

# St. Matthew Catholic Church

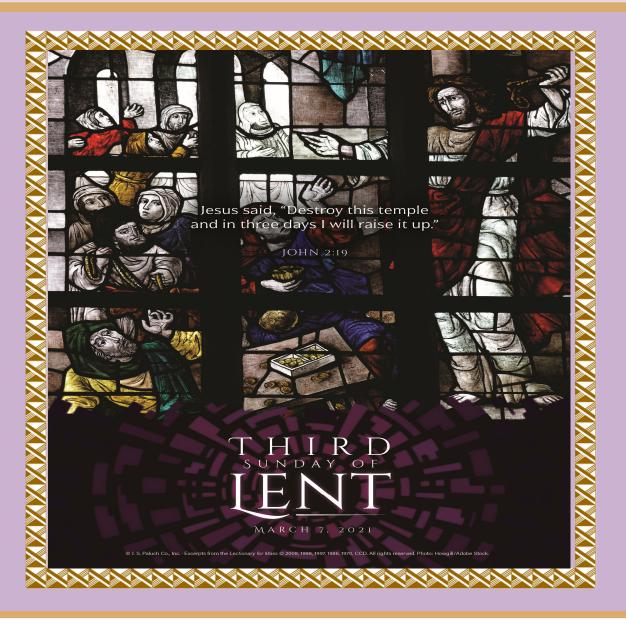
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ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (All Offices) (210) 478-5000

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL (210) 478-5099

"The mission of St. Matthew Catholic Church is to be a welcoming community that encounters Christ and leads others to Christ through prayer, sacraments, and charitable service."





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#### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

WEEKEND MASS Saturday 5:30 pm (Vigil) Sunday 7:30, 9:15, 11 am, 11:15 am St. Matthew Athletic Center Children's Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist, PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE:

1:00 pm (Spanish Mass) and 6:00 pm

DAILY MASS <u>Church</u> Mon. - Fri. 6:00, 8:15 am, 12:05 & 6:00 pm; Sat., 8:15 am

**Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration** 

Mon. - Fri. 7am - 9 pm; Sat. 9am - 5:15 pm; Sun. 2 pm - 5:45 pm

Penance (Mc Donald Ctr.) Wednesday 4:30 - 6:00 pm Saturday 4:00 - 5:30 pm (Or you may make an appointment with one of the parish priests)

Anointing of the Sick SECOND Sunday	2:00 pm
and Also on First Friday following	12:05 pm
Prayer Groups English Thursday	7:00 pm
Espanol Monday	8:00 pm
Novena to Miraculous Medal Tuesday	7:30 pm

PASTOR 478-5000

Rev. Dennis D. Aréchiga

#### PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Duncan Amek

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Rev. Jake Empereur, S.J.	
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OFFICE ADMINISTRATION SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SENIOR NUTRITION CENTER SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Mon.- Fri. **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, Sat. 9am -12 Noon 478-5000 Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 478-5099 Mon.- Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30.p.m. 478-5024 Tues-Sat 9:00 a.m. to12:00 Noon 478-5020

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS	MEETING DAY	TIME	PARISH ORGANIZATIONS	MEETING DAY	TIME
Blessed Sacrament & Altar Society	1st Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Novena of the Miraculous Medal		7:30 p.m.
ACTS Core Group	1st Monday	7:00 p.m.	Parish Pastoral Council	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
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Athletic Association	1st Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Perpetual Adoration	Mike Robles	579-0716
Cancer Support Group	Norma Willet	561-0581	Prayer Group (English)	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.
Catholic Daughters of America	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Refugee Ministry	1st Monday	478-5029
Children's Mass Sun	days Athletic Center	· 11:15 a.m.	Respect Life Ministry	Deacon. Scott Sowell	478-5013
Choirs - ACTS	Sundays	7:30 a.m.	School Council	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Adults	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.	SCOTS(Dolores Mc Atee)	Twice Monthly	340-5449
Bilingual	Tuesdays	8:00 p.m.	Scouts (Boys)	Stephen Tipps	694-0152
Children's	Saturdays	4:30 p.m.	Scouts – Cubs	Charles Butcher	437-3057
Young Adult Ensemble	Sundays	5:00 p.m.	Scouts – Venturing	Larry Grona	696-2889
Youth	Sundays	10:00 a.m.	Scouts – Girl	Sharon Beiter	275-6461
Christian Meditations	Wednesdays7-8p.m.	445-1107	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Tuesday-Saturday	9-12 Noon
Confraternity of Our Lady of					
Guadalupe	1st Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Spanish Prayer Group	Mondays 8:00	0-9:00 p.m.
Finance Council	<b>3rdWednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	St. Matthew's Mission Group	2nd Tuesday 7PM	216-3125
Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree	1st Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	St. Matthew's Singles (40+)	Thursdays MFC RM 10	6 7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Transportation Ministry	2-3 Days' Notice	478-5000
Legion of Mary	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Widow/Widower	1st & 3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Men's Club – Holy Name Society	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.	VC 3 (Young Adults 25-40)	Beth Duarte	478-5006
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Emergency Line for Sickness/Sickness ONLY	1
Deacons Office	3
Mass and Confession Schedule	4
Infant Baptism	5
Marriage (Contact Church 6 Months prior to Wedding Date)	6
CYO Athletic	478-5027
Senior Nutrition Center	478-5017
RCIA/Adult Confirmation	478-5004

#### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

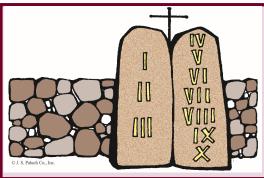
"Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature.

He himself understood it well."

John 2:24-25

Jesus did not trust others because he understood human nature well. And what is our human nature like? It is certainly flawed and fragile. Today's first reading from Exodus 20:1-17 delineates the Ten Commandments. Our need to have commandments springs from our weak human nature, which is prone to sin. Commandments clarify right from wrong. Commandments warn us to not do things that are harmful either to our relationship with God or to one another. The Ten Commandments have stood the test of time; their wisdom is so much to be treasured that today's psalm, Psalm 19, proclaims that it is the Lord who has words of eternal life, words more precious than gold and sweeter than honey from the comb.

In today's gospel from John 2:13-25, Jesus runs out the money changers and those selling livestock in the Temple area. We see a window into a rare example of Jesus' anger being manifested by the clearing out of those who have tainted the sacred space of God's holy Temple. Commandments nine and ten speak of coveting things that are not our own: our neighbor's wife or possessions. We see how Jesus is striking out against those who are coveting the money they can profit from selling animals for sacrifices or overcharging on the exchange of foreign currencies. This passage reminds us of that we should honor every church, every house of God, as holy ground, even more so now than at the time of the Temple since their tabernacles contain the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. We too



must fight the temptation to focus too much on commerce or on the coveting of material possessions and instead focus on the Word of God that gives spirit and life. As we continue our Lenten journey may we take time to reflect on each of the 10 Commandments, honoring them as the words that give us everlasting life, and may we always reverence the presence of God in our holy houses of worship.

Fr. Dennis

#### CONTRIBUTION STATESMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Were sent to all parishioners who contributed \$500.00 or more. If you did not receive a copy and need a statement for tax purposes please contact the church office at (210) 478-5014.

#### **BAPTISMAL INFORMATION**

Baptisms at St. Matthew for both Spanish and English have begun again and arrangements should be made by emailing Deacon Oscar Vela at

deaconoscar@stmatts.org. Baptismal packets can be downloaded from our web site at

www.stmatts.org for both Spanish and English. This web site will detail when the classes will be done, and by emailing us, we can tell you whether we will do a Baptismal class in person or on Zoom.

#### **BAUTISMOS.**

Si desea bautizar, necesita descargar los paquetes bautismales de nuestro sitio web en: <a href="https://www.stmatts.org">www.stmatts.org</a>, los tenemos tanto en español como en inglés.



Ofrecemos dos modalidades para clases bautismales en persona y en zoom. Los arreglos bautismales deben hacerse enviando un correo electrónico al diacono Oscar Vela a:

deaconoscar@stmatts.org para detalles y formas de preparación para el Sacramento del Bautismo.

