



# St. Matthew Catholic Church

10703 Wurzbach Rd. San Antonio, TX 78230-2499

NET ADDRESS: <http://www.stmatts.org>

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.”



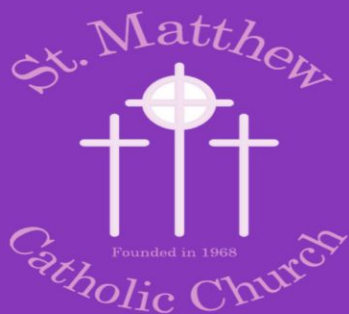
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 4, 2022

**SAVE THE DATE: ADVENT PENANCE DECEMBER 7 AT 7pm**

**DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**See Page 8 for the Mass Schedule — Church Office will be Closed.**

**2023 CHURCH CALENDARS ARE IN THE CHURCH FOYERS OR AT THE CHURCH OFFICE**  
**PLEASE TAKE ONE CALENDAR PER PARISHIONER FAMILY.**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

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

**Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Monday - Friday** 7am - 9 pm; **Sat.** 9am - 9 pm,  
 (Wednesdays & Fridays the chapel will remain open all  
 night into the morning.) **Sunday** 2 pm - 9 pm

**Penance (Church) 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** **1st & 3rd Monday (Church)** 7:00- 8:00 pm  
**Novena to Miraculous Medal** **Tuesday** 7:30 pm

#### **PASTORAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT 478-5000**

David Matlock

#### **FINANCE COUNCIL 478-5000**

Ken Michaud

#### **BUILDING COMMITTEE 478-5000**

Jason Linahan

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Armando Zamorar

#### **SCHOOL PRINCIPAL 478-5099**

Geneva Salinas

#### **SCHOOL PTC 478-5099**

Christine Sanchez, President

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Michael and Yvette Martinez **558-9117**

#### **CATECHESIS-EDUCATION 478-5000**

Sister Therese Gleitz (Children) 478-5010

Brianna Delgado (Liturgy with Children) 478-5000

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Jorge Gonzales (Assistant Youth Minister) 478-5034

Loren Garcia (Communication Coordinator) 478-5038

Gail Dereszewski, (Adult Ed./RCIA/Spiritual Director) 478-5004

Danny Padron (Adult Education Ministries/ACTS) 478-5006

Deacon Oscar Vela, Jr. (Infant Baptisms) 478-5060

#### **COUNSELORS 478-5000**

Mari Gonzalez, M.Ed., LPC 478-5018

Shelia Barich Warren, LPA, LSSP, LPC 478-5000

#### **COMMENTATORS/LECTORS 478-5006**

Danny Padron

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 210-478-5006**

Danny Padron

#### **HOSPITALITY MINISTERS 669-8377**

Mary Klenke

#### **MARRIAGE FORMATION MINISTRY 478-5035**

Diane Sowell (Coordinator-Marriages/Annulments)

#### **USHERS 210 508-5300**

Richard Loza

#### **MUSIC COORDINATOR 478-5000**

Sister Therese Gleitz 478-5010

**PASTOR 478-5000**  
 Rev. Eric J. Ritter

**PAROCHIAL VICAR 478-5000**  
 Rev. Paul Melgarejo

#### **DEACONS**

Deacon Tom Fox 521-3377

Deacon Alonzo Guzman, Jr. 478-5000

Deacon Gabriel Mendola 478-5000

Deacon John Ochiagha 478-5000

Deacon Scott Sowell 478-5094

Deacon Oscar Vela, Jr. (Infant Baptisms) 478-5060

#### **RETIRED DEACONS**

Deacons: Ernesto Garza, Wilbur Hoelscher, Rafael Lara,  
 Roberto Rios, Tony Ludolph (210) 316-5806

#### **ADMINISTRATION STAFF Direct Line**

Deanna Collier, Volunteer Coordinator 478-5029

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Me Meh, Outreach, Pastor Secretary 478-5017

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Amy Nieto, Development Director 478-5001

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Ruben Alvarado, Records /Database Administrator 478-5075

Javier Pacheco, Facilities Manager 478-5037

Danny Padron, Adult Ministries 478-5006

Carol Ramirez, Bookkeeper 478-5014

Martin Scott, Finance Manager 478-5007

Diane Sowell, Marriage Coordinator 478-5035

#### **OFFICE PHONE ADMINISTRATION**

#### **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

#### **SENIOR CENTER**

#### **SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sat. 9 am -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.-Wed.- Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **478-5024**

