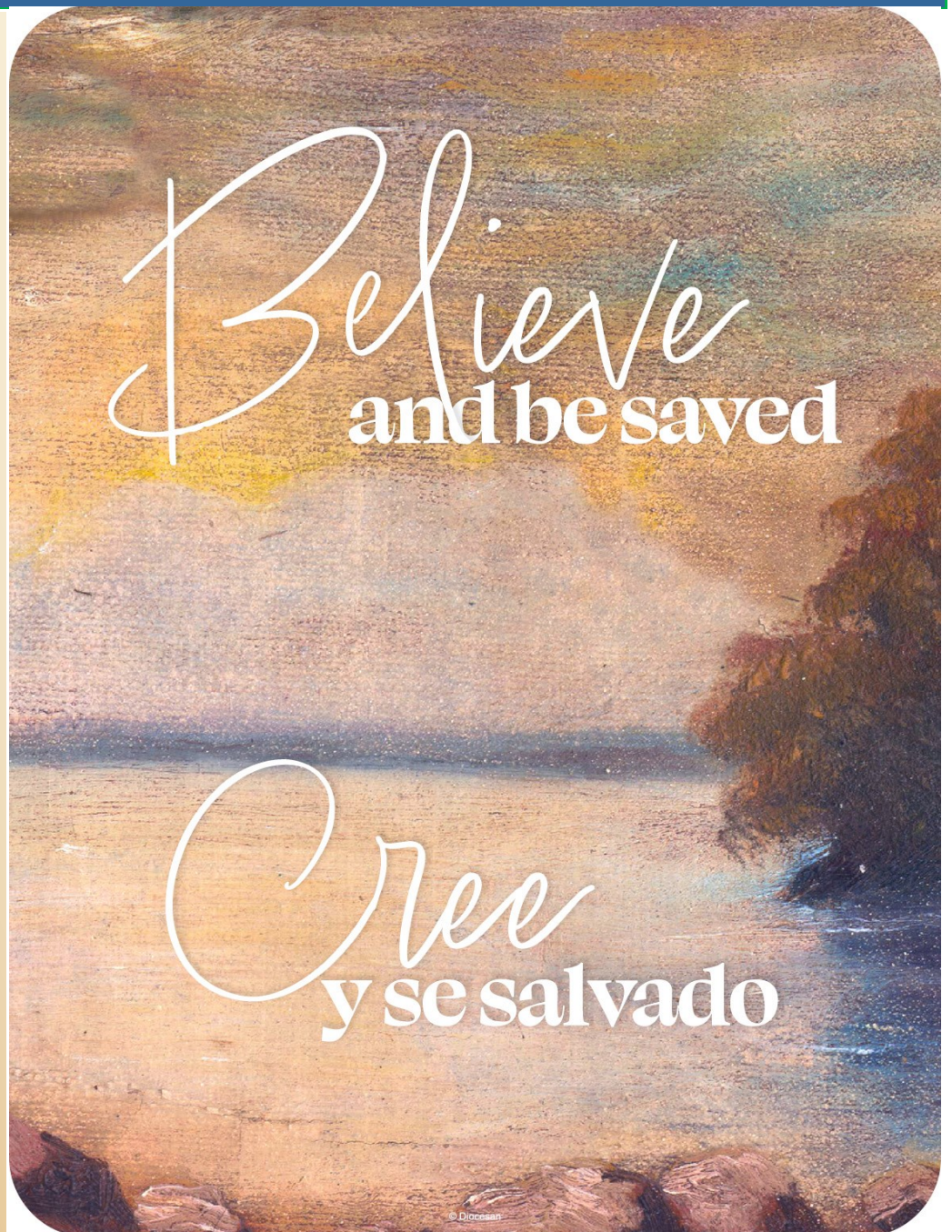
SUNDAY LITURGY

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
March 9– March 17**

**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 R Escobar
SI Gilbert & Lucia Mares

10:00 am Mass For The People

12:00 pm + Fernanda Tarango

**Monday, March 11--
Lenten Weekday**
(Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54)
9:00 am + Juana Rivera
+ Juan Perez
+ Alice Myers

**Tuesday, March 12-
Lenten Weekday**
(Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16)
9:00 am + Monserrate Gonzalez
+ Catalina Camacho
+ Bobby Nunez

**Wednesday, March 13-
Lenten Weekday**
(Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30)
9:00 am + Rafael & Carmensita Moreu
+ Finley L Ponthie
+ Ricardo Pineda

**Thursday, March 14-
Lenten Weekday**
(Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47)
9:00 am + Rafael Gonzalez
+ Carlos Gonzalez
+ Amparo Gidley

**Friday, March 15-
Lenten Weekday**
(Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)
9:00 am + Gil Moreu Sr
+ Rustin Walker
+ Irma Ibarra

**Saturday, March 16-
Lenten Weekday**
(Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53)
4:30 pm + Santiago Gonzalez
+ Haydee Ramirez
SI Juan Gonzalez
SI Martha Maldonado

**Sunday, March 17-
Fifth Sunday of Lent**
(Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9,
Jn 12:20-33)
8:00 am + Dora Herrera
+ Joe Machuca
SI Sofia Rudloff

10:00 + Lilly Caldwell
+ Maria Catalan
+ Neal Luther

12:00 pm Mass For The People

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 10 - MARCH 16**

Sunday, March 10
11:30 am-1pm RCIA/ RCIC Conf Rm/ Bldg G

Monday, March 11
10 am-12 pm Legion of Mary Cottage

Tuesday, March 12
5:30-6:30 pm NO Pietra Fitness Bldg J
6:30-7:30 pm Hospitality Minister Meet Church