#### **OVERFLOW PROTOCOLS**

A recent blessing is that we are experiencing higher numbers of parishioners attending Mass. Hopefully this trend will continue as we enter Lent and as more persons become vaccinated and feel safe to return. Because of the six-foot distancing rule, we are only able to accommodate approximately 300 persons in our sanctuary. We ask for your cooperation if you enter the church and an usher or sacristan informs you that there are no spaces available. Last Sunday this took place at our 9:15 a.m. Mass. Those who came after there was no additional room were directed to the McDonald Family Center gym. There we have a screen where the Mass is livestreamed. Ushers come by to conduct the collection during the Offertory and an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist goes by to distribute communion as well. We have the capability to offer overflow at the MFC at the Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:15 a.m. Masses. If the 11 a.m. Mass is full, we will direct you to our 11:15 a.m. Mass in the SMAC or St. Matthew Athletic Center. It is a walk, but you will find the high ceilings and spaciousness of the double gym conducive to a safe atmosphere for worship. At this time, we do not anticipate overflow needs at the other Masses: 7:30 a.m., 1 p.m. Spanish and 6 p.m. We continue to monitor those Masses. If overflow becomes necessary in the future, we will seek to hire our videographer to also be able to provide overflow for those Masses in our MFC.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Station of the Cross will be held on Fridays during Lent at the Devotional Park 4:30 p.m. and after the Friday 6:00 p.m. daily Mass at St. Matthew Church.





The Lenten Parish Penance Service will be held on

**SAVE THE DATE** 

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

Thursday, March 25, 2021 7:00 p.m. in the Church and MC Donald Family Center

We remind you that if you receive an e-mail, phone message or text message requesting money or i-tune cards for or from one of our priests, this is a scam. Please do not respond. Report this to our office. None of our priests or deacons or staff members would or should ever solicit funds for their personal use. Unfortunately, with digital security lapses, we cannot prevent hackers from attempting to do these malicious things. Never give money from this kind of request. Always verify through a phone call to our office.

WIDOW/WIDOWER SUPPORT GROUP The support group for persons who have been widowed has been meeting in person with covid protocols in place [mandatory masks, social distancing]. With isolation with the shutdown, we are currently meeting weekly instead of only the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. We meet in the parish hall, which is connected to the worship space, because that gives us room to spread out. The person to person contact is important during these times of isolation, which complicates our grieving. We have remained healthy. If you have questions, you may contact Bruce A. Orey at 210-478-5036 or Lupe Lizcano at 210-348-6199.

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#### St. Matthew's Kids

Today's Gospel invites us to think about our worship of God. Just as we have important holy places where we gather to pray and to worship God, there was a special holy place for the Jewish people in Jerusalem when Jesus was alive. This place was the Temple. It was first built by King Solomon to house the Ark of the Covenant, which contained the tablets on which were written the Ten Commandments. That first temple was destroyed in 587 B.C., long before Jesus was born. But a second temple was built in its place when the Jewish people were able to return to Jerusalem. This is the Temple that Jesus knew, and it had recently been made bigger under King Herod. But Jesus does an unusual thing at the Temple in today's Gospel. What did Jesus do? Why do vou think he did this?

As Christians, we experience God's presence in many ways. We believe that the place where we gather as a community to pray, our church, is holy. We also believe that Christ is present in a special way in the Eucharist, which is kept in the tabernacle in our church so that we can pray in Christ's presence. This week, as a family, visit the St. Matthew Adoration Chapel and spend some time with Jesus.

Source: www.lovolapress.com



#### **LEGION OF MARY MINUTE**

"With the Blessed Virgin Mary for a guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal."



# Fill a bottle, save a life

Help us share the truth with young women and teens who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy. Take this Lenten opportunity for Almsgiving!

St Matthew's Respect Life Ministry will distribute empty baby bottles on the dates shown below. Return them full of coins, bills and checks, and your gifts will help the local <u>crisis pregnancy centers</u> as they continue to help pregnant women in crisis to choose LIFE for their unborn child!

Baby Bottle Pick Up Dates: Mar 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
Baby Bottle Return Dates: Mar 20<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew Before you came to birth, I consecrated you."

Jeremiah 1:5 Baby Bottle Boomerang



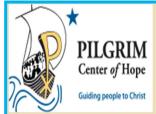


## Resilient in Faith and Service

Incansables en La Fe y El Servicio

- Text-To-Give, (210) 750-6712, Keyword: APPEAL
- Give online at www.archsa.org/appeal
- Complete the gift form sent to your home
- Use the pew envelope, or
- Make your gift by phone at (210) 734-1604





PILGRIM
Center of Hope
Guiding people to Christ

Holy Land Pilgrimage
with Fr. Duncan Amek,
Deacon Tom & Mary
Jane Fox – Join us on a
12-day Journey from San
Antonio to the Holy

Land, August 2-13, 2021. Four nights in Galilee, six nights in Jerusalem – come and see where our Faith began! An online Orientation will be presented by Mary Jane Fox on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>; 7:00pm -8:30pm. Hear what this pilgrimage offers you, and have your questions answered. To join us, call Pilgrim Center of Hope at 210-521-3377 to provide your email address for the link.