Tues-Sat 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon **478-5020**

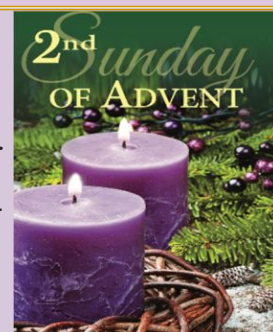
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS	MEETING DAY	TIME	PARISH ORGANIZATIONS	MEETING DAY	TIME
Blessed Sacrament & Altar Society	1st Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Novena of the Miraculous Medal	Tuesdays	7:30 p.m.
ACTS Core Group	1st Monday	7:00 p.m.	Parish Pastoral Council	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Athletic Association	1st Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Perpetual Adoration	<b>Ana Bernal</b>	<b>823-7742</b>
Cancer Support Group MFC Rm 104	4th Monday 7pm Ray Baird	865-5671	Prayer Group (English)	Thursdays	8:00 p.m.
Catholic Daughters of America	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Refugee Ministry	1st Monday	478-5029
Children's Mass	Sundays Athletic Center	11:15 a.m.	Respect Life Ministry	Deacon. Scott Sowell	478-5094
Choirs - ACTS	Sundays	7:30 a.m.	Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:00-12p.m.	478-5017
Adults	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.	School Council	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
Bilingual	Tuesdays	8:00 p.m.	SCOTS (Dolores Mc Atee)	Twice Monthly	340-5449
Children's	Saturdays	4:30 p.m.	Scouts (Boys)	Stephen Tipps	694-0152
Young Adult Ensemble	Sundays	5:00 p.m.	Scouts - Cubs	<a href="mailto:stmatthew.pack271@gmail.com">stmatthew.pack271@gmail.com</a>	
Youth	Sundays	10:00 a.m.	Scouts - Venturing	Larry Grona	696-2889
Christian Meditations	Wednesdays 7-8p.m.	445-1107	Scouts - Girl	Sharon Beiter	275-6461
Confraternity of Our Lady of Guadalupe	1st Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Tuesday-Saturday	9-12 Noon
Finance Council	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Spanish Prayer Group (Church)	1st & 3rd Monday	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	St. Matthew's Mission Group	2nd Tuesday 7PM	216-3125
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree MFC Rm.104	3rd Tuesday A Mendy	624-9630	St. Matthew's Singles (40+)	Thursdays MFC RM 106	7:00 p.m.
Legion of Mary	Monday	7:00 p.m.	Transportation Ministry	2-3 Days' Notice	478-5000
Men's Club - Holy Name Society	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Widow/Widower	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Mission Group MFC Rm 102	2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Mary Baird	216-3125	YC <sup>3</sup> (Young Adults 25-40)	Danny Padron	478-5006

