

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Second Saturday: 9 am-12 pm

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 24, 2024

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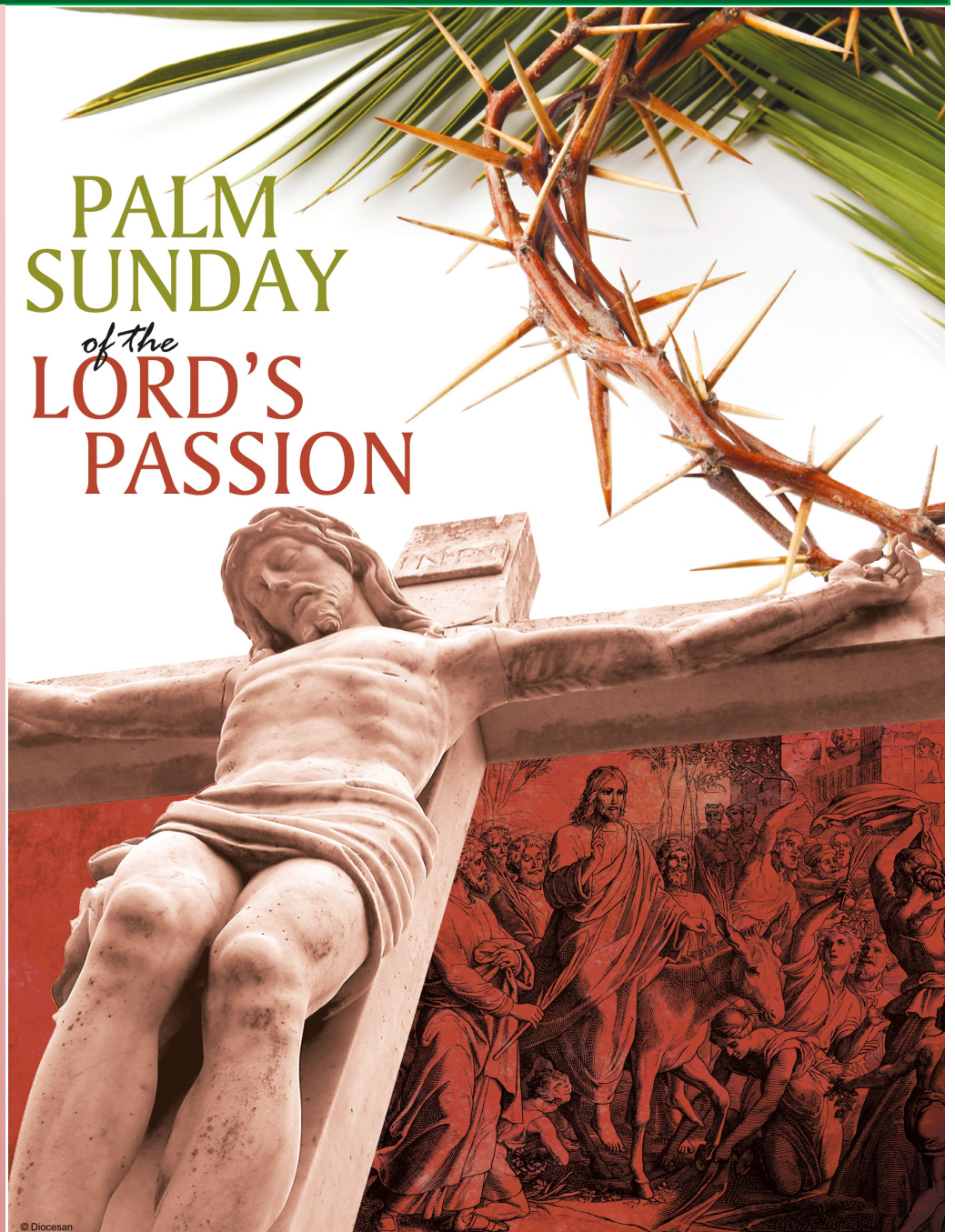
SUNDAY LITURGY

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 23– March 31**

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 am

12:00 pm

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 25-
Monday of Holy Week
(Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11)
9:00 am
SI Marsha Gannon
SI Ochoa Family
SI Stefanie Rudloff

Tuesday, March 26-
Tuesday of Holy Week
(Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-33,36-38)
9:00 am
+ Maria Asuncion Medina
+ Antonio Bortoni
SI Kathleen Pitcavage

