

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Second Saturday: 9 am-12 pm

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

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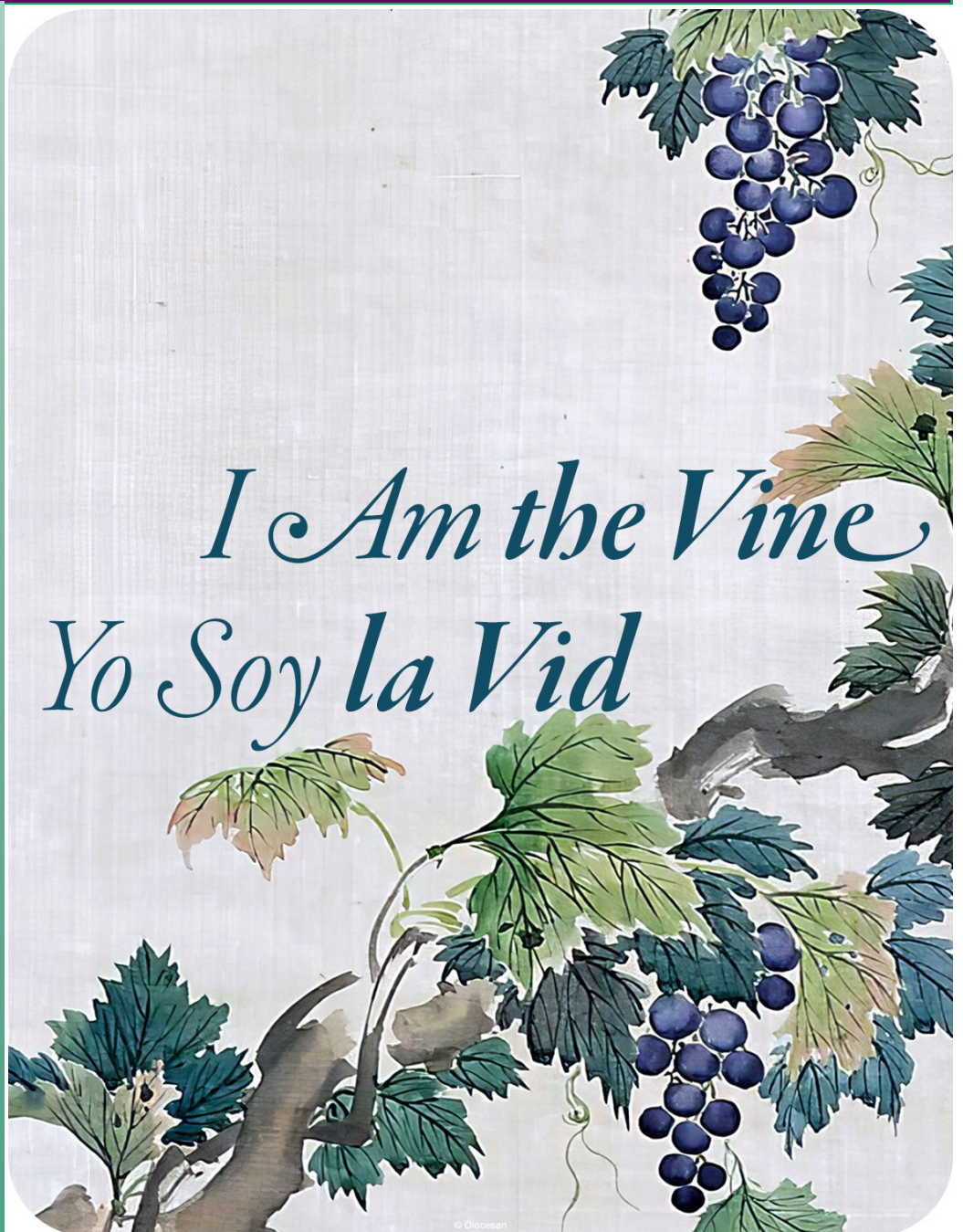
SUNDAY LITURGY

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
April 27– May 5, 2024
Saturday, April 27-
Easter Weekday**

(Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6)
4:30 pm + Manuela Banuelos
+ Teresa Soto
SI Jim & Christian Gannon
Saxon Baptism

**Sunday, April 28-
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

(Acts 9:26-31, 1Jn 3:18-24, Jn 15:1-8)
8:00 am + Augusto Aquino
SI John D Aspeitia
SI John Gilbert Aspietia
10:00 am + Lupe H Rede
+ Knights of Columbus
SI Olivia Roeckl
12:00 pm + Victor Manuel Reyes

**Monday, April 29-
St Catherine of Siena**

(Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26)
9:00 am + Myrna Zanetell
+ Mary Frances
SI Deacon Luis Santos