## PASTOR'S CORNER

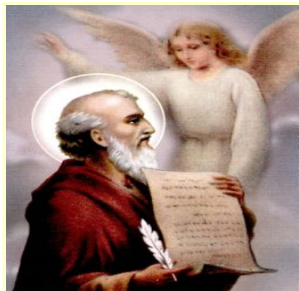
The second Sunday of Advent introduces the ministry of St. John the Baptist, whose ministry is described in all four Gospels. This chapter is packed with multiple references to the Old Testament, which has been completely fulfilled by the coming of Jesus. The Baptist is described as the forerunner of the Messiah who was prophesied in the Old Testament as the prophet Elijah who would come again and announce that the long-awaited Messiah had finally arrived. The Baptist looked and acted like the popular expectation for prophets, and he 'fit' the image of the expected forerunner. His rough clothing of camel haircloth with a leather belt is the same clothing worn by Elijah. He eats locusts and wild honey, in stark contrast to the luxurious lifestyles of the Jewish leadership. He lives in the desert wilderness, announcing the coming Messiah ('the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand') in fulfillment of the 'voice crying in the wilderness', preparing the way of the coming Lord, in the prophecy of Isaiah. He is widely accepted by the Israelites as a prophet. He preaches a stern message of repentance and austerity, characteristic of the Old Testament prophets. This section introduces another key term in this Gospel, the Kingdom of Heaven, which is used 32 times in this Gospel. The Kingdom of Heaven refers to God's covenantal promise to establish King David's royal kingdom forever, except that it is spiritualized in this Gospel. The sacred author therefore undercuts the popular expectation that the Messiah will be a military and political savior who will restore the earthly kingdom of King David in Israel. The Kingdom of Heaven begins on earth with the Incarnation of Jesus and will reach its full potential in eternal life with Jesus in heaven. The Jordan River is yet another powerful symbol. It is not just a river for the Jews. It was a powerful symbol of new life and hope. In the Old Testament, the Jordan River is associated with God's deliverance of the ancient Israelites in the time of Joshua. St. John's baptism of water in the Jordan River is another important symbol. His baptism was a baptism of purification and a symbol of repentance in preparation for the coming Messiah. Scholars believe that converts to Judaism were baptized as a sign of ritual cleansing from the impure lifestyles and diets of the pagan Gentiles. The Biblical understanding of repentance is to turn around and return to God. The Baptist is therefore calling for a total change in mind and behavior, not just a ritual cleansing. He is calling the People of God to a radically new direction of their lives, away from habitual sin and a return to the Lord. The Judean desert was also a powerful symbol for the Jews. To reach the site of John's baptism, pilgrims would have had to travel about twenty miles through a hot, rugged, and barren wilderness. Traversing the desert becomes a metaphor for the Exodus of the ancient Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt, on their way to a new and abundant life in the Promised Land. The Baptist was therefore calling the People of God into a new Exodus from the slavery of sin and to reenter the Promised Land of holiness where they could be in communion with God once again. The desert is the place where one meets God and experiences His love and mercy. Advent is our opportunity to enter our desert to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord.

Amen.

**Fr. Eric**



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**QUICK MESSAGE-INFORMATION dial 478-5098**  
 Emergency Line for Sickness/Sickness ONLY  
 Deacons Office  
 Mass and Confession Schedule  
 Infant Baptism  
 Marriage (Contact Church 6 Months prior to Wedding Date)  
 CYO Athletic  
 Senior Nutrition Center  
 RCIA/Adult Confirmation

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 478-5017  
 478-5004

### MASS CELEBRANTS FOR THE WEEK PRIESTS SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### Monday, December 5

6 am Fr. Paul  
 8:15 am Fr. Eric  
 12:05 pm Msgr. Emil  
 6:00 pm Fr. Paul

#### Tuesday December 6

6 am Fr. Eric  
 8:15 am Fr. Paul  
 12:05 pm Fr. Paul  
 6:00 pm Eric

#### Wednesday, December 7

6 am Fr. Charlie  
 8:15 am Fr. Eric  
 12:05 pm Fr. Paul  
 6 pm Fr. Eric (Vigil Mass  
 Immaculate Conception)

#### Thursday, December 8

*Immaculate Conception*  
*Holyday of Obligation*  
 6 am Fr. Charlie  
 8:15 am Fr. Paul (School)  
 12:05 pm Msgr. Emil  
 6:00 pm Fr. Paul

#### Friday, December 9

6 am Fr. Charlie  
 8:15 am Fr. Eric  
 12:05 pm Fr. Eric  
 6:00 pm Fr. Ignatius



### PRESIDER SCHEDULE

December 10-11, 2022

Sat. — 5:30 p.m. — Fr. Eric Ritter  
 Sun. — 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Paul Melgarejo  
 Sun. — 9:15 a.m. — Fr. Eric Ritter  
 Sun. — 11:00 a.m. — Fr. Eric Ritter  
 Sun. — 11:15 a.m. — Fr. Tony Cummins  
 Sun. — 1:00 p.m. — Fr. Paul Melgarejo &  
 Fr. Eric with Anointing  
 Sun. — 6:00 p.m. — Fr. Paul Melgarejo

### **SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT BLUE SANTA COLLECTION**

The **BLUE SANTA** Collection will be taken up on **December 3 & 4** weekend. The first one began in December 1997. This collection for poor and abused children is held annually in honor of Fr. Don Shepanski, a former parochial vicar here at St. Matthew and an SAPD chaplain (He died February 8, 2001.) On behalf of Fr. Don, the SAPD and all of our parishioners, we THANK YOU for your continual generosity. **From 1997 to 2021 our parish has lovingly given \$289,687.60 in memory of Fr. Don Shepanski. Help us to keep his legacy and tradition going for the kids he met and loved so much while riding with the SAPD!**



