

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Second Saturday: 9 am-12 pm

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

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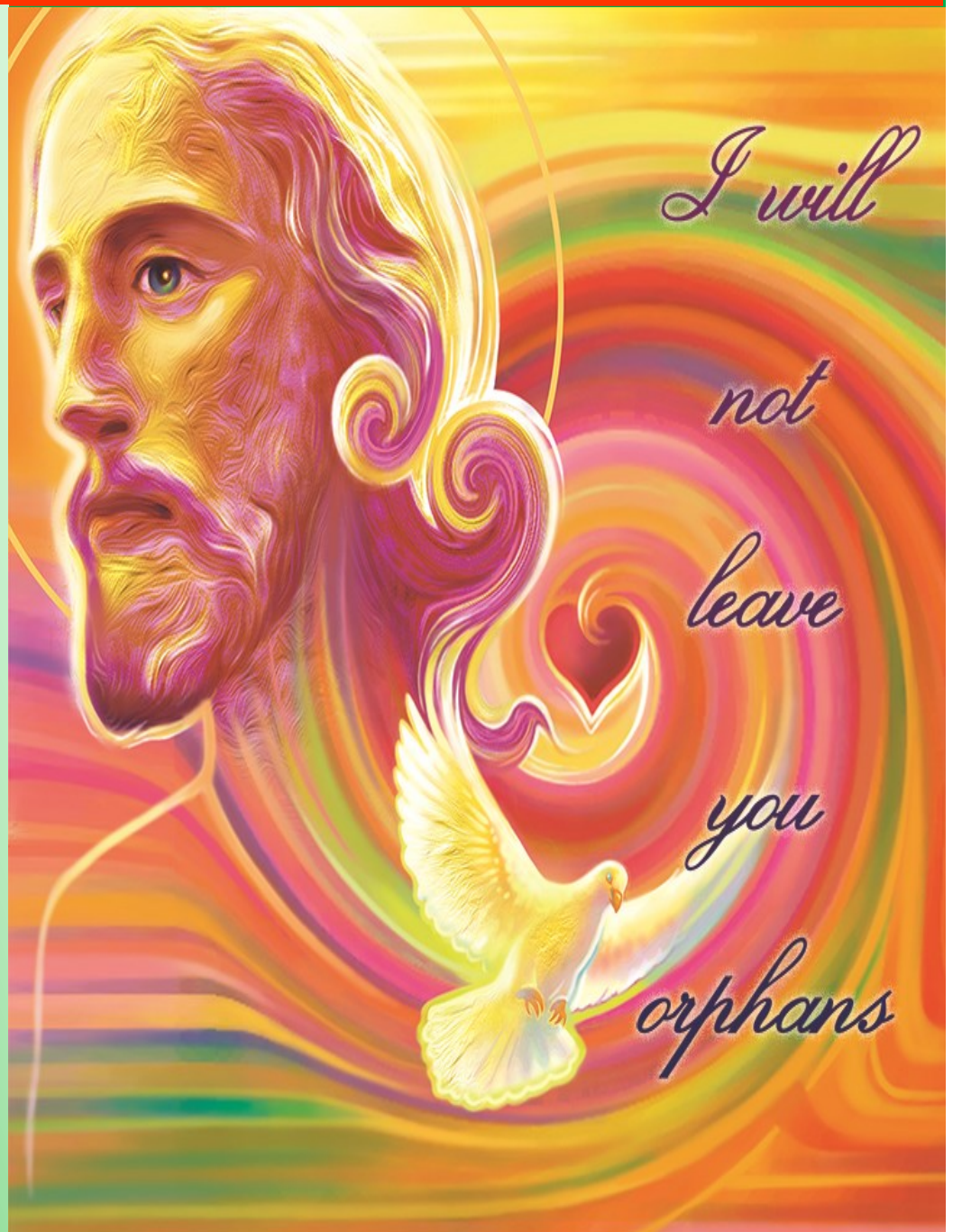
SUNDAY LITURGY