**Tuesday, April 30-
Easter Weekday**

(Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a)
9:00 am + Carmen Escandon Franco
+ Luis Soto
+ Wayne E Ponce

**Wednesday, May 1-
Easter Weekday**

(Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8)
9:00 am + Armando & Oralia Martinez
+ Ricardo Iglesias
SI Stephen Rapp

**Thursday, May 2-
St Athanasius**

(Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11)
9:00 am + Jeremy Wyckoff
+ Jesus Alvarado

**Friday, May 3-
Sts Philip and James**

(1Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14)
9:00 am + Roger Maldonado Sr
SI Julie Davis
SI Fr John Paul Madanu

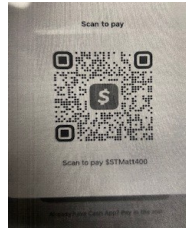
**Saturday, May 4-
Easter Weekday**

(Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21)
9:00 am **Confirmation Mass**
4:30 pm Mass For The People

**Sunday, May 5-
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

(Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17)
8:00 am + Carlos R Escobar
+ Ramon & Arturo Montes
+ Augusto Aquino
10:00 am + Lilly Caldwell
+ Neal Luther
+ Martha V Limas
12:00 pm + Dora Luz Sanchez Nevarez

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

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

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.

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 Tuesday morning Bible Class will begin the seven-week study of "Jesus in the Eucharist" on Tuesday, May 21.

This study is the effort of the Augustine Institute in special attention to the national Eucharistic Revival.

Class begins after the 9AM morning Mass, usually at 9:45 in the parish conference room.

There is no cost for this study since the thirty-page participant guide is only available on line.

Please contact Christy Balsiger at 915 525 5384 or at hcbalsiger1@aol.com for more information or to register.

**CALENDAR AND EVENTS
APRIL 28–MAY 4**

11:30-1 pm	<u>Sunday, April 28</u> RCIA/RCIC Confirmation	Bldg G/Conf Rm Bldg J/School
10 am-12 pm	<u>Monday, April 29</u> Legion of Mary Faith Formation	Cottage Ctyd/Bldg G
5:30-6:30 pm	<u>Tuesday, April 30</u> Pietra Fitness	Bldg J
4-6:45 pm	Faith Formation	Cottage/Ctyd/Bldg G
9:30-11:30 am	<u>Wednesday, May 1</u> 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
7-9 pm	TMIY	Bldg J
6:30-7:30 pm	Proclaimer Training	Church
7:45-8:45 am	<u>Thursday, May 2</u> Pietra Fitness	Bldg J
10 am-12 pm	Bible Study	Conf Rm
6-6:30 pm	VIA LUCIS	Church
6:30-7:30 pm	Confirmation Rehearsal	Church
10 am– 9 am Saturday	<u>Friday, May 3</u> 24 Hour Adoration	Church
7-11 am	<u>Saturday, May 4</u> ACTS Community	Parish Hall
7:30-10:30 am	ACTS men	Conf Rm
8:30-9:30 am	Pietra Fitness	Bldg J
9-10 am	Confirmation Mass	
10 am-12 pm	ACTS women	Bldg J
2-3 pm	Confession	Church

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

Mother's Day Bake Sale
after the Vigil Mass and the Sunday Masses on May 11 and 12



2024 Women's English ACTS
Retreat Team Fundraiser
Cash and checks only

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26-31

1John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

The Pruning Process

The common myth is that we receive a new body every seven years as cells die and are replaced. However, stomach cells are renewed every two days or so because of acids and enzymes. Skin cells are replaced every two to three weeks. Bone cells last about ten years, and our brain cells stay with us for our entire lives. In a sense, then, we might say that our bodies are pruned, part of us remaining long-term to nurture and sustain like the trunk of a tree, and part of us is severed so that life may be renewed and continue on.

If so with our bodies, are not our spirits also pruned? There is a core of who we are that wends its way throughout our lives. Yet that "who" has rough edges in need of being smoothed; barbs need to be dulled; and certain inclinations simply need to be severed. Spouses tend to prune one another, the grace of a loving marriage. Children sometimes keep parents honest. Life events may grind down our independence and self-sufficiency. Illnesses, aging, job loss, the death of loved ones— all forcing us to recognize that we are not in control of life. We are thus pruned, forced to surrender much of what we one thought we could control.

Where is God in this? If God is woven into the warp and woof of all life, then all the events and rhythms of life can draw us closer to God, pruning us into goodness and fruitfulness.

Fr Joseph Juknialis

28 de abril de 2024

Quinto Domingo de Pascua (B)

Hechos 9:26-31

1Juan 3:18-24

Juan 15:1-8

El mito común es que recibimos un cuerpo nuevo cada siete años, a medida que las células mueren y son reemplazadas. Sin embargo, las células del estómago se renuevan cada dos días aproximadamente debido a los ácidos y las enzimas. Las células de la piel se sustituyen cada dos o tres semanas. Las células óseas duran unos diez años, y las cerebrales permanecen con nosotros toda la vida. En cierto sentido, entonces, podríamos decir que nuestros cuerpos se podan, parte de nosotros permanece a largo plazo para nutrir y sostener como el tronco de un árbol, y parte de nosotros se corta para que la vida pueda renovarse y continuar.

Si es así con nuestros cuerpos, ¿no se podan también nuestros espíritus? Hay una parte esencial de lo que somos que se abre camino a lo largo de nuestra vida. Sin embargo, ese "quién" tiene asperezas que hay que limar, púas que hay que embotar y ciertas inclinaciones que simplemente hay que cortar. Los cónyuges tienden a podarse mutuamente, la gracia de un matrimonio amoroso. Los hijos a veces mantienen honestos a los padres. Los acontecimientos de la vida pueden reducir nuestra independencia y autosuficiencia. Las enfermedades, el envejecimiento, la pérdida del trabajo, la muerte de seres queridos... nos obligan a reconocer que no tenemos el control de la vida. Nos vemos así podados, obligados a renunciar a gran parte de lo que antes creíamos poder controlar.

¿Dónde está Dios en todo esto? Si Dios está entretejido en la urdimbre y la trama de toda la vida, entonces todos los acontecimientos y ritmos de la vida pueden acercarnos a Dios, podándonos hacia la bondad y la fecundidad.

-Padre Joseph Juknialis

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." -1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

28 de abril de 2024

5° Domingo de Pascua

"Hijos, no amemos de palabra ni de labios para afuera, sino con hechos y de verdad." - 1 JUAN 3:18

Con respecto a nuestra fe católica, ¿"predicas con el ejemplo"? ¿Tus acciones reflejan lo que significa ser un buen discípulo? ¿Participa activamente en la Misa Dominical? ¿Estás alegre cuando participas en el ministerio parroquial? ¿Das tu apoyo financiero agradecido y generosamente a tu parroquia y a otras necesidades de la Iglesia? Si no es así, ¡No es tarde para empezar!

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

John 15:1-2

DailyVerses.net

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:

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm

Thursdays 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

JULY 17-21, 2024
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Will YOU be there?

You Don't Want to Miss This Moment

God wants to do something NEW in and through his people, but first we must return to our first love: Jesus in the Eucharist. At the National Eucharistic Congress, every Catholic is invited to be healed, strengthened, and anointed for an exciting new chapter of mission. Then, we will be sent back home to our communities, on fire for Christ and ready to share his love! Our nation and our world will never be the same.

COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.
eucharisticcongress.org



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, Terry Pallanes, Jesus Javier Gonzalez, Erica Sumaran, Elias & Alice Morales.

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

For Reflection

How have you been pruned and has this pruning led to new growth, new life?

A Word From Pope Francis:

Jesus need us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does



Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.

REGINA CAELI
ROME
MAY 2, 2021

Faithful Fitness

Pietra Fitness— classes for women
Ages 14 and up

Tuesday:

5:30-6:30 pm: Gentle (women's class)
6:30-7:30 PM: Gentle (men'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 April 21, 2024:
\$9875.00

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.

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 25
Returning to 6 pm for May 2, 9 and 16.

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

- Saturday, May 4** ACTS Community gathering-8 a.m. potluck breakfast
- Saturday and Sunday, May 11/12** Mother's Day Bake Sale
2024 Women's English ACTS Retreat Team
- Thursday, June 20-
Sunday, June 23** **Women's English ACTS retreat**
- Thursday, Aug. 1-
Sunday, Aug. 4** **Men's English ACTS Retreat**
- Saturday, Aug. 17** ACTS Community gathering-8 a.m. potluck breakfast
- Saturday, Nov. 16** ACTS Community gathering-8 a.m. potluck breakfast

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 28: Catholic Home Missions Appeal
 May 5: 1st Sunday

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



**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

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 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 29
 May 13,27
 June 10,24

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

Reflections

That our daily actions reflect our goal of good discipleship.

Que nuestras acciones diarias reflejen nuestra meta en ser buenos discipulos.



Pajamas for Seniors

Donate New Pjs and Nightgowns for low income seniors in Juarez nursing homes managed by nuns.

Pjs will be handed out on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Please place any pajama donations in the boxes inside **St. Matthew's Catholic Church**
 400 W Sunset Rd El Paso Tx 79922
 Tel. (915) 801 1378

Max Deus
 Catholic Foundation of America

By official disposition, used clothing cannot be crossed on international bridges to Mexico