### SPANISH PRAYER GROUP MEETING

**1st and 3rd MONDAY**

**Fr. Paul Melgarejo, Deacons Vela and Guzman**

**HOLY HOUR IN "SPANISH" 7 to 8 PM**

**"EVERYONE IS WELCOME"**

7PM TO 7:30PM EXPOSITION OF  
 BLESSED SACRAMENT  
 CHURCH ROSARY

**BY PRIEST OR DEACON IN SPANISH**

7:35PM TO 7:40PM PRAYER PETITIONS IN  
 PRIVATE

**BY PRIEST OR DEACON IN SPANISH**

7:40PM TO 7:50PM SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

**BY PRIEST OR DEACON IN SPANISH**

7:50PM TO 8:00PM BLESSING/REPOSE/SONG  
 AMOR DE AMORES"

FOR ANY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS CALL  
 MRS. ROSARIO ESQUIVEL, 210-966-5342

### BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

Starting in September, we will have baptisms during the Sunday Masses each week. All requirements must be completed and submitted no later than 2 weeks prior to scheduled baptism. There will be a \$25 administrative fee. Reach out to the baptism coordinator at [deaconoscar@stmatts.org](mailto:deaconoscar@stmatts.org) for more information.



### BAUTISMOS

Apartir de septiembre, tendremos bautismos durante las misas dominicales de cada semana. Todos los requisitos deben completarse y enviarse a más tardar 2 semanas antes de la fecha programada. Habrá una tarifa de administración de \$25. Comuníquese con el coordinador de bautismo en [deaconoscar@stmatts.org](mailto:deaconoscar@stmatts.org) para más información.



### WIDOW/WIDOWER SUPPORT GROUP

"The support group for persons who have been widowed meets in person on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month beginning at 7:00 p.m. in room 104, of the Msgr. McDonald Family Center." For more information please contact: Bruce A. Orey at 210-478-5036 or Lupe Lizcano at 210-348-6199.

# FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Patroness of the United States  
**THURSDAY -- DECEMBER 8th**

On this day we celebrate Mary's holiness. Before Mary was born, God had a plan for her that she would someday be the Mother of Jesus. So God made Mary holy before she was born. She was conceived without Original sin. This is called the **Immaculate Conception**.



In the United States, this day is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. This means we celebrate this special feast day by going to Mass.

## Schedule of Masses

**Wednesday – December 7 – Vigil Mass 6:00 pm**

**Thursday – December 8 - 6:00 am – 8:15 am (School) – 12:05 pm – 6:00 pm**

# FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Patroness of the Americas  
**MONDAY -- DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

On December 9, 1531, Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City. On December 12, Mary told Juan to gather roses in his cloak and take them to the Bishop. A miraculous picture of Mary appeared on his cloak. Mary helped everyone to see that all people were welcome in God's family.



**This is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States**

*Confraternity of Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
*37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations*

December 9 and December 12, 2022

December 9 - Friday - 11:00 am

St. Juan Diego Rosary



OLG Shrine Devotional Park (St. Matthew's Sports Complex)  
11121 Wurzbach Road SA, TX 78230

Please wear comfortable shoes, walkway is rocky and at incline.  
In case of inclement weather - MFC Room 106

December 12 - Monday- St. Matthew Church

6:30 a.m. Las Mañanitas a La Virgen



5:00 p.m. Danza Matachines de St. Elizabeth

5:30 p.m. Reenactment of the Apparitions of

Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

6:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass Celebrating the Feast of  
Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Celebrant*



*Rev. Eric J. Ritter*

*Con-celebrant*



*Rev. Paul Melgarejo*

Reception to Honor Our Lady of Guadalupe following Mass  
at the Parish Hall! Live Entertainment and Tamales!



A heartfelt THANK YOU to all our Padrinos for your donations, support and most importantly your devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.  
VIVA LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE! VIVA LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE!



**Join us in adoring our Lord  
with praise and worship!**

All events take place in  
the St. Matthew  
Sanctuary @ 7:00pm

## Restore Dates

Thursday, December 15

Thursday, January 19

Thursday, February 16

Thursday, March 16

Thursday, April 20

Thursday, May 18

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States.

