

# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 7, 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*

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*Divine Mercy*

**Mass Intentions for  
April 6– April 14, 2024**

**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 am + Mary Lou Schichtl  
+ Andrea Martinez  
+ Lilly Caldwell  
12:00 pm + Juan Ferma Aranzabal  
+ Bertha & Marie A Molina  
+ Ramon Felix

**Monday, April 8-  
The Annunciation of the Lord  
(Is 7:10-14, 8:10, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38)**  
9:00 am + Carlos Venegas  
SI Edward Haines  
SI Sarah Escobar

**Tuesday, April 9-  
Easter Weekday  
(Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15)**  
9:00 am + Enrique Mata III  
+ Jose Esparza  
+ Albino Carbone  
SI Mata Family

**Wednesday, April 10-  
Easter Weekday  
(Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21)**  
9:00 am + Ernesto Hernandez  
+ Msgr David Fierro  
+ Ivy Grajeda

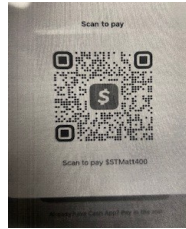
**Thursday, April 11-  
St. Stanislaus  
(Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36)**  
9:00 am + Emma Tapia  
+ John & Lucy Sanseveino  
SI Lauro Cordero

**Friday, April 12-  
Easter Weekday  
(Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15)**  
9:00 am + Sonny, Jane & Will Emmett  
+ Jesus Jose Hernandez  
SI Veronica De La Vega

**Saturday, April 13-  
Easter Weekday  
(Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21)**  
4:30 pm + Dora Herrera  
+ John Bock  
+ Finley Ponthie

**Sunday, April 14-  
Third Sunday of Easter  
(Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1Jn 2:1-5a, Lk 24:35-48)**  
8:00 am + Sonny, Jane & Will Emmett  
+ Carlos R Escobar  
+ Kiki Cortez  
10:00 am Mass For The People  
12:00 pm + Victor Manuel Medina  
+ Aurora Ganem  
SI Elias & Alice Morlaes

Contributions can be made to the Church in the following ways:



Use the QR code (Cash App At \$St Matt400)

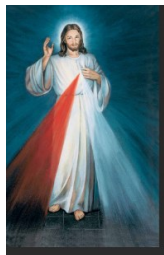
Online at: [www.osvhub.com/stmatthewep/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/stmatthewep/funds)

You can also always donate at mass or here in the office.

**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.

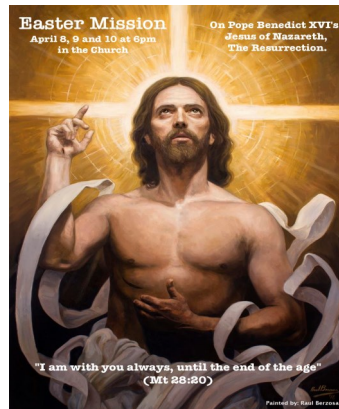
Please inform the office of any changes to the calendar by Monday of each week. Room requests are required for all activities. Available online or in the office. Thank you.

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



**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Please join us at 3 pm on April 7, 2024 In the Church.



**CALENDAR AND EVENTS  
APRIL 7-APRIL 14**

11:30-1 pm RCIA/RCIC Bldg G/Conf Rm  
11:30-1 pm Confirmation Bldg J/School Church  
3-4 pm **Divine Mercy**

10 am-12 pm Legion of Mary Cottage  
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Ctyd/Bldg G Church  
6-7 pm Easter Mission

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

9:30-11:30 am Mas Deus Sacred Heart Rm  
5:30-6:45 pm Faith Formation Bldg G  
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  
6:30-8:30 pm Bible Study Conf Rm  
6-7 pm Easter Mission Church  
7-9 pm TMIY Bldg J

7:45-8:45 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J  
10 am-12 pm Bible Study Conf Rm  
3-5 pm Talent Show Rehearsal (School) Bldg J  
5-6 pm Social Justice Parish Hall  
6-8 pm Baptism Class Conf Rm  
6-7 pm **VIA LUCIS** Church

8 am-3 pm Talent Show (School) Bldg J  
10 am- 5 pm Adoration Church  
5:30- 8pm K of C Fish Fry Church

8:30-9:30 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J  
8:30-11 am ACTS women Parish Hall  
2-3 pm Confession Church

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.

**Knights of Columbus**  
On the 3rd weekend each month the Knights of Columbus will be selling empanadas and menudo. 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**

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 7, 2024

*Sunday of Divine Mercy (B)*

Acts 4:32-25

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

### The Thomas Dilemma

Will is a widower, now in his eighties. He calls every once in a while, partly to talk but really wanting to know how he can convince his grown children and grandchildren to come back to church. He tells me they're good people, but he would like them to have faith. It's been a mainstay in his life, he tells me, something that has gotten him through many difficulties. He loves his family but says their life would be so much richer if they had an active faith life. I try to tell Will he can't argue them into faith. At most he can share with them how faith has been a blessing in his life, hoping that it might then spark an interest in them.

The disciples in the Gospel story about "Doubting Thomas" experienced Will's dilemma. They were unable to convince Thomas that the Lord had risen. He insisted that he would only believe when he could put his fingers and hands into Jesus' wounds, which of course is just what happens the next time they are gathered. For Thomas, words were not enough; he needed the experience.

Sometimes that's true for us. We've heard the truth, but we haven't experienced the truth as real or relevant or something we cannot live without. The experience of grave need and then surrendering to God is what many need to remain faithful. Meanwhile, the faithful pray for those who do not believe, especially those we dearly love.

