

# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9, 2023

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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:  
Thursday 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
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*



## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.”

*Matthew 11:28*

## 14<sup>o</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“Vengan a mí los que van cansados, llevando pesadas cargas,  
y yo los aliviaré.”

*Mateo 11, 28*

**Mass Intentions for  
July 8– July 16**

**Saturday, July 8-  
Weekday**  
(Gn 27:1-5,15-29, Mt 9:14-17)

4:30 pm + Santiago Gonzalez  
+ Stanley Posner  
SI Rosa Diaz

**Sunday, July 9-  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
(Zec 9:9-10, Rom 8:9,11-13, Mt 11:25-30)

8:00 am + Richard Munzinger  
SI Carlos Escobar Jr

10:00 am + Marguerite Caruthers  
SI Christina Morales  
SI Sandra Solis

12:00 pm Mass For The People

**Registration Open**

Registration is now open for  
Faith Formation and  
Confirmation for the  
2023/2024 school year.

Forms are available in the  
office or online at:  
Stmatthewcatholicchurch.org  
Please register by July 31.

**Monday, July 10-  
Weekday**  
(Gn 28:10-22a, Mt 9:18-26)

9:00 am + Alex Escarcega  
+ Juana Rivera  
+ Juan Perez

**Tuesday, July 11-  
St Benedict**  
(Gn 32:23-33, Mt 9:32-38)

9:00 am + Javier Olmedo  
+ Angel R Alvarado  
+ Monserrate Gonzalez

**Wednesday, July 12-  
Weekday**  
(Gn 41:55-57,42:5-7a,17-24a, Mt 10:1-7)

9:00 am + Catalina Camacho  
SI Phillip Pineda  
SI Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, July 13-  
Weekday**  
(Gn 44:18-21,23b-29; 34:1-5, Mt 10:7-15)

9:00 am + Loomis & Potter Families  
+ Rafael Moreu  
+ Carmensita Moreu

**Friday, July 14-  
St Kateri Tekakwitha**  
(Gn 46:1-7,28-30, Mt 10:16-23)

9:00 am + Rafael Gonzalez  
+ Carlos Gonzalez  
+ Gil Moreu Sr

If you would be interested in  
teaching Faith Formation or  
Confirmation, please contact the  
office.

**Stewardship**

**July 9, 2023**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."* - Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

**9 de julio de 2023**

**Domingo 14<sup>o</sup> del Tiempo Ordinario**

*"Porque Mi yugo es fácil y Mi carga ligera."* - Mateo 11:30

Cuando pensamos que debemos ser buenos administradores, podemos pensar que Dios está pidiendo demasiado de nosotros cuando nos llama generosamente a compartir nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro. Sin embargo, debemos recordar que no somos "propietarios" de nada, somos simples "administradores" de los dones que Dios nos ha otorgado. Todo lo que Él nos pide es que, en gratitud, devolvamos una pequeña parte de lo que Él nos ha dado.

**CALENDAR AND EVENTS  
JULY 9 - JULY 15**

	<u>Sunday, July 9</u>	
10 am-12 pm	Monday, July 10 Legion of Mary	Cottage
5:30-6:30 pm	Tuesday, July 11 Pietra Fitness	Bldg J
6:30-7:30 pm	Ladies Rosary	Parish Hall
6-8 pm	Wednesday, July 12 Yarn for Love	Parish Hall
6-7 pm	Youth Group	Bldg J
7:45-8:45 am	Thursday, July 13 Pietra Fitness	Bldg J
6-7 pm	Confession	Church
6:30-8:30 pm	ACTS Team	Bldg G
10 am-5 pm	Friday, July 14 Adoration	Church
8:30-10am	Saturday, July 15 Pietra Fitness	Bldg J
10 am-12 pm	Baptisms	Church
10 am-12 pm	SVDP Food Pantry	Bldg J
2-3 pm	Confession	Church

**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.**

**Open Doors**  
The main doors, the doors on Riverbend and the handicap access door in the daily chapel will now be open for church access.  
These doors will be locked 15 minutes after mass starts on weekends for security purposes.

