

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Second Saturday: 9 am-12 pm

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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:
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*

Peace
Day

Mass Intentions for
December 9– December 17

**Saturday, December 9-
Advent Weekday**
(Is 30:19-21, 23-26,
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8)

4:30 pm + Julie Loomis
+ Javier Olmedo
+ Roger Maldonado Sr
+ Fernando Salazar
SI Leonor Salazar

**Sunday, December 10-
Second Sunday of Advent**
(Is 40:1-5, 9-11, 2Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8)

8:00 am Mass For The People

10:00 am + Marguerite Caruthers
+ Henry Gallegos
+ Linda Cowherd
+ Elisa Carpintero

12:00 pm

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.

Stewardship
2023

December 10, 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

10 de diciembre de
2023

2º Domingo de Adviento

"Prepare el camino del Señor..." - MARCOS 1:3

Todos somos llamados a vivir una vida santa. Todos somos llamados a invitar a los demás a vivir una vida santa. Vivir un estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad, ser agradecido y generoso con nuestros dones, nos pone en el camino de la santidad y es también un ejemplo para los demás. Somos responsables no solamente de nuestras propias vidas, sino también de las vidas de los demás. ¿Cómo está ayudando a otras personas a llegar al Cielo?

**Monday, December 11-
Advent Weekday**
(Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26)

9:00 am + Rafael Rene Garcia
SI Mr & Mrs Ed Garcia
SI Marsha Barraza

**Tuesday, December 12-
Our Lady of Guadalupe**
(Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a:12:1-6a, 10ab,
Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47)

6:00 am Mananitas
9:00 am
6:00 pm

**Wednesday, December 13-
St Lucy**
(Is 40:25-31, Mt 28-30)

9:00 am + Armando & Oralia Martinez
SI Tess Flores
SI Cocele Obuch
SI Lilly Caldwell

**Thursday, December 14-
St John of the Cross**
(Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15)

9:00 am + Gloria Evelyn Perch
+ Dolores Acosta
+ Celso Trujillo Sr
SI Patsy Medlin

**Friday, December 15-
Advent Weekday**
(Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19)

9:00 am + Loomis & Potter Families
SI Manny Garcia
SI Marsha Barraza

**Saturday, December 16-
Advent Weekday**
(Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:9a, 10-13)

4:30 pm Mass For The People

**Sunday, December 17-
Third Sunday of Advent**
(Is 61:1-2a, 10-11, 1Thes 5:16-24,
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)

8:00 am + Dora Herrera
+ Norma Aguilar
+ Alvaro Munoz Sr

10:00 + Msgr Dixon Hartford
+ Msgr David Fierro
+ Neal Luther

12:00 pm + Pedro Ganem
+ Alexis Gutierrez

Calendar for
Advent and Christmas
2023

December 4-12
Novena for Our Lady of
Guadalupe at 6 pm in the
Church

December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mananitas at 6 am
Mass at 6 pm

December 24
Mass at 10 am– English
Mass at noon– Spanish
Christmas Eve Mass
4:30 pm Children's Vigil
Mass
12:00 am– Midnight
Mass

December 25
Mass at 10 am– English
Mass at noon– Spanish
January 1
Mary Mother of God
Mass at 11 am-
Bilingual

CALENDAR AND EVENTS
DECEMBER 10–DECEMBER 16

Sunday, December 10
11:30 am-1 pm Confirmation Bldg J/School
11:30 am-1 pm RCIA/RCIC Bldg G/ Conf Rm

Monday, December 11
8 am-12 pm SVDP Food Pantry Riverbend/Bldg J
10 am-12 pm Legion of Mary Cottage
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Bldg G/ Ctyd

Tuesday, December 12
6:30am Reception after Mananitas Parish Hall
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Bldg G/ Ctyd/Cottage
5:30-6:30 pm Pietra Fitness Bldg J
7-8 pm Reception after Mass Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 13
9:30-11:30 am Mas Deus Sacred Heart Rm
5:30-6:45 pm Faith Formation Bldg G
6-7 pm Youth Group Bldg J
6-8 pm Yarn for Love Parish Hall
6:30-8:30 pm Bible Study Conference Rm
7-9 pm TMIY Bldg J

Thursday, December 14
7:45 –8:45 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J
10 am-12 pm Bible Study Conference Rm
4:30-8 pm K of C Food Basket Prep Parish Hall
5-6 pm Social Justice Parish Hall
6-8 pm Baptism Class Conference Rm

Friday, December 15
10 am-5 pm Adoration Church
4:30-8 pm K of C Food Basket Prep Parish Hall
6-7 pm Quinceanera Rehearsal Church

Saturday, December 16
8:30-10 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J
9 am-1 pm K of C Food Basket Prep Parish Hall
10 am-12 pm Baptisms Church
12-1 pm Quinceanera for Syria Smith Church
2-3 pm Confession Church

Other Information:

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday at 9 am
Daily Rosary : Monday-Friday at 8:15 am in the Daily Chapel
Upcoming Envelope Schedule
December 10: Retirement for the Religious
December 17: 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
2Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

10 de diciembre de 2023
Segundo Domingo de Adviento
Isaías 40:1-5,9-11
2Pedro 3:8-14
Marcos 1:1-8

When Will We Be Satisfied?