Wednesday, March 13
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 14
7:45-8:45 am NO Pietra Fitness Bldg J
10 am-12 pm Bible Study Conf Rm
5-6 pm Social Justice Parish Hall
6-8 pm Baptism Class Conf Rm
6-8 pm **Lenten Confession** Church

Friday, March 15
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 16
8:30-9:30 am ACTS Church
9:30-11:30 ACTS– women Parish Hall
8:30-9:30 am NO Pietra Fitness Bldg J
10 am-12 pm Baptisms Church
2-3 pm Confession Church

Door Policy

**Due to heightened security, ALL
doors will be locked 10 minutes
after the start of Mass.
There will be a minister of
Hospitality at the front door only
to let latecomers in.**

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

Stewardship

March 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...”
– John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

10 de marzo de 2024

4^o Domingo de Cuaresma

“Tanto amó Dios al mundo, que no dudó en entregarle a su Hijo único...” –Juan 3:16

De todos los dones maravillosos que Dios nos ha dado, el don de su propio Hijo es verdaderamente el mayor. Cómo podremos agradecerle a Dios por un regalo como ese? Dios no nos pide sacrificar nuestros primogénitos, pero nos pide que seamos agradecidos y generosos con los dones que hemos recibido de Él. Que cuidemos y desarrollemos nuestros dones, y en gratitud y generosidad los demos de vuelta aumentando nuestro tiempo de oración, nuestro talento y nuestros tesoros para apoyar la misión y el ministerio de nuestra parroquia, y de la Iglesia en general.

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 10: 2nd Sunday
March 17: Capital Campaign

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 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

2Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

The Saving Game

A long time ago, I came across a piece that I still remember because it's pretty much a commentary on how life is for most of us. It goes something like this: At the age of ten, we think we can live forever. When we're twenty, we think we can save the world. When the big thirty rolls around, we think we can save the company. When the fortieth birthday arrives, we think we can save our children. Then, when we're fifty, we think we can at least save our marriage. And by the time we're sixty, we think we should just save aluminum cans.

A bit flippant perhaps, but it reminds me that even given my own best efforts, I really do not save much of anything. It is always God who does the saving, not me.

It's a conversation replayed in our heads again and again. We find ourselves unwittingly thinking that if we do all the right things, when we die and go to heaven, then God will have to take us in. If we say the right prayers and follow all the rules, then we will have earned salvation. Yet then we will have saved ourselves and there will have been no need for God's gracious goodness. Then we will have lifted ourselves up by our own bootstraps and not by the Lord Jesus.

Then we will proclaim ourselves as the light to overcome darkness, and it will not be the death and resurrection of the Lord which does so.

-Fr Joseph Juknialis

10 de marzo de 2024

Cuarto domingo de Cuaresma (B)

2Cronicas 36:14-16,19-23

Efisios 2:4-10

Juan 3:14-21

Hace mucho tiempo, me encontré con un fragmento que aún recuerdo porque es más o menos un comentario sobre cómo es la vida para la mayoría de nosotros. Dice algo así A los diez años, pensamos que podemos vivir eternamente. A los veinte, pensamos que podemos salvar el mundo. Cuando llegamos a los treinta, pensamos que podemos salvar la empresa. Cuando llegamos a los cuarenta, pensamos que podemos salvar a nuestros hijos. Luego, cuando cumplimos cincuenta, pensamos que al menos podemos salvar nuestro matrimonio. Y cuando cumplimos sesenta, pensamos que podemos salvar las latas de aluminio.

Tal vez sea un poco frívolo, pero me recuerda que, incluso con mis mejores esfuerzos, en realidad no salvo casi nada. Siempre es Dios quien salva, no yo.

Es una conversación que se repite en nuestras cabezas una y otra vez. Nos encontramos pensando, sin saberlo, que si hacemos todo lo correcto, cuando muramos y vayamos al cielo, Dios tendrá que acogernos. Si rezamos las oraciones correctas y seguimos todas las normas, entonces nos habremos ganado la salvación. Pero entonces nos habremos salvado a nosotros mismos y no habremos necesitado la bondad misericordiosa de Dios.

Entonces nos habremos levantado por nuestros propios medios y no por el Señor Jesús. Entonces nos proclamaremos luz para vencer a las tinieblas, y no será la muerte y resurrección del Señor lo que lo haga.

-Padre Joseph Juknialis



And this is the verdict, that the light come into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their work was evil.
John 3:19

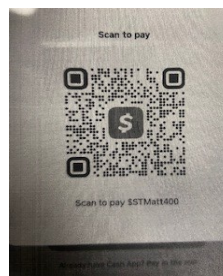
First Tuesday Women's Rosary Group

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, Kathleen Pitcavage, Hortencia Lozano Lazo.

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 show our gratitude for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice by generously making sacrifices in our own lives.

Que podamos mostrar nuestra gratitud por el sacrificio supremo de Jesús haciendo sacrificios en nuestras vidas.

A Word From **Pope Francis**:

If God is the God of life...

Then it is wrong for us to kill our brothers and sisters in his Name.

If God is the God of peace...

Then it is wrong for us to wage war in his Name.

If God is the God of love...

Then it is wrong for us to hate our brothers and sisters.

**PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF WAR
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 March 3, 2024:

\$10,233.00

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

How have you been saved and how do you need saving 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 8, 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 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

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 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. You 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

