

# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Second Saturday: 9 am-12 pm

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 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*



**Mass Intentions for  
December 30– January 7**

**Saturday, December 30-  
Christmas Weekday  
(1Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40)**  
4:30 pm + Maria (Kenni) Garcia  
+ Francis & Joan Cullen  
+ Julio Laguette

**Sunday, December 31-  
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and  
Joseph  
(Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17,  
LK 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40)**  
8:00 am + Rick Marro  
+ Salomon Barraza Jr  
+ Salomon & Maria Barraza

10:00 am + Mary Lou Schichtl  
+ Sr Imelda Marie Kaufman  
(Sr Mel)  
+ Carlos & Delfina Hernandez

12:00 pm Mass For the People

**Monday, January 1 -  
Mary, Holy Mother of God  
(Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21)**  
11:00 am Bilingual

**Tuesday, January 2-  
Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen  
(1Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28)**  
9:00 am + Leticia Bujanda Franco  
+ Esther Nunez

**Wednesday, January 3-  
Christmas Weekday  
(1Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34)**  
9:00 am + Paulina Almonte Martinez  
+ Henry Sanchez  
SI Edward Haines

**Thursday, January 4-  
St Elizabeth Ann Seton  
(1Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42)**  
9:00 am

**Friday, January 5-  
St John Neumann  
(1Jn 3:11-21, Jn 1:43-51)**  
9:00 am + Patty Lee Miranda  
+ Armando & Oralia Martinez

**Saturday, January 6-  
Christmas Weekday  
(1Jn 5:5-13, Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38  
or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38)**  
4:30 pm + Richard L Vollmer  
+ Frank & Luna Campa  
+ Rene Okubo

**Sunday, January 7-  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
(Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6,  
Mt 2:1-12)**  
8:00 am Mass For The People

10:00 SI Wade Daw

12:00 pm SI Javier Olmedo

**CALENDAR AND EVENTS  
DECEMBER 31–JANUARY 6**

Sunday, December 31

Monday, January 1  
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2  
5:30-6:30 pm Pietra Fitness Bldg J

Wednesday, January 3  
6-8 pm Yarn for Love Parish Hall  
6-7 pm Youth Group Bldg J  
7-9 pm TMIY Bldg J

Thursday, January 4  
7:45-8:45 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J  
5-6 pm Social Justice Parish Hall

Friday, January 5  
10 am-5 pm Adoration Church

Saturday, January 6  
8:30-10 am Pietra Fitness 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.**

**Calendar for  
Advent and Christmas  
2023  
January 1  
Mary Mother of God  
Mass at 11 am-  
Bilingual**

**Stewardship**  
CREATING VALUE

**December 31, 2023**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” -  
Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone - a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

**31 de diciembre de 2023**  
**La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José**  
“... como el Señor os perdonó, así también vosotros debéis perdonar.” - Colosenses 3:13

Perdonar es una de las cosas más difíciles de hacer para las personas. No podemos dar lo que no tenemos. Necesitamos recibir la misericordia y el perdón de Dios antes de poder dárselo a los demás. Acude al sacramento de la Reconciliación y recibe la misericordia y el perdón de Dios. Luego, comparte el regalo del perdón con alguien: un familiar, un amigo o un compañero de trabajo. Levanta el teléfono o envíe un mensaje de texto a alguien ahora mismo.

**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 31: 5th Sunday  
January 7: St Vincent De Paul

**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, 11 am– Spanish

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**December 31, 2023**

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (B)*

**Sirach** 3:2-6,12-14

**Colossians** 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

**Luke** 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40

### Family Gifts

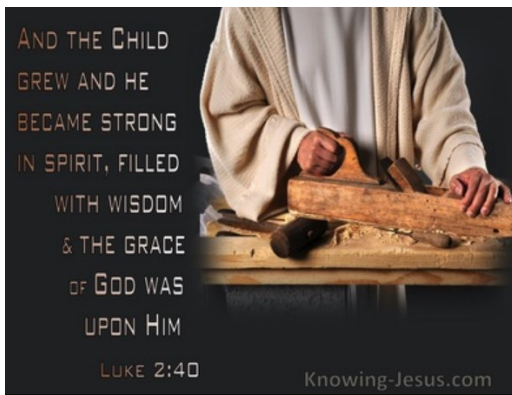
I asked some folks what they carried with them as their most treasured gift from their parents. One spoke of the gift of freedom. As an adult he always felt loved and welcomed by his parents. Although he was not always able to visit them as frequently as his life would allow, he was never made to feel guilty about it. It was an atmosphere unpressured by any "have-tos" whether it concerned choices for marriage or profession or simply for occasional family visits.

