

# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 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*



*Unless a grain  
of wheat dies,  
it remains just a grain  
of wheat*

**Mass Intentions for  
March 16– March 24**

**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 Rudio  
SI Adrain Gabriel Barraza  
**ACTS women Commencement**

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

12:00 pm Mass For The People

**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.**

**Monday, March 18-  
Lenten Weekday  
(Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62,  
Jn 8:1-11)**

9:00 am + William Perez Sr  
+William Perez Jr  
+ Roger Maldonado Sr

**Tuesday, March 19-  
St Joseph  
(2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22,  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a)**

9:00 am + Juanita Trocha  
+ Tona Perez  
+ Lourdes Medina

**Wednesday, March 20-  
Lenten Weekday  
(Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Jn 8:31-42)**

9:00 am + Vidal Franco  
+ Maritza Salas  
+ Hortensia Lopez

**Thursday, March 21-  
Lenten Weekday  
(Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59)**

9:00 am + Veno Cancel  
+ Natividad Vega  
SI Chuck & Martha Alarcon

**Friday, March 22-  
Lenten Weekday  
(Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)**

9:00 am + Mickey Cuevas  
+ Martha Gonzalez  
+ Jose Munoz

**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.**

**Saturday, March 23-  
Lenten Weekday  
(Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56)**

4:30 pm

**Sunday, March 24-  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the  
Lord**

**(Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16,  
Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mk 14:1-15:47  
or 15:1-39)**

8:00 am

10:00

12:00 pm

**Lenten Schedule**

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 17 - MARCH 23**

**Sunday, March 17**

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

**Monday, March 18**

10 am-12 pm Legion of Mary Cottage  
3-4 pm Divine Mercy Church  
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Ctyd/ Bldg G

**Tuesday, March 19**

5:30-6:30 pm Pietra Fitness Bldg J  
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Ctyd/Cottage/Bldg G  
6:30-7:30 pm Hospitality Minister Meet Church

**Wednesday, March 20**

9:30-11:30 Mas Deus Sacred Heart Rm  
6-8 pm Yarn for Love Parish Hall  
6-7 pm Youth Group Bldg J  
6:30-7:30 pm Spanish Rosary Sacred Heart Rm  
7-9 pm TMIY Conf Rm

**Thursday, March 21**

7:45-8:45 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J  
6-7:30 pm ACTS core Sacred Heart Rm

**Friday, March 22**

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 23**

8 am-3 pm Mas Deus retreat  
Sacred Heart Rm/Bldg G  
8:30-11:30 am ACTS Church  
8:30-9:30 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J  
9-11 am VIRTUS Conf Rm  
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](http://virtus.org) before the class  
NOT a renewal class.

**Stewardship**

**March 17, 2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*“I will be their God and they shall be my people.” –  
Jeremiah 31:33*

What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don’t know, just as God cares for each of us.

**17 de marzo de 2024  
5<sup>o</sup> Domingo de Cuaresma**

*“Seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo”. – Jeremías 31:33*

¿Qué significa ser el pueblo de Dios? Significa reconocer que todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos le pertenece a Dios. No somos los “dueños” de nada, somos simples “administradores” de los dones que Dios nos ha dado. Significa estar dispuestos a utilizar nuestros dones y nuestras vidas para cuidar de nuestra familia, nuestros vecinos y de las personas que no conocemos, de la misma manera como Dios cuida de cada uno de nosotros.

**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 17: Capital Campaign  
March 24: 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

**March 17, 2024**  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)*  
**Jeremiah 31:31-34**  
**Hebrews 5:7-9**  
**John 12:20-33**

**17 de marzo de 2024**  
*Quinto domingo de Cuaresma (B)*  
**Jeremías 31:31-34**  
**Hebreos 5:7-9**  
**Juan 12:20-33**

**Learning How to Die**

It has been pointed out that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, that is, to go where we would rather not go, to love when we know it will cost, to offer ourselves even when we know we will be used. If we die a bit every day, sometimes with struggle and sacrifice in those situations that may call for such, then at our final moment we will be able to stand before that specter face to face and not run, simply because we have met before and have been able to walk away the victor.

Dying well does not mean we do so without fear. Courage blossoms when we stand in a field of fear. Even the Lord Jesus "offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears" to God, as the Letter to the Hebrews notes. Dying well does not mean we do so cleanly. Dying is often messy, and it is always an uprooting that disrupts and scatters everything nearby.