## XLT Dates

Sunday, December 18

Sunday, February 12

Sunday, May 7



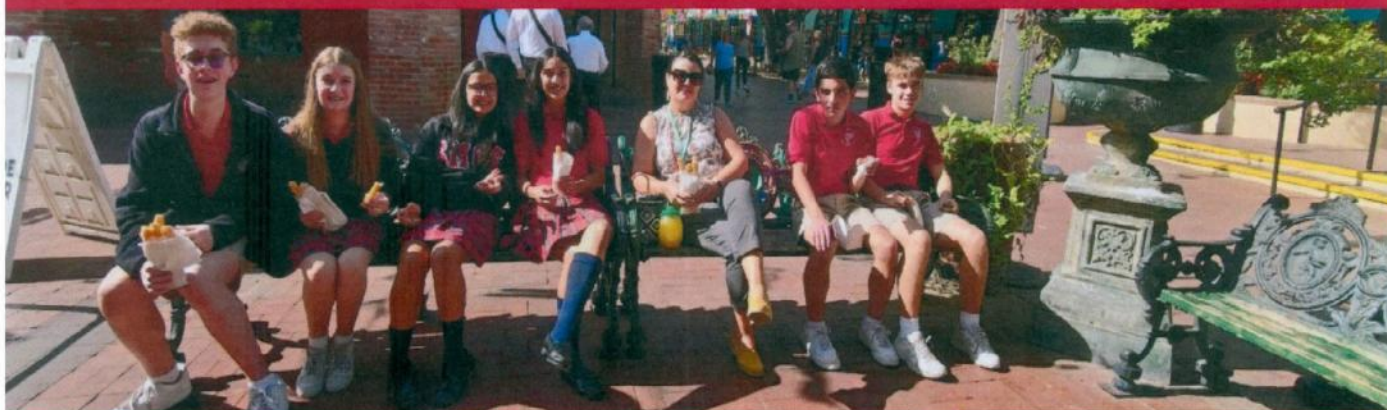
*Therefore, you shall  
love the LORD, your  
God, with your  
whole heart, and  
with your whole  
being, and with your  
whole strength.  
Deuteronomy 6:5*



**S. Matthew**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**MRS. STUTZ'S 8TH GRADE SPANISH ELECTIVE WENT TO THE HISTORIC MARKET SQUARE THIS WEEK! STUDENTS ORDERED FOOD AND WENT SHOPPING BY USING THE SPANISH THEY LEARNED FROM THEIR MERCADO LESSON TO TALK TO THE VENDORS.**



**JOIN OUR CARDINAL *family!***



**SCHEDULE A  
TOUR TODAY**



[admissions@smcssa.org](mailto:admissions@smcssa.org)



210-478-5084

## MISSION GROUP TOY DRIVE



St. Timothy's Catholic Church is St. Matthew's Sister Parish and in dire need of so help this holiday season. They have accepted 50 immigrant and refugee families to help in addition to the normally poor people who live in their parish boundaries. They need toys and gift items for youth from infants through 18 years old. St. Vincent de Paul is giving out gift cards instead, so this is your chance to drop off new gifts (unwrapped) at St. Matthew Administration office to help their children and youth have gifts for Christmas.

**Suggestions for girls:** teddy bears, dolls, craft for jewelry or projects, jewelry, nail polish, hair accessories, grooming sets, makeup and sport supplies like soccer balls, basketballs and jump ropes.

**Suggestions for boys:** soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, superhero figures, leather bracelets, cologne/grooming set, cars, and car sets.

For all: sleeping bags, blankets, containers with popcorn, candy, or cookies. Also coats, gloves and caps.

St. Timothy's also has many, Seniors who need if we food or treats or things to keep warm.

**Deadline for Drop Off is December 8 for delivery  
December 9. All donations are welcome. Mark for Toy Drive.**

ST MATTHEW ALTAR SOCIETY  
"POINSETTIA PROJECT"

St. Matthew Altar Society offers you the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of your loved one. **Each 6.5" poinsettia is \$15.00 which includes a gift tag attached to your plant.** Please fill out the form and send it with your payment to: **St Matthew Altar Society, 10703 Wurzbach, San Antonio, Texas 78230, Attention: Poinsettia Project.** Deadline to purchase a poinsettia is December 16, 2022. **Your support is greatly appreciated!** If you have questions, please call, Carol Rogers -210-219-1530 or Marlena Dupre-210-408-6331.

I wish to purchase a poinsettia to be placed in the church during the Christmas season.

