

# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Second Saturday: 9 am-12 pm

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 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 30– March 31**

**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 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, April 1-  
Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
(Acts 2:14,22-33, Mt 28:8-15)

9:00 am + Eloisa Aaspeitia  
SI Chris Balsiger  
SI Marsh Daw

**Tuesday, April 2-  
Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**  
(Acts 2:36-41, Jn 20:11-18)

9:00 am + Salvador Gonzalez  
+ Anthony Gauci  
+ Members of the Fitzpatrick  
Family

**Wednesday, April 3-  
Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**  
(Acts 3:1-10, Lk 24:13-35)

9:00 am + Arturo & Hortencia Montes  
+ Maye & John Realbuto  
SI Ricardo Barraza

**Thursday, April 4-  
Thursday within the Octave of Easter**  
(Acts 3:11-26, Lk 24:35-48)

9:00 am + Ernestina Lira  
+ Karen Boyd Bradford  
+ Mr & Mrs Fernando Salazar &  
children

**Friday, April 5-  
Friday within the Octave of Easter**  
(Acts 4:1-12, Jn 21:1-14)

9:00 am + James Franco  
+ Armando & Oralia Martinez  
+ Ramon Montes

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, April 6-  
Saturday within the Octave of Easter**  
(Acts 4:13-21, Mk 16:9-15)

10:00 am First Saturday Mass

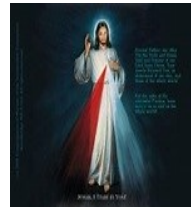
4:30 pm + Santiago Gonzalez  
+ Haydee Ramirez  
+ Lorenzo Colunga

**Sunday, April 7-  
Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
(Acts 4:32-35, 1Jn 5:1-6,  
Jn 20:19-31)

8:00 am Mass For The People

10:00 + Mary Lou Schichtl  
+ Andrea Martinez  
+ Lilly Caldwell

12:00 pm + Juan Ferma Aranzabal  
+ Bertha & Marie A  
Molina  
+ Ramon Felix



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
APRIL 7, 2024  
3 PM

The celebration of  
Christ's resurrection  
continues with this  
feast .  
Please join us in the  
church on April 7, 2024  
at 3 pm.

**CALENDAR AND EVENTS  
MARCH 31– APRIL 6**

8:00 am	<b>Sunday, March 31</b> Easter Mass	
10:00 am	Easter Mass	
12:00 pm	Easter Mass	
10 am-12 pm	<b>Monday, April 1</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	Cottage
10 am-12 pm	Legion of Mary	
5:30-6:30 pm	<b>Tuesday, April 2</b> Pietra Fitness	Bldg J
6:30– 7:30 pm	Women's Rosary	Parish Hall
9:30-11:30	<b>Wednesday, April 3</b> 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
7:45-8:45 am	<b>Thursday, April 4</b> Pietra Fitness	Bldg J
10 am-12 pm	Unbound	Conf. Rm
10 am– 9 am	<b>Friday, April 5</b> Saturday 24 hour Adoration	Church
8:30-9:30 am	<b>Saturday, April 6</b> Pietra Fitness	Bldg J
8:30-11 am	ACTS women	Parish Hall
9:30– 10 am	Rosary	Church
2-3 pm	Confession	Church

**Stewardship**  
CREAMTACRUITD

**March 31, 2024  
Easter Sunday**

*"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."*-  
COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died,  
rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate  
and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter  
season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and  
listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our  
gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

**31 de marzo de 2024  
Domingo de Pascua**

*"Piense en lo que está en el cielo, no en lo que está en la  
tierra". - Colosenses 3:2*

En este día agradecemos a Dios por Su Hijo, Jesús, que  
murió, resucitó y abrió las puertas del cielo para  
nosotros. Celebremos y cantemos "Aleluia". ¡Tratemos  
de mantener la alegría de esta temporada de Pascua en  
nuestros corazones durante todo el año! Ore diariamente  
y escuche como Dios nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a  
utilizar con alegría nuestros dones y cumplir Su plan de  
salvación.

**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 31: Easter  
April 7: St Vincent De Paul

**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

**VIRTUS**  
New VIRTUS classes available on  
April 15 at 6 pm  
Register at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) before the class  
NOT a renewal class.



## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**March 31, 2024**

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B)*

**Acts** 10:34a,37-43

**Colossians** 3:1-4 or **1 Corinthians** 5:6b-8

**Juan** 20:1-9 or **Mark** 16:1-7

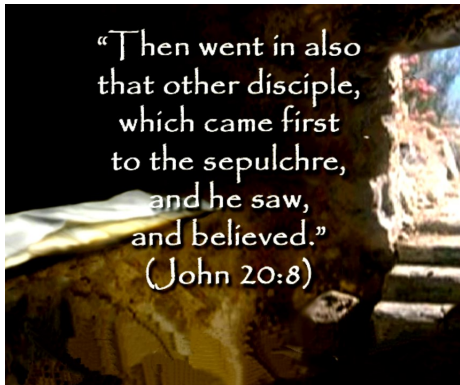
### Life without a Blankie

Faith can have the look of high dives and learning to ride a bike without training wheels and life without one's "blankie". All are confrontations with the specter of death asking us to have faith. From youth to old age, our lives seem to be laced with the loss of control, and unless we embrace such moments, not only will we never really grow up, neither will we ever become people of faith who live in the resurrection.