Nor does dying well mean we do so in control of the event. That is what is so devastating about death. It has complete and total control. At its best and at its worst the only way to die well is to say "yes" to it every time it demands our submission. And like the eye of stillness at the center of the hurricane, it is at the heart of death where we embrace resurrection and where the holy offers life. It is where we can have a deep encounter with the Lord Jesus.

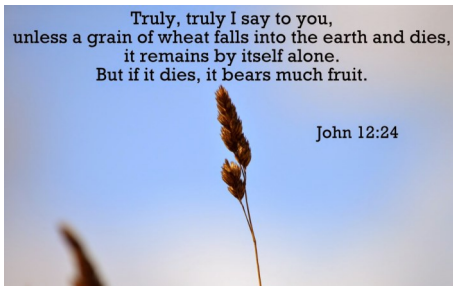
-Fr Joseph Juknialis

Se ha señalado que una de las tareas de la vida es aprender a morir bien, es decir, a ir donde preferiríamos no ir, a amar cuando sabemos que costará, a ofrecernos incluso cuando sabemos que seremos utilizados. Si morimos un poco cada día, a veces con lucha y sacrificio en aquellas situaciones que puedan exigirlo, entonces en nuestro momento final seremos capaces de plantarnos ante ese espectro cara a cara y no huir, simplemente porque ya nos hemos encontrado antes y hemos sido capaces de salir victoriosos.

Morir bien no significa que lo hagamos sin miedo. El valor florece cuando nos plantamos en un campo de miedo. Incluso el Señor Jesús "ofrecía oraciones y súplicas con fuertes gritos y lágrimas" a Dios, como señala la Carta a los Hebreos. Morir bien no significa que lo hagamos limpiamente. Morir suele ser desordenado, y siempre es un desarraigo que trastorna y dispersa todo lo cercano.

Morir bien tampoco significa que lo hagamos controlando el acontecimiento. Eso es lo devastador de la muerte. Tiene un control total y absoluto. En el mejor y en el peor de los casos, la única forma de morir bien es decirle "sí" cada vez que exija nuestra sumisión. Y como el ojo de la quietud en el centro del huracán, es en el corazón de la muerte donde abrazamos la resurrección y donde lo sagrado ofrece la vida. Es donde podemos tener un encuentro profundo con el Señor Jesús.

-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.

**'DO NOT BE AFRAID'**  
 March & Vigil for Human Dignity

Thursday, March 21

March: San Jacinto Plaza to 6:30pm Sacred Heart Church  
 Vigil: Sacred Heart Church 7:00pm 602 S Oregon St, El Paso

JOIN BISHOP SEITZ, BISHOP CELIN AND THE WHOLE COMMUNITY OF EL PASO ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 21 IN A MARCH AND VIGIL FOR HUMAN DIGNITY ON THE OCCASION OF THE RECENT ATTACKS ON HUMANITARIAN WORKERS, TEXAS LAWS CRIMINALIZING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES, AND ON THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEADLY FIRE IN JUAREZ WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF 40 MIGRANTS. WE WILL GATHER IN SAN JACINTO PLAZA AT 6:30 PM AND WILL HEAD TO SACRED HEART CHURCH FOR THE VIGIL AT 7 PM

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, 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, Jeannette Emerich, Alfonso Ochoa Jr, Trevor Lyon, John Paul Gauci.

**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, as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent and treasure with others.

Que, como el pueblo escogido por Dios, podamos aceptar y seguir el plan de Dios de compartir generosamente nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoros con los demás.

#### A Word From **Pope Francis**:

We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?...It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.



#### 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 10, 2024:

**\$7582.00**

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

Can you accept the Little deaths along the way as preparation for the final passing from this 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, 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

FIFTH 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	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](http://myfranciscan.org) or [custodia.org](http://custodia.org)



Together, we can make a difference, fruitfully continuing Jesus' mission. Support the Good Works of our Ministries Building His Kingdom by supporting the Progress Annual Ministry Appeal.  
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 #WorksOfLove #PrayServeGive #CatholicFoundationElPaso  
[2024progress-ama.org](http://2024progress-ama.org)