- Fr Joseph Juknialis

7 de abril de 2024

*Domingo de Divina Misericordia(B)*

Hechos 4:32-25

1 Juan 5:1-6

Juan 20:19-31

Will es viudo y tiene ya más de ochenta años. Me llama de vez en cuando, en parte para hablar, pero en realidad quiere saber cómo puede convencer a sus hijos mayores y a sus nietos para que vuelvan a la Iglesia. Me dice que son buenas personas, pero que le gustaría que tuvieran fe. Me dice que ha sido un pilar en su vida, algo que le ha ayudado a superar muchas dificultades. Quiere a su familia, pero dice que su vida sería mucho más rica si tuvieran una vida de fe activa. Intento decirle a Will que no puede convencerles de que tengan fe. Como mucho, puede compartir con ellos cómo la fe ha sido una bendición en su vida, con la esperanza de que eso despierte su interés.

Los discípulos del relato evangélico sobre "Tomás el Dudoso" experimentaron el dilema de Will. No pudieron convencer a Tomás de que el Señor había resucitado. Insistió en que sólo creería cuando pudiera meter los dedos y las manos en las heridas de Jesús, lo que, por supuesto, es justo lo que ocurre la siguiente vez que se reúnen. A Tomás no le bastaban las palabras; necesitaba la experiencia.

A veces eso nos ocurre a nosotros. Hemos oído la verdad, pero no la hemos experimentado como real o relevante o como algo sin lo que no podemos vivir. La experiencia de la grave necesidad y la posterior entrega a Dios es lo que muchos necesitan para permanecer fieles. Mientras tanto, los fieles rezamos por los que no creen, especialmente por los que amamos entrañablemente.

-Padre Joseph Juknialis

By: Jonathan Brieua Romero

### How do we participate in God's life?

God is the closest, most lovable, and clearest mystery that a person can ever relate to. When God created the world, he made us for him, to be conformed to the image of his Son and be receivers of his love, so that we can remain in him and, through him, enter into God's very life. The Gospel of John offers us some images that not only reveal God's interior life but also the way in which Christ has made us participants in the divine life.

First, Christ is Life. Our participation in God's life comes through Jesus Christ's Divine nature (cf. Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; 1 John 1:2). He was sent to "free us from the darkness of sin and death and to raise us up to life eternal" (*Dei Verbum*, 4). Saint Athanasius explains that our participation in God's life is the manifestation of Christ's redemptive power. Further, by "giving us a share of the power of his own Word... we might be able to abide in blessedness, living the true life, which is really that of the holy ones in paradise." Similarly, Saint Irenaeus of Lyons tells us that Jesus became what we are, so that we might become what He is: Life.

Second, Christ is the Vine. Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches" (Jn 15:5). This is a biblical image for Israel as the people of God (cf. Is 5:7; Ps 80:9). Jesus teaches his disciples that they not only belong to God, but also partake in God's life. Thus, they need to remain in him, as the branches of a vine (cf. Jn 15:4). In this way, to enter into God's life, the disciple needs to remain in God's love and be nourished by his Word to live in communion with him.

Third, Christ is the Truth. Jesus' Prayer of Communion reveals the desire of the heart of God that all are consecrated to his love and so remain in his Truth (cf. Jn 17:17-19). Truth is an all-encompassing reality that leads us to holiness, through the Incarnate Word of God. Jesus Christ is the light that guides us toward God's life. In Christ, we find the truth of our existence. So, if we remain in Christ the Truth, we will truly be his disciples, and we will know him, and the Truth will set us free (cf. Jn 8:31-32).

Fourth, Christ is the Way to the Trinity. The Incarnation, although it refers directly to the Son, is the greatest manifestation of the Triune God. Jesus has made the Father known to us, even if no one has ever seen him. The only Son of God, who is God and is in the bosom of the Father, has made him known to us (cf. Jn 1:18). For this reason, Christ is the only way that humanity has to find the fullness of life (cf. Jn 14:6). Jesus Christ is the gate that leads us to the Trinity, for whoever sees the Son, sees God (cf. Jn 14:9).

Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (Jn 14, 6). Let us allow Christ to enter and be our real existence, food, knowledge, and eternal love of the Father. Let us "be conformed to the image of the Son" (Rom 8: 29). How do you participate in God's life?

### *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.

### 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





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, Javier Ontiveros.

**Please call the office at the first of each month if you would like to continue to keep these names on the list.**

Please join us for the  
**VIA LUCIS**

Stations of the Risen Lord  
Every Thursday during the Easter Season  
Stations will begin at 6 pm on April 4, 11, 18  
Stations will be at noon on April 24  
Returning to 6 pm for May 29 and 16.

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

The story of Thomas is in fact the story of every believer. There are times of difficulty when life seems to belie faith, moments of crisis when we need to touch and see. Like Thomas, it is precisely in those moments that we re-discover the heart of Christ, the Lord's mercy.



**HOMILY  
ROME  
APRIL 24, 2022**

### 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 31, 2024:  
Total next week  
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.

### For Reflection

Have you ever surrendered to faith even when you were filled with doubt?

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

**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

**Other Information:**

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

**Upcoming Envelope Schedule**

April 7: St Vincent De Paul  
 April 14: 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



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



**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 15,29
- May 13,27
- June 10,24

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

**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          |
| Evangelization                 |                                               | 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                                |                 |
| 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    |                 |

**Reflections**

In today's Gospel we hear the story of Doubting Thomas. May we learn to put all of our faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos la historia de Tomás el incrédulo. Que aprendamos a poner toda nuestra fe y confianza en Jesucristo.



*Divine Mercy Sunday*

*Eternal Father,  
 I offer You the Body and Blood,  
 Soul and Divinity of Your  
 dearly beloved Son,  
 Our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 in atonement for our sins  
 and those of the whole world.*

**JESUS TRUST IN YOU**