The Easter Gospels are about women and men who have arrived at the tomb but hesitate going in: it is the home of death. Yet they become believers after they have entered that home of death and discover it to be abandoned. Over the years, I have become convinced that the only way to become a believer in the resurrection is to walk into the tomb yourself and there discover that where you thought death was present now has been abandoned. That is the pattern of coming to faith.

Usually such moments do not have the look of faith. They tend to seem more akin to death than any promise of new life- like having to move to a new city or a new school, or abandoning an addiction, or confronting a problem through counseling, or aging, or grieving over lost love. They all can have the looks of tombs yet they are also where we find the beginnings of new life. Risk it often enough and so discover new life, and we begin to believe in the reality of resurrection- Jesus' and ours.

*-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

**31 de marzo de 2024**

*Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor (B)*

**Hechos** 10:34a,37-43

**Colosenses** 3:1-4 o **1 Corintios** 5:6b-8

**Juan** 20:1-9 o **Marcos** 16:1-7

La fe puede tener el aspecto de las inmersiones de altura y de aprender a montar en bicicleta sin ruedas de entrenamiento y de la vida sin la "mantita" de uno. Todas son confrontaciones con el espectro de la muerte que nos pide que tengamos fe. Desde la juventud hasta la vejez, nuestras vidas parecen estar marcadas por la pérdida de control, y a menos que aceptemos esos momentos, no sólo nunca creceremos realmente, sino que tampoco llegaremos a ser personas de fe que vivan en la resurrección.

Los Evangelios de Pascua hablan de mujeres y hombres que llegan a la tumba, pero dudan en entrar; es el hogar de la muerte. Sin embargo, se convierten en creyentes después de entrar en ese hogar de muerte y descubrir que está abandonado. A lo largo de los años, me he convencido de que la única manera de convertirse en creyente en la resurrección es entrar tú mismo en la tumba y descubrir allí que donde pensabas que estaba presente la muerte ahora ha sido abandonada. Ésa es la pauta para llegar a la fe.

Normalmente, esos momentos no tienen el aspecto de la fe. Suelen parecerse más a la muerte que a cualquier promesa de una nueva vida, como tener que mudarse a una nueva ciudad o a un nuevo colegio, o abandonar una adicción, o enfrentarse a un problema mediante el asesoramiento psicológico, o envejecer, o lamentar un amor perdido. Todas ellas pueden tener el aspecto de tumbas, pero también son donde encontramos los comienzos de una nueva vida. Si nos arriesgamos a ello con la suficiente frecuencia, descubriremos una nueva vida y empezaremos a creer en la realidad de la resurrección, la de Jesús y la nuestra.

*-Padre Joseph Juknialis*

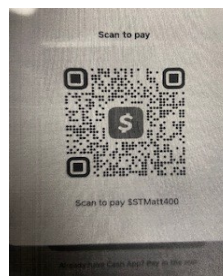
### *First Tuesday Women's Rosary Group*

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](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, 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 our Easter celebration will help us to become more grateful and generous to make sacrifices to help build God's kingdom on earth.

Que nuestra celebración de Pascua nos ayude a ser más agradecidos y generosos para hacer sacrificios para ayudar a construir el reino de Dios en la tierra.

### A Word From *Pope Francis*:

In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation.



In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world.

**URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE  
ROME  
APRIL 4, 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 24, 2024:

**\$11,370.00**

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

Have you ever experienced life flowing from what appeared to be death?

### 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

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| <b>Saturday, May 4</b>                        | ACTS Community gathering-8 a.m. potluck breakfast |
| <b>Thursday, June 20-<br/>Sunday, June 23</b> | <b>Women's English ACTS retreat</b>               |
| <b>Thursday, Aug. 1-<br/>Sunday, Aug. 4</b>   | <b>Men's English ACTS Retreat</b>                 |
| <b>Saturday, Aug. 17</b>                      | ACTS Community gathering-8 a.m. potluck breakfast |
| <b>Saturday, Nov. 16</b>                      | ACTS Community gathering-8 a.m. potluck breakfast |

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION 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



**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**  
**Please join us on**  
**April 5, 12 and 19**  
**From 5:30-8 pm**  
**For an after Lent event!**  
**We will be continuing the Fish Fry on**  
**3 Fridays in April.**  
**\$9 per plate**  
**Dine in or take out**

**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.



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.



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

**Prayer for Easter Sunday**

Risen Jesus,  
 show us the Resurrection  
 you are working out in us.  
 Open our eyes to see you,  
 our hearts to receive  
 your healing and miracles.  
 Free us from indifference and entitlement,  
 that we might celebrate with abandon  
 the gifts you have poured out on us.  
 May we be overwhelmed  
 by the joy of new life in you.  
 Amen.