**New Office Hours  
Starting July 1, 2023**  
Monday 8:00 am-5:00 pm  
Tuesday 8:00 am-3:30 pm  
Wednesday 8:00 am-3:30 pm  
Thursday 8:00 am- 3:30 pm  
Friday **CLOSED**  
2nd Saturday of the month  
9:00 am-12:00 pm

**Other Information:**  
Daily Mass: Monday – Friday at 9 am

**Upcoming Envelope Schedule**

July 9: Capital Campaign  
July 16: 3rd Sunday

**Adoration**

10 am to 5 pm every Friday.  
On the first Friday of the month, 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, 11am– Spanish



## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time-(A)

Zachariah 9:9-10

Romans 8:9,11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

### The Dilemma

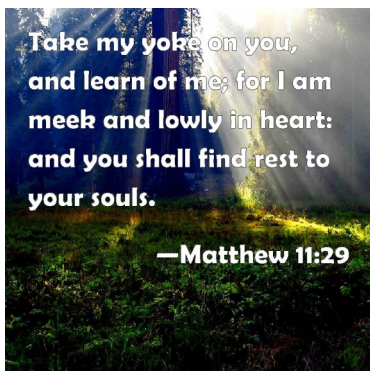
The question: How do you know when to keep on trying, resisting, refusing to give up, and when to accept life as it is and surrender to the idea that it will never be perfect or the way you would like it to be? My answer: I don't know; I have never figured it out.

Obviously, there are issues with which one will always struggle- racism, hunger and poverty, greed, raising children. Then there are those other times, usually during personal challenges, when we realize that the life we are living is the hand we've been dealt and we have to accept, whether it's illness, aging, or something else. But what about those issues that lie in between, those we could change and that deserve to be changed?

One of the blessings of acceptance and surrender can be an inner peace that comes to our lives. When Jesus says, "You will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matthew 11:29-30), he calls forth from us a willingness to trust in his presence through all that we are dealing with. None of that eliminates pain or struggle, but it can ease the suffering. The difference is that pain tends to be physical and might not be eased, while suffering tends to be psychic and emotional, and may be eased with acceptance.

The question still remains, however, as to what to do with all those times in between, and how to know the difference. That, Jesus says, has been revealed to "the childlike" (see Matthew 11:25).

-Fr Joseph Juknialis



**Congratulations!!**

and a very a very big thank you to all who participated in our 2022-2023 Class Year of Bible Studies. In late September we will begin once again with a ten (10) week study of "Acts of the Apostles" Have a safe summer- John Cooney

9 de julio de 2023

Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario (A)

Zacarias 9:9-10

Romanos 8:9,11-13

Mateo 11:25-30

La pregunta: ¿Cómo saber cuándo seguir intentando, resistiendo, negándote a rendirte, y cuándo aceptar la vida tal como es y rendirte a la idea de que nunca será perfecta o como te gustaría que fuera? Mi respuesta: No lo sé; nunca lo he averiguado.

Evidentemente, hay cuestiones con las que uno siempre tendrá que luchar: el racismo, el hambre y la pobreza, la codicia, la educación de los hijos. Luego están esos otros momentos, normalmente durante los desafíos personales, en los que nos damos cuenta de que la vida que estamos viviendo es la mano que nos ha tocado y tenemos que aceptarla, ya sea una enfermedad, el envejecimiento o cualquier otra cosa. Pero, ¿qué pasa con esos asuntos que están en medio, aquellos que podríamos cambiar y que merecen ser cambiados?

Una de las bendiciones de la aceptación y la rendición puede ser la paz interior que llega a nuestras vidas. Cuando Jesús dice: "Encontraréis descanso para vosotros mismos. Porque mi yugo es fácil y mi carga ligera" (Mateo 11:29-30), nos pide que este-mos dispuestos a confiar en su presencia en todo aquello con lo que nos enfrentamos. Nada de eso elimina el dolor o la lucha, pero puede aliviar el sufrimiento. La diferencia es que el dolor tiende a ser físico y puede no aliviarse, mientras que el sufrimiento tiende a ser psíquico y emocional, y puede aliviarse con la aceptación.

La cuestión sigue siendo, sin embargo, qué hacer con todos esos momentos inter-medios, y cómo saber la diferencia. Eso, dice Jesús, se les ha revelado a "los que son como niños" (véase Mateo 11:25).

-Padre Joseph Juknialis

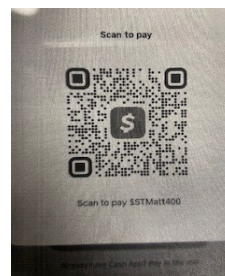
### For Reflection

Have you ever experienced the peace that comes with surrendering?