Wednesday, March 27-
Wednesday of Holy Week
(Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25)
9:00 am
+ Lazara Alvarado
+ Pitcavage Family
+ Ricardo Ortega

Thursday, March 28-
Thursday of Holy Week
(Ex 12:1-8,11-14, 1cOR 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-15)
7:00 pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29-
Friday of the Passion of the Lord
(Is 52:13-53:12, Heb 4:14-16:5:7-9, Jn
18:1-19:42)
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Passion of the Lord
4:00 pm Pesame

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 30-
Holy Saturday
(Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1,26-31a,
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,9a,10-13,
15-18, Ex 14:15-15:1, Is 54:5-14,
Is 55:1-11, Bar 3:9-15,32-4,4,
Ez 36:16-17a,18-28, Rom 6:3-11,
Mk 16:1-7)
8:00 pm
Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31-
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
of the Lord**
(Acts 10:34a,37-43, Col 3:1-4 or
1Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7)
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 24 - MARCH 30**

Sunday, March 24
11:30 am-1pm RCIA/ RCIC Conf Rm/ Bldg G
11:30 am-1 pm Confirmation Bldg J/ School

Monday, March 25
10 am-12 pm Legion of Mary Cottage
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Ctyd/ Bldg G

Tuesday, March 26
5:30-6:30 pm Pietra Fitness Bldg J
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Ctyd/Cottage/Bldg G

Wednesday, March 27
9:30-11:30 Mas Deus Sacred Heart Rm
6-8 pm NO 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 28
7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass Church

Friday, March 29
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross Church
3:00 pm Passion of the Lord Church
4:00 pm Pesame Church

Saturday, March 30
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Church

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



March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday
"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" - MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

24 de marzo de 2024
Domingo de Ramos
"Pilato les preguntó de nuevo: ¿Y qué queréis que haga con el que llamáis Rey de los Judíos? Ellos gritaron otra vez, ¡Crucificalo!" -Marcos 15:12-13

Jesús nos dijo "lo que hagas por el más pequeño de mis hermanos, lo harás por mí". Cada día tenemos la oportunidad de ayudar a alguien. Cada día tenemos la oportunidad de ver el rostro de Jesús en otros y ser el rostro de Jesús para los demás. Cada día nos encontramos con alguien necesitado. Ore por la fortaleza y el coraje de ser la respuesta a las oraciones de alguien.

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 24: 4th Sunday
March 31: Easter

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)

Mark 11:1-10 or **John** 12:12-16

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

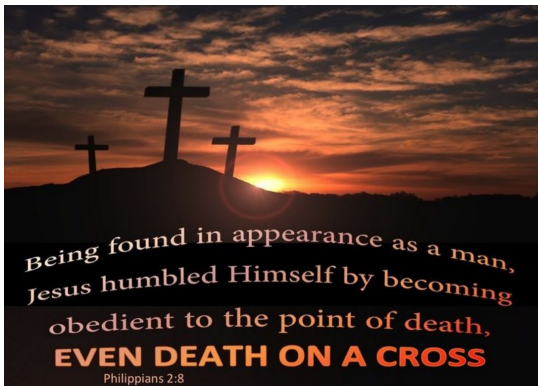
The Hungers with Which We Live

Tenzin Kiyosaki is a former Buddhist nun who now works as an interfaith chaplain at a medical center in Los Angeles. There she tends to the spiritual needs of patients who have less than six months to live. When her brother asked her what it was that dying patients talk about, it led to her book *The Three Regrets: Inspirational Stories and Practical Advice for Love and Forgiveness at Life's End*. The three regrets she lists are: 1) I did not live the life of my dreams; 2) I did not share my love; and 3) I did not forgive. All too easily it seems we become preoccupied with what in the end becomes peripheral to what we really seek in life.

Today we tell the story of how Jesus' life of loving others came to its final conclusion, one of sacrificial love to the point of death. He came to reveal how such love is an essential dimension of the presence of God at the heart of every human life, and a cornerstone of the kingdom of God he proclaimed and to which he gave his life.

To the end, even on the cross, forgiveness was an essential aspect of his life of loving others. The very realities of what Jesus' life were all about are the same hungers we so often fail to recognize as we live our lives, though it is what he continually preached. Coming face to face with our own mortality seems to make his message most real.

-Fr Joseph Juknialis



New Bible Study

Your opportunity to begin Bible Study.

A new ten (10) week study of the **Gospel of Mark** will begin in April.

Two classes are offered:

Wednesday, April 3 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Thursday, April 4 from 10 am– 12 pm.