Go to www.PilgrimCenterofHope.org to get additional details.

# LENTEN SACRIFICIAL OFFERING DURING SUNDAYS OF LENT THRU EASTER

The Sacrificial Second collections during the Sundays of Lent thru Easter Sunday are:

Feb. 17 Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Feb. 21 Catholic Missions among the Black & Native Americans

Feb. 28 St. Matthew St. Vincent de Paul

#### Mar. 7 St. Matthew St. Vincent de Paul

Mar. 14 Catholic Relief Services (American Bishop's Overseas Appeal)

Mar. 21 St. Matthew St. Vincent de Paul

Mar. 28 St. Matthew St. Vincent de Paul

Apr. 2 Shrines of the Holy Land (Good Friday)

Apr. 4 Rice Bowl — Catholic Relief Services (Easter Sunday)

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# Enroll Today

2021 - 2022 School Year

The mission of St. Matthew Catholic School is to educate a strong, faith-centered community through a commitment to the spiritual, moral, intellectual, social and physical development of each child.

TOURS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT (210) 478-5084

- \* Pre-K4 through 8th grade
- \* Faith-based curriculum & daily catechism
- \* Rigorous academic program, aligned with TEKS
- \* STREAM curriculum for all grade levels
- \* Sacramental preparation
- \*Athletics & extracurricular opportunities
- \* Innovative technology & iPads 1:1 in the classrooms
- \* Fine art programs & foreign language
- \* Full time nurse on-site
- \* Full service cafeteria
- \* Extended day program

Scan to view our website:



Located at Wurzbach and I-10, just minutes away from USAA and the Medical Center!

Fr. Dennis Aréchiga, Pastor Mrs. Geneva Salinas, Principal





Fr. Steven White Knights of Colbumbus

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL. St. Matthew Catholic Parish - Council #8065

2021 Annual Glenn McGehee

# LENTEN FISH FRY

Feb 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26

5:30pm - 8:00pm

St. Matthew McDonald Center

Due to COVID safety - all meals PICK UP ONLY

Fish Fry Menu

\$10 Fried or Baked Fish Meal includes 2 pieces of fish, rice or fries, hush pupples, tratra souce & 1 leed tea (Unswetened)

\$6 Fried Fish Sandwich

\$5 Grilled Cheese Sandwich / Fries

\$5 Gumbo (12 oz)

We are taking all COVID precautions to insure safety of our volunteers and guests. Due to COVID safety measures, all meals this year will be for pick up only.





#### Schoenstatt Shrine Lenten Devotion: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

For six weeks, during Lent we will walk the "Way of the Cross", every Sunday at 3:30 pm. It will be outdoors on the grounds of our Schoenstatt Shrine at 17071 Low Road (off scenic loop road) Helotes, Texas 78023.

All people, especially families with children are invited to participate in this beautiful Lenten devotion starting on the first Sunday after Ash Wednesday: February 21, 2021. Stations will follow the 3:30 mass on the first and third Sundays. Masks and social distancing will be observed.

#### SCHEDULE:

February 21, 2021: Mass at 3:30 p.m. Followed by Stations

February 28, 2021: Stations at 3:30 p.m.

March 7, 2021: Mass at 3:30 p.m. Followed by Stations

March 14, 2021: Stations at 3:30 p.m.

March 21, 2021: Mass at 3:30 p.m. Followed by Stations

March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday: Stations 3:30 p.m.

Note: We will finish the stations at the steps of the shrine. For those who would like to stay and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet it will be recited there. We will also pray a "Prayer for Our Country" and sing "God Bless America". That will conclude the devotion. Visits into the shrine can take place. Come anytime during the week to do the stations by yourself.

Discover peace at this beautiful place

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Thinking about becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an evangelization ministry that welcomes and prepares adults to receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) at the Easter Vigil.

A new group for English-speaking adults is beginning on Sunday, September 13th. In this time of COVID-19, sessions will be online until at least the beginning of October. Once we can meet safely again in person, we will meet in Room 106 of the MacDonald Center after the 9:15 AM Mass, with the sacraments received at the Easter Vigil the evening of April 3th, 2021. Topics that will be covered include faith, the Bible, prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the virtues, the sacraments, discipleship, social justice, the Mass, the Trinity, and many other topics on the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Anyone interested in participating in this new group is invited to call Gail Dereszewski at 210-478-5004 or email her at <a href="mailto:gail@stmatts.org">gail@stmatts.org</a> to register. Please leave your contact telephone number and email when you register. Your email will be used for connecting you to the online sessions.