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, Bonnie Larson, 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, Carlos Hernandez, 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, Priscilla Fuentes, Karleigh Fuhrman, Sofie Marie Crowe, James Lee Jamison, Mike Bogdan, Beatriz Gonzalez, Angel Baker, Carmen Moreno, Marisol Moreno, Arturo Huerta, Guadalupe Delgado.

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

#### *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!

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

All of us have something we need to be cleansed of, or purified from. All of us. May the knowledge of this fact inspire us all to live in solidarity, to support one another and seek the best for others...[Jesus] comes to save us from the lie that says no one can change.



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#### **Faithful Fitness**

Pietra Fitness classes for women, 14 and older  
Tuesday afternoon, 5:30-6:30 pm- Gentle  
Thursday morning, 7:45-8:45 am—  
Intermediate/Advanced  
Saturday mornings, 8:30-9:30 am—  
Gentle/Intermediate  
To register, please contact  
Christy Balsiger at (915) 525-5384 or at  
hcbalsiger1@aol.com.

#### ***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.

#### **Tithes and Offerings**

*Offerings collected for July 2, 2023:  
Will be published 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.*

#### **Prayers of the Faithful**

That, in gratitude for all that God has given us, we joyfully return a portion of His gifts to help build His kingdom of earth.

Que, en gratitud por todo lo Dios nos ha dado, devolvamos alegremente una parte de Sus dones para ayudar en la construcción de Su reino en la tierra.

#### **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.**

#### **Men's ACTS Breakfast Rosary**

**Saturday morning**

**7:30-8:30 am— Yvonne's Cantina**

**Except on Saturdays when the group meets for the Community Gathering.**

Upcoming 2023 Events— Please Join Us

**Thursday, Aug 3— Sunday, Aug 6**

**Men's Spanish ACTS Retreat**

Contact Marc Carrillo 915-494-1254

**Saturday, Aug 19** ACTS Community

Gathering— 8 am

Potluck breakfast

**Saturday, Oct 21** ACTS Community

Gathering— 8 am

Potluck breakfast



Dear parishioners,

The Social Justice ministry is requesting donations for foster children in grades Pre-K through 6th. The children are in need of new clothing and/or new school supplies such as backpacks, notebooks, paper etc. Please put the items in the boxes located by the entrance of the church. Please bring your donations by **July 14th**. Thank you so much for your generosity. God bless you and your family.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Knights are Back!!**  
On the 3rd weekend each month  
the Knights of Columbus  
will be selling  
empanadas .

**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
Thur pm English	John Cooney	479-4700
Fri 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	726-4193
Prayer Chain	C.C. Ayoub	373-1289
Arts and Environment	Alice Valles, Terry Acosta -Ponce, Ana Cooper	office
Safety and Security		office
Social Justice		246-1895
St Vincent De Paul	Alicia Ochoa	
SVDP at St Matthew Food Pantry	Dorothy Schatzman, Letty Carrasco	581-3482/ office
That Man Is You	Dorothy Schatzman, Terry Cullen Cordova	204-5120/ office
Women's Auxiliary	Felipe Gonzalez	575-496-7445
Wedding Preparation	Cordee Machuca	office
		office

Office number: 584-3461

Corporate Board: President: Fr Frank Lopez  
Parish Pastoral Council: Dorothy Schatzman



*Communities Coming Together*

**El Paso Community  
Blood Drive/ Donor Sangre  
at/ en el  
St. Matthew Catholic Church**

Building J - The Old Church  
400 W. Sunset Rd.  
El Paso, TX 79922

**Wednesday, July 19, 2023  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment or for more information,  
please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)  
or visit redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: ELPASOSTMAT

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por favor llame al 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)  
o visite redcrossblood.org y use el Código del patrocinador: ELPASOMAT



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The Eucharist is the bread that gives strength... It is at once the most eloquent proof of His love and the most powerful means of fostering His love in us. He gives Himself every day so that our hearts as burning coals may set afire the hearts of the faithful."

-St. Damien of Molokai

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**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** starting **Monday, July 17, 2023**. The food distribution will be every other Monday from 9-11 a.m.

SVDP is looking for volunteers to assist with the food pantry and distribution. A meeting with those interested in volunteering will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 15, in Building J.

All are welcome.

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

**I AM WITH YOU**

It is not my perfect plan that you should struggle or battle through life, but that is the way of the world. It is my perfect plan that you continue to put your faith and trust in me. By doing that, my Spirit will come alive within your heart and you will reap the benefits that I pour out upon my children who believe in me. I am with you today and all of your days.



