St. Matthew Catholic Church

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

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL
(210) 478-5099

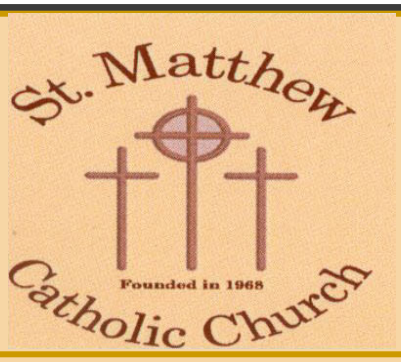
Christ is Born

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:5

DECEMBER 25, 2022

SECOND COLLECTION: ASSUMPTION SEMINARY



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**
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BUILDING COMMITTEE	**478-5000**
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Danny Padron	
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PAROCHIAL VICAR	**478-5000**
Rev. Paul Melgarejo	

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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**
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Kay Moczygemba, Priests /Parish Secretary	478-5003
Amy Nieto, Development Director	478-5001
Bruce Orey, Consolation Ministry	478-5036
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	Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m**. to 6:00 p.m.,** Sat. 9 am -12 Noon	**478-5000**
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	**478-5099**
SENIOR CENTER	Mon.-Wed.- Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	**478-5024**
SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL	Tues-Sat 9:00 a.m. to12:00 Noon	**478-5020**

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS	MEETING