In 1992, Forbes magazine published an issue titled, "Why Do We Feel So Bad When We Have It So Good?" It featured articles by such luminaries as newsman Dan Rather, President George H.W. Bush, and author John Updike. Many of the writers reflected upon our passion for more and our hunger to live in affluence and how that fails to satisfy. In so many ways, we as a nation find ourselves seeking distractions from living with ourselves lest we be confronted by our ultimate loneliness. As a nation we are addicted to entertainment and smartphones, to drugs and pornography, and to finding something new. We are confronted by rising suicide rates and a pervasive, deep-seated anger. Why are we not satisfied?

John the Baptist called the people of his day to repent, which is another way of asking them-and us- to look at life differently. Advent is really about getting in touch with our deep longing for more, a part of our human condition that ultimately is only satisfied by God. We have been created to long for more, a longing that feels like loneliness, a longing that seeks to be satisfied. In the end, we can only find a sense of peace in the midst of such longing by accepting that it can never be fully satisfied in this life. Like the spirituality of Alcoholics Anonymous, accepting rather than fleeing from our human reality becomes a path to new life.

-Fr Joseph Juknialis

En 1992, la revista Forbes publicó un número titulado "¿Por qué nos sentimos tan mal cuando vamos tan bien?". En él aparecían artículos de personalidades como el periodista Dan Rather, el presidente George H. W. Bush y el escritor John Updike. Muchos de los escritores reflexionaron sobre nuestra pasión por tener más y nuestra ansia de vivir en la opulencia, y sobre cómo eso no nos satisface. De muchas maneras, como nación nos encontramos buscando distracciones para no vivir con nosotros mismos, no sea que nos enfrentemos a nuestra soledad definitiva. Como nación, somos adictos al entretenimiento y a los teléfonos inteligentes, a las drogas y a la pornografía, a encontrar algo nuevo. Nos enfrentamos a tasas de suicidio crecientes y a una ira omnipresente y profundamente arraigada. ¿Por qué no estamos satisfechos?

Juan el Bautista llamó a la gente de su tiempo a arrepentirse, que es otra forma de pedirles -y pedirnos- que miren la vida de otra manera. En realidad, el Adviento consiste en entrar en contacto con nuestro profundo anhelo de más, una parte de nuestra condición humana que, en última instancia, sólo Dios satisface. Hemos sido creados para anhelar más, un anhelo que se siente como soledad, un anhelo que busca ser satisfecho. Al final, sólo podemos encontrar una sensación de paz en medio de ese anhelo aceptando que nunca podrá satisfacerse plenamente en esta vida. Al igual que la espiritualidad de Alcohólicos Anónimos, aceptar nuestra realidad humana, en lugar de huir de ella, se convierte en un camino hacia una nueva vida.

-Padre Joseph Juknialis



John [the] Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. MARK 1:4



Christmas candles are available in the office For \$8



This leadership program is based on Scripture and Catholic faith. Join us Wednesdays at 7 pm in Building J. First meeting is September 20. Contact Felipe Gonzalez at 575-496-7445 or the office with any questions.

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.
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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, Bobby Nunez, 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, Mike Bogdan, Beatriz Gonzalez, Angel Baker, Carmen Moreno, Marisol Moreno, Arturo Huerta, Guadalupe Delgado, Lilly Grado, Lilly Caldwell, Jose Castillo, Edmundo Silva, Susie Salinas, Carlos Spector, Willie Toscano, Blanca Valdez, Bertha Garcia, Cruz and Carmen Ito, Margarita Payan, Ricardo Ramos, Michael Tracy, Lilly Grato, Miriam Skelton, Erica Torres, Margaret Gallegos, Josephine Perez, Ryan Salisbury, Lonnie Villarreal.

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 are called to live holy lives and invite others to do the same.

Que reconozcamos que somos llamados a vivir vidas santas y a invitar a otros a hacer lo mismo.

A Word From Pope Francis:

In the Bible [conversion] means, first and foremost, to change direction and orientation; and thus also to change one's way of thinking. In the moral and spiritual life, to convert means to turn oneself from evil to good, from sin to love of God. And this is what the Baptist was teaching.



ANGELUS
ROME
DECEMBER 6, 2020

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 December 3, 2023:
Posted 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.

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

How do you deal with loneliness and a longing for more out of 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.

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!

Bible Class

Join one of our Bible Study classes at any time.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Thursdays at 10:00 am

In the Conference Room

No registration is required— join at any time!

Bring a friend.

All are Welcome.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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



*Donations for the poinsettias for
 Christmas can be made in the office
 or in the collection. Please note
 whom you are making the intention
 for.
 Thank you.*



Bell Choir for Christmas
 All are Welcome!
 Rehearsals begin on
 November 7, 2023
 at 4:30 pm in the Church.
 Please call the office with any
 questions.



Social Justice Ministry will be
 putting up the Angel Tree the
 weekend of November 18. Please
 pick up a tag and purchase the
 items listed. Return the gift to
 the tree by December 15. Items go to
 local foster children.
 Thank you!



**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:
 December 11

First Quarter of 2024:
 January 8, January 22
 February 5, February 19
 March 4, March 18

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
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	
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