Check One ( )

☐ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
Please PRINT

☐ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_  
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Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cash Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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Check one:

☐ I wish to donate the Poinsettia to the Church

☐ I will pick up my Poinsettia on Monday, January 9, 2023 after the 8:15 am mass.

\_\_\_\_\_ CUT OFF \_\_\_\_\_

Keep this portion as a reminder for you to pick up your poinsettia on Monday, January 9, 2023  
After the 8:15 mass

Most of us are familiar with European Advent customs such as the Advent wreath, the Jesse tree and Advent calendars. While these traditions are popular, they aren't the only way Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This year, add a little international flavor to your Advent by circling the globe with these 'round the world customs.

Europe-In Alpine countries, children carry a statue of St. Joseph to a different home each night during Advent.

Middle East-Named after St. Barbara who is said to have been martyred in Egypt, a twig from a fruit tree, usually a cherry, is placed in water. If the "Barbara branch" blooms on or before Christmas day, the family will have good fortune. This custom recalls the prophecy in Isaiah that the Messiah will spring from the root of Jesse.

China-Colorful paper lanterns are hung in Christian homes during Advent.

Read more about international Advent customs

<https://teachingcatholickids.com/advent-around-the-world/>

## St. Matthew's Kids



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**WINTER COAT DRIVE**

ACCEPTING DONATIONS TIL  
**DECEMBER 11, 2022**

**GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH**

❄ COATS ❄ SCARVES ❄ GLOVES

CLOTHING FOR ALL AGES AND GENDERS ACCEPTED

Donations can be left in Church Foyer or Church Office  
Sponsored jointly by St. Matthew Church and the  
Knights of Columbus, Council 8065

**WORLD YOUTH DAY**  
JULY 26- AUGUST 7, 2023  
AGES 17-35

WE ARE GOING TO LISBON,  
ROME, FATIMA, ASSISI, AND  
MADRID!

COST IS \$4,999 PER PERSON  
ROUND TRIP AIR FROM SAN ANTONIO

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE CONTACT TRACY  
GARCIA AT (210) 478-5011**

REGISTRATION WILL BE  
CLOSING SOON!

**ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH**



Introducing the **2nd Annual Limited Edition**  
**Respect Life Ministry Christmas Ornament!!**

They are available at the Church Office  
 Monday – Friday 9 am - 6 pm and Saturday 9 am - 12 pm.

A **minimum donation of \$30 each** is requested.

Please write checks to **Respect Life Ministry**.

**As always, the funds will be used in support of mothers,  
 babies, and families in need in our community!**

For more information contact Diane at 210-478-5035, or  
 Deacon Scott at [deaconscoff@stmatts.org](mailto:deaconscoff@stmatts.org).

**Family truly is a gift modeled by the Holy Family!**

Thank you, Deacon Scott & Diane Sowell

## St Matthew Charismatic Prayer Group

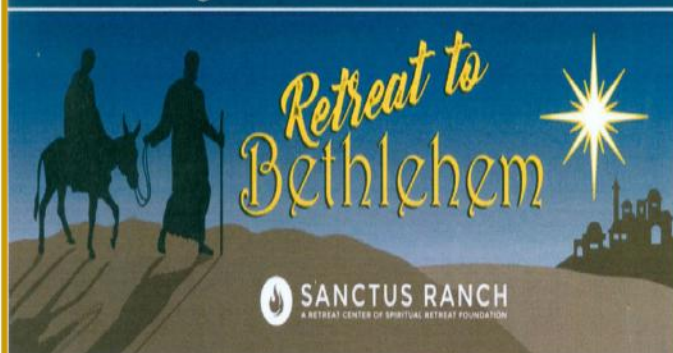
**Praising God & Sharing the  
 Gifts of the Holy Spirit!!**



**Come join us in the  
 St Matthew Parish Hall**

**Every WEDNESDAY EVENING at 7 pm**

Prepare your Heart this Advent for the  
 coming of our Savior. Come and...



[www.tobethlehem.org](http://www.tobethlehem.org)

Bring your family to Sanctus Ranch Retreat Center in Pipe Creek, TX (40 minutes NW of San Antonio Texas) for an inspiring evening as you retreat back in time and journey together to ancient Bethlehem in this most unique and memorable experience of preparing for the Nativity of our Lord.

This evening event will also include a powerful concert event, reflection time, and fellowship. All experiences and food costs are included.