We will meet in the conference room.

All are welcome from the first class to anytime after!

Join the study and bring a friend.

Cost is \$ 20

24 de marzo de 2024

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor (B)

Marcos 11:1-10 o **Juan** 12:12-16

Isaías 50:4-7

Filipenses 2:6-11

Marcos 14:1-15:47 o 15:1-39

Tenzin Kiyosaki es una antigua monja budista que ahora trabaja como capellán interreligioso en un centro médico de Los Ángeles. Allí atiende las necesidades espirituales de los pacientes a los que les quedan menos de seis meses de vida. Cuando su hermano le preguntó de qué hablaban los pacientes moribundos, dio con su libro *Los tres arrepentimientos: historias inspiradoras y consejos prácticos para amar y perdonar al final de la vida*. Los tres remordimientos que enumera son 1) No haber vivido la vida de mis sueños; 2) No haber compartido mi amor; y 3) No haber perdonado. Con demasiada facilidad parece que nos preocupamos por lo que al final resulta periférico a lo que realmente buscamos en la vida.

Hoy contamos la historia de cómo la vida de Jesús de amar a los demás llegó a su conclusión final, una vida de amor sacrificado hasta la muerte. Vino a revelar cómo ese amor es una dimensión esencial de la presencia de Dios en el corazón de toda vida humana, y una piedra angular del reino de Dios que proclamó y por el que dio su vida.

Hasta el final, incluso en la cruz, el perdón fue un aspecto esencial de su vida de amor a los demás. Las propias realidades de lo que fue la vida de Jesús son las mismas ansias que tan a menudo no reconocemos al vivir nuestras vidas, aunque es lo que él predicó continuamente. Enfrentarnos cara a cara con nuestra propia mortalidad parece hacer que su mensaje sea más real.

-Padre Joseph Juknialis

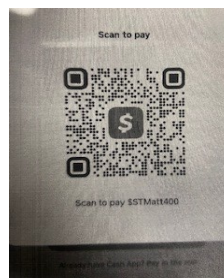
First Tuesday Women's Rosary Group

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, 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, Ronald David Sober.

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 have the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

Que tengamos la fortaleza y el coraje para defender a aquellos que necesitan nuestra ayuda.

A Word From **Pope Francis**:

What is most amazing about the Lord and his Passover? It is the fact that he achieves glory through humiliation. He triumphs by accepting suffering and death, things that we, in our quest for admiration and success, would rather avoid. Jesus- as St Paul tells us- "emptied himself...he humbles himself" (Philippians 2:7-8).



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ROME
MARCH 28, 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 17, 2024:

\$8,750.82

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

Are you living the three values articulated by Tenzin Kiyosaki?
Is there one you could do better?

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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

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

**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	



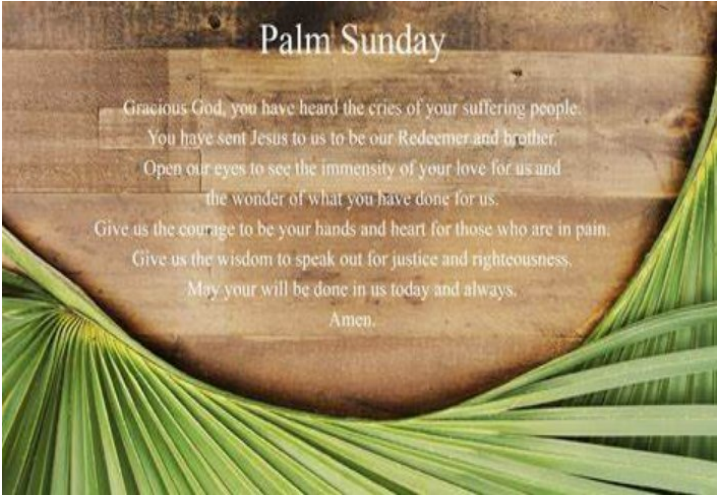
**St. Vincent de Paul at
 St. Matthew Food Pantry**
 The St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Matthew Conference (SVDP) is partnering with the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank to provide the **St. Vincent de Paul at St. Matthew Food Pantry.**

Food distribution will be from 9-11 am on the following days:
 First Half of 2024:
 April 1,15,29
 May 13,27
 June 10,24

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



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. #BuildingHisKingdom #CatholicFaith #CatholicValuesInAction #WorksOfLove #PrayServeGive #CatholicFoundationElPaso 2024progress-ama.org



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.