For Spanish-speaking adults, please call Lupita Ramos at 210-288-9748 to register.

For teens, please ask your parents to contact Rosario Lowery at 210-269-6291 or email at TeenRCIA@lowerytech.net.

### RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS EN ESPANOL: RICA

Está pensando en ser católico? O ya es católico y quiere saber más acerca de su fe? El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para adultos es un ministerio de evangelización que prepara a adultos para recibir sus sacramentos de iniciación (Bautismo, Eucaristía, y Confirmación) en la Vigilia de Pascua.

Las clases darán inicio el 18 de septiembre 20 20 de 10:30 a m - 12:00 p m En este tiempo de COVID 19 las clases será en linea probablemente hasta octubre. Cuando ya sea seguro dar las clases en persona se les avisara.

Los candidatos recibirán sus sacramentos la Vigilia de Pascua en la tarde del 3 de abril, 2021

Los temas que cubriremos incluyen: La fe, aprendiendo a orar con la santa Biblia, los 10 mandamientos, las Bienaventuranzas, como vivir la moralidad Cristiana, la Santa Misa, la Santísima Trinidad, y muchos temas más.

Cada clase empezara con la presentación del tema seguida por una charla entre los candidatos acerca de lo que escucharon.

Las personas interesadas favor de ponerse en contacto con: Lupita Ramos: 210-288-9748

#### **Adult Confirmation Preparation**



A new class in English to prepare adults to receive the sacrament of Confirmation is beginning on Monday, January 4th, with the last class on Monday, March 22th. The sacrament of Confirmation will be received at the parish in April or May of 2021. In this time of COVID-19, sessions will be online until further notice. Once we can meet safely again in person, we will meet in Room 101 of the McDonald Center, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

Anyone interested in Adult Confirmation in English is invited to call Gail Dereszewski at the parish offices at 210-478-5004 or email her at <a href="mailto:gail@stmatts.org">gail@stmatts.org</a> to register. Please leave your contact telephone number and email when you register. Your email will be used for connecting you to the online sessions.

Anyone interested in Adult Confirmation preparation in Spanish is invited to call Lupita Ramos at 210-288-9748 to register.

#### CLASES DE CONFIRMACION

LA IGLESIA DE SAN MATEO INICIARA CLASES DE PREPARACION PARA
CONFIRMACION EN SEPTIEMBRE
ESTAS CLASES SON PARA MAYORES DE 18 ANOS Y QUE TIENEN SU
SACRAMENTOS DE BAUTIZO Y EUCARISTIA.
LAS CLASES SON TODOS LOS DOMINGOS A LAS 10:30 AM -12:30PM EN
EL MCDONALD FAMILY CENTER SALON 101. EMPEZANDO EL 18 DE
SEPTIEMBRE . EN ESTE TIEMPO DE COVID 19, LAS CLASES SERAN EN
LINEA PROBABLEMENTE HASTA OCTUBRE. CUANDO YA SEA SEGURO Y
PODAMOS DAR LAS CLASES EN PERSONA SE LES AVISARA.

PARA MAS INFORMACION FAVOR DE LLAMAR A:

LUPITA RAMOS: 210-288-9748



# February 17 - March 28 ODAYS FORLIFE®

# **HELP SAVE LIVES IN SAN ANTONIO!**

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 25 coordinated campaigns:

- **16,742 babies** saved from abortion
- 196 abortion workers converted
- 104 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- Vigil location: Planned Parenthood, 2140
   Babcock Rd.; SA 78229
- Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily no Sundays
- Local contact: Cathy Nix info@sacfl.org 210 668-1993
- St Matthew Contact: Deacon Scott or Diane Sowell, 210-478-5094/5035
- Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!



40daysforlife.com/SanAntonio

#### New Adult Bible Studies



2 Timothy 3:14-17: 'All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient and equipped for every good work'.

Two new adult Bible studies on the Old Testament Book of Second Samuel will begin in September of this year and will continue until the spring of 2021. Second Samuel relates God's establishment of the dynasty of King David instead of being governed by God alone, a momentous change in the history of Israel. Both studies will use the Ignatius Press workbook by Dr. Scott Hahn for only \$10 for the entire year. Gail Dereszewski will be the presenter for both groups.