**Held evenings in December from 6:00 to 8:00 on the 10th, 17th, 22nd & 23rd.**

## RAPHAEL'S Way

A Day Retreat  
 for men and women impacted by a miscarriage;  
 their own or that of someone close to them



What?

Come, lay down your burden, and  
 know the joy of God's peace

When?

Saturday, December 10th, 2022  
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Sign Up*

Bring your own lunch  
 (refrigerator & microwave available)

Suggested donation \$15 (\$25/2 people) for materials

For more information, location, and registration scan here:



**LITURGY OF THE HOURS** — Psalms II

**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLES** will burn  
For the Souls of the Skloss and Gawlik Families

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in loving  
Memory Sue Jackson

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT CANDLES OR THE SANCTUARY  
LAMP** to burn in memory of a loved one or for a  
special intention for one week, please call 478-5003.

**MASS ATTENDANCE** November 19 –20, 2022 2,704  
November 26 –27, 2022

**Second Collection 12/10 - 11/ 2022**

**Retirement Fund for Religious**  
**Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos**



retiredreligious.org

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. | Done a los que donaron su vida.

**MASS REMEMBRANCES FOR 2023**

We begin taking requests for  
2023 Mass Remembrances on

**Thursday, November 17 at 9:00 a.m.**

The policy followed is shown below so that we can  
accommodate as many of our parish family as possible.  
According to Canon Law, a priest can accept only ONE MASS STIPEND per day. If there  
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Martin Garcia †  
Mon. — 8:15 a.m. — Elaine Ballard (Recovery)  
Theresa Taboada †  
Mon. — 12:05 noon — Jose R. Ramos †  
Ligia & Orlando Jannini †  
Mon. — 6:00 p.m. — Monia Lisa & Jay Harman (Wedding Anniversary)  
Tues. — 6:00 a.m. — Jim & Pat Bugg (Special Intention)  
Amparo Garcia †  
Tues. — 8:15 a.m. — Natividad V. Mercado †  
Ari Jannini (Recovery)  
Tues. — 12:05 noon — Ken King †  
Jerry Skloss †  
Tues. — 6:00 p.m. — Merta Angelica Polendo (Recovery)  
Wed. — 6:00 a.m. — Keith Mittel (Special Intention)  
Ben Coward †  
Wed. — 8:15 a.m. — Joe Hildebrando Gonzalez †  
Arthur Weissmann (Special Intention)  
Wed. — 12:05 noon — Pena & Garcia Living & Deceased Family Members  
Miguel Najera †  
Tony Cascio (Recovery)  
Wed. — 6:00 p.m. — Thomas La Gatta †  
Thurs. — 6:00 a.m. — Ben Coward †  
Simon W. Beddingfield †  
Thurs. — 8:15 a.m. — Mary Ann Houston †  
Ross Murray, Jr. †  
Elaine Ballard (Recovery)  
Thurs. — 12:05 p.m. — Bertha Cabrera †  
Oscar A. & Roselinda E. Elizondo †  
Eleanor Freeman †  
Charlie Davis †  
Thurs. — 6:00 p.m. — Leticia Lozano †  
Gabriela Karem Nowlin †  
Dr. Jose Karem †  
Fri. — 6:00 a.m. — Baby Emma Crane (Recovery)  
Fri. — 8:15 a.m. — Amparito Lopez †  
Roberto Sanchez (In Thanksgiving)  
Fri. — 12:05 p.m. — Jaime Azuora (Special Intention)  
Carol Jeannin †  
Fri. — 6:00 p.m. — Bishop Vincent Rizzotto †  
Lida & Carlos Hernandez †  
Sat. — 8:15 a.m. — Mary Cynthia Oraekwe (Birthday)  
Sat. — 5:30 p.m. — Dr. Guadalupe Montemayor †  
Kristen Leigh Wright †  
Janie Rodriguez †  
Sun. — 7:30 a.m. — Men's Club/Holy Name Society Living & Deceased Members  
Ben Coward †  
James Keeby †  
Terry Wolf †  
Sun. — 9:15 a.m. — Eiliana Iris Salinas †  
Sun. — 11:00 a.m. — Charles Patrick Zerda †  
Clarissa Zerda †  
Vincent Zerda †  
Sun. — 11:15 a.m. — Dan Vela †  
Sun. — 1:00 p.m. — For the Parishioners †  
Maria & Horacio Insuanzo †  
Sun. — 6:00 p.m. — Barbara Wick †

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