Another spoke of being taught by example that love in a family always extends to welcoming the stranger, caring for the unfortunate, opening one's home to those in pain. She learned to live that way because that was how her parents lived.

Yet another spoke of her father's gentleness and faithfulness as treasured gifts. And in truth she herself had become gentle and faithful, both with life and with God. Yet another took note of his parents' acceptance and openness to differing cultures and traditions and value systems. It was a way of living he now took to himself and his own family.

Not every family may seem as graced as these individuals remember their own families, and no doubt these families had flaws too. Yet, those qualities of a believer, enumerated by St Peter in his Letter to the Colossians, make for good family life as well: "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all these put on love" (Colossians 3:12-14).

-Fr Joseph Juknialis



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.

**31 de diciembre de 2023**

*La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José (B)*

**Eclesiástico** 3:2-6,12-14

**Colosenses** 3;12-21 o 3:12-17

**Lucas** 2:22-40 o 2:22,39-40

Pregunté a algunas personas qué llevaban consigo como regalo máspreciado de sus padres. Uno habló del don de la libertad. De adulto, siempre se sintió querido y acogido por sus padres. Aunque no siempre podía visitarlos con la frecuencia que su vida le permitía, nunca le hicieron sentirse culpable por ello. Era un ambiente sin presiones de ningún tipo, ya se tratara de elecciones matrimoniales o profesionales, o simplemente de visitas familiares ocasionales.

Otra habló de que le enseñaron con el ejemplo que el amor en una familia siempre se extiende a acoger al forastero, a cuidar de los desafortunados, a abrir la propia casa a los que sufren. Aprendió a vivir así porque así vivían sus padres.

Otra hablaba de la dulzura y la fidelidad de su padre como dones preciados. Y, en verdad, ella misma se había vuelto gentil y fiel, tanto con la vida como con Dios. Otro tomó nota de la aceptación y la apertura de sus padres a culturas, tradiciones y sistemas de valores diferentes. Era una forma de vivir que ahora adoptaba para sí mismo y para su propia familia.

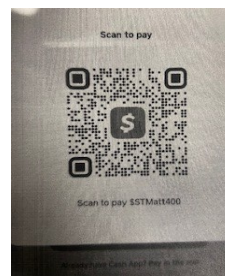
Puede que no todas las familias parezcan tan agradecidas como estas personas recuerdan a sus propias familias, y sin duda estas familias también tenían defectos. Sin embargo, las cualidades de un creyente, enumeradas por San Pablo en su Carta a los Colosenses, también contribuyen a una buena vida familiar: "compasión sincera, bondad, humildad, mansedumbre y paciencia, soportándoos unos a otros y perdonándoos unos a otros. Y sobre todo esto revestíos de amor" (Colosenses 3:12-14).

-Padre Joseph Juknialis

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, 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, Bertha Garcia, Cruz and Carmen Ito, Margarita Payan, Ricardo Ramos, Michael Tracy, Lilly Grato, Miriam Skelton, Erica Torres, Josephine Perez, Ryan Salisbury, Lonnie Villarreal, Ernesto Ontiveros III.

**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 God will provide us the strength to forgive those that have hurt us.

Que Dios nos provea de fortaleza para perdonar a aquellos que nos han hecho daño.

#### A Word From Pope Francis:

In imitation of the Holy Family, we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit: it requires being founded on the love that always regenerates relationships...[I]f you quarrel within the

family, do not end the day without making peace...And do you know why? Because a cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous.



#### 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 17, 2023:

**\$12,886.00**

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

What gift from your family do you hope to pass to the next generation?

#### 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.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



**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  
 Food Baskets 2023



**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 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.

**Prayer to the Holy Family**  
 Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
 We entrust to you all families.  
 Bless us all with your protection, guidance and strength that we may be crowned with God's Holy presence.  
 May His kingship rule and reign in every heart that together all members may live their lives glorifying and praising You, the King and Creator of all, now and always.  
 We pray in Jesus' name.  
 Amen!

Prayer for the Family  
 Easter Publications, LLC  
 Thank you, Pixabay.

**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!