# In this time of COVID-19, sessions will be online until at least the beginning of October. Online sessions will begin on Thursday September 17th at 7 PM. Once we can meet safely again in person:

- The Tuesday morning Bible study will meet Tuesdays through April 27th of 2021 from 9:45 AM until noon, except between the Thanksgiving through the New Year's holidays, in Room 106 of the MacDonald Family Center.
- 2. The Thursday evening Bible study will meet from 7:00 8:45 PM in the school cafeteria and will meet most Thursdays until April 29th of 2021, except between the Thanksgiving through the New Year's holidays.

For more information or to register, please call Gail Dereszewski at the parish offices at 478-5004 or email her at <a href="mailto:gail@stmatts.org">gail@stmatts.org</a> to register. Please leave your contact telephone number and email when you register. Your email will be used for connecting you to the online sessions.

## TMIY Continues this Spring!

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ALL THINGS NEW

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Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny Monday: St. John of God Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome Friday: Abstinence

# PRESIDER SCHEDULE March 13/14, 2021

Sat. — 5:30 p.m. — Fr. Jake Empereur, SJ Sun. — 7:30 a.m. — Msgr. Juan Alfaro

Sun. — 9:15 a.m. — Fr. Jake Empereur, SJ

Sun. — 11:00 a.m. — Fr. Duncan Amek

Sun. — 11:15 a.m. — Fr. Dennis Aréchiga

Sun. — 1:00 p.m. — Fr. Duncan Amek Sun. — 6:00 p.m. — Fr. Dennis Aréchiga



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday**: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday**: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;

Mt. 18:21-35

**Wednesday**: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;

Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;

Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday**: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6;

Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 **Alternate readings** (Year A):
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
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#### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen. (EWTN)

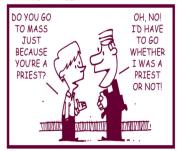
#### TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God's protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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Mon. — 6:00 a.m. — Judy Venzor (Birthday)
Gorman Sekula (Recovery)  Mon. — 8:15 a.m. — Marcela Gay (Recovery)
Mon. — 12:05 noon — Larry C. Rogers †
Angelita Tapia †
Mon. — 6:00 p.m. — Murphy & Elena Jefferies † Luis & Margarita Rivera †
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Tues. — 6:00 a.m. — Jorge Perez (Recovery)
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Frank Sievers +
Tues. — 12:05 noon — Moises & Lilian Lopez †
Jose Luis Vergara 🕇
Tues. — 6:00 p.m. — Mary Frances Oraekwe (12th Birthday)
Wed. — 6:00 a.m. — David Flores †
Wed. — 8:15 a.m. — George Zepeda †
Dylan Hileman (Successful Surgery)
Wed. — 12:05 noon — Eloise Cramer †
Carmen DeLeon (Healing)
Wed. — 6:00 p.m. — Eleno & Maria C. Gonzalez †
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Thurs. — 12:05 noon — Josephine Merla †
Leanor Huron †
Thurs. — 6:00 p.m. — Judy Ruiz Salinas †
All Souls in Purgatory
Fri. — 6:00 a.m. — Sylvia Smith (Recovery) Fri. — 8:15 a.m. — Beverly Freeman †
Fri. — 8:15 a.m. — Beverly Freeman <b>†</b>
Liz Trainor 🕇
Fri. — 12:05 noon — Lonnie McCain †
Sabina Casilla 🕇
Fri. — 6:00 p.m. — Margaret Piechocki †
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Sat. — 8:15 a.m. — Tony Rodriguez † Carlos Hernandez †
Sat. — 5:30 p.m. — Amy Ritchey <b>†</b>
Jack Packard †
Elaine Lopez (Birthday)
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Sun. — 7:30 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the
Men's Club/Holy Name Society
Mary Louise Belz †
Sun. — 9:15 a.m. — John Kazen <b>†</b>
Johnny Polok 🕇
Sun. — 11:00 a.m. — Michael Martinez (Birthday)
Richard Zimmer †
Sun. — 11:15 a.m. — Chris & Renee Sorenson (Special Intention)
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#### 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



Sun. — 1:00 p.m. — Rosa Colon **†** 

Sun. — 6:00 p.m. — Catherine Acayan **†** 

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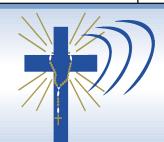
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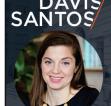
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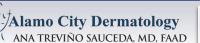
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