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
May 4- May 12, 2024
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
Saxton Baptism

**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

**Monday, May 6-
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11-15, Jn 15:26-16:4a)**

9:00 am + Ramon & Bertha Chavarria
+ John Michael
SI Chavarria Family

**Tuesday, May 7-
Easter Weekday
(Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11)**

9:00 am + Enrique Matta III
SI Matta Family
SI Miguel Perez

**Wednesday, May 8-
Easter Weekday
(Acts 17:15, 22-18:1, Jn 16:12-15)**

9:00 am + Vidal Franco
+ Patricia Montoya Galland
SI Mike Franco Family

**Thursday, May 9-
Easter Weekday
(Acts 18:1-8, Jn 16:16-20)**

9:00 am

**Friday, May 10-
Easter Weekday
(Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23)**

9:00 am + Elisa Castillo
+ Maria Velasquez
SI All Mothers

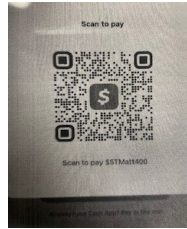
**Saturday, May 11-
Easter Weekday
(Acts 18:23-28, Jn 16:23b-28)**

8:00 am/10:00 am **First Communion**
4:30 pm + Santiago Gonzalez
+ Haydee Ramirez
+ Raul & Maria Oaxaca
+ Francisca Valles
Herron Baptism

**Sunday, May 12-
The Ascension of the Lord
(Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1Jn 4:7-10,
Jn 15:9-17)**

8:00 am No Intentions
10:00 am
12:00 pm

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.



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
MAY 5 - MAY 11**

11:30-1 pm	<u>Sunday, May 5</u> RCIA/RCIC	Bldg G/Conf Rm
10 am-12 pm	<u>Monday, May 6</u> Legion of Mary	Cottage
5:30-6:30 pm 6:30-7:30 pm 6:30-7:30 pm	<u>Tuesday, May 7</u> Pietra Fitness Women's Rosary Choir Ministry Meeting	Bldg J Parish Hall Church
9:30-11:30 am 6-8 pm 6-7 pm 6:30-7:30 pm 6:30-8:30 pm 7-9 pm 6:30-7:30 pm	<u>Wednesday, May 8</u> Mas Deus Yarn for Love Youth Group Spanish Rosary Bible Study TMIY Hospitality/ Altar Servers Meeting	Sacred Heart Rm Parish Hall Bldg J Sacred Heart Rm Conf Rm Bldg J Church
7:45-8:45 am 10 am-12 pm 5-6 pm 6-6:30 pm	<u>Thursday, May 9</u> Pietra Fitness Bible Study Social Justice VIA LUCIS	Bldg J Conf Rm Church
10 am- 5 pm	<u>Friday, May 10</u> Adoration	Church
7:30-10:30 am 8 am and 10 am 8:30-9:30 am 10 am-12 pm 2-3 pm	<u>Saturday, May 11</u> ACTS men First Communion Pietra Fitness ACTS women Confession	Conf Rm Church Bldg J Bldg J 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

We're Like Trees

A while back I decided to plant two saplings that were about ten feet tall along the property line of the parish home where I lived. Some time after I planted them, I noticed that one was leaning in one direction and the other a bit in the opposite direction. *Strange*, I thought, *for it seemed that when I planted them they were staked with rope and stood straight*. So, I bought some six-foot fence posts and tied the trees to them, thinking that as they grow they should straighten themselves. Not so. After three years the trees seemed to insist on growing their own way, one leaning into the wind and the other a bit twisted. It seemed the only solution was to love them the way they were.

It is so with the people in our lives as well. Sooner or later we find ourselves needing to love them with their idiosyncrasies and foibles and perhaps even their sinfulness. We may try to reshape them, but ultimately it is usually to little avail. They have been created by God, after all, and if God has chosen us— as the Gospel suggests— then God also has chosen us to love them as they are, and perhaps to love them into all that they can be. Ultimately, though God does the pruning, the reshaping, not us. We participate in the process by caring for them and bringing good to them, always in the image of Jesus.

-Fr Joseph Juknialis

5 de mayo de 2024

Sexto Domingo de Pascua (B)

Hechos 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

1 Juan 4:7-10

Juan 15:9-17

Hace algún tiempo decidí plantar dos arbolitos de unos tres metros de altura a lo largo del límite de la propiedad de la casa parroquial donde vivía. Algún tiempo después de plantarlos, me di cuenta de que uno se inclinaba en una dirección y el otro un poco en la contraria. Pensé que era extraño, pues parecía que cuando los planté estaban estacados con cuerda y se mantenían rectos. Así que compré unos postes de valla de dos metros y até los árboles a ellos, pensando que al crecer se enderezarían solos. Pero no fue así. Al cabo de tres años los árboles parecían insistir en crecer a su manera, uno inclinado hacia el viento y el otro un poco torcido. Parecía que la única solución era quererlos tal como eran.

Lo mismo ocurre con las personas de nuestra vida. Tarde o temprano nos vemos en la necesidad de amarlas con su idiosincrasia y sus debilidades, y quizá incluso con su pecaminosidad. Puede que intentemos remodelarlas, pero en última instancia suele ser en vano. Al fin y al cabo, han sido creados por Dios, y si Dios nos ha elegido —como sugiere el Evangelio— entonces Dios también nos ha elegido para que los amemos tal como son, y quizá para que los amemos hasta que lleguen a ser todo lo que pueden ser. Sin embargo, en última instancia, es Dios quien poda y remodela, no nosotros. Nosotros participamos en ese proceso cuidándoles y aportándoles el bien, siempre a imagen de Jesús.

-Padre Joseph Juknialis

May 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

5 de mayo del 2024

6° Domingo de Pascua

"Este es mi mandamiento: Que os améis los unos a los otros, como yo os he amado. Nadie tiene un amor mayor que este, que dar su vida por uno de sus amigos." - Juan 15:12-13

¿Amas a Jesús? ¿Lo consideras tu amigo? Jesús dice que si lo amamos seremos capaces de ofrecerle lo que tenemos, no porque queremos alabanzas y gloria, sino porque lo amamos simplemente. ¿Tu donación parece automática y por obligación o compartes por amor libremente tus dones?



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:

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm

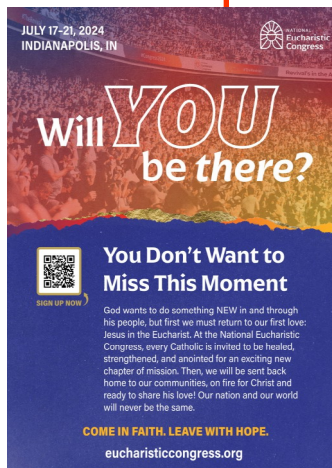
Thursdays from 10 am– 12 pm.

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





Tithes and Offerings

Offerings collected for April 28, 2024:
\$7413.00

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, 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

Think of everyone with whom you have some difficulty and name a good quality of each one.

A Word From Pope Francis:

To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be: as they are, gratuitously...Not controlling, serving them.. Opening our heart to others, this is love, to be trusting, giving, giving ourselves to others.



REGINA CAELI
ROME
MAY 9, 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

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

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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 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

SIXTH 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

May 5: 1st Sunday
 May 12: 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



**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		womenatthewellconference@gmail.com

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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.**

Food distribution will be from 9-11 am on the following days:

First Half of 2024:

April 29

May 13

June 10,24

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

Reflections

That our discipleship is not out of obligation, but rather out of love.

Que nuestro discipulado no sea por obligación, sino más bien por amor.



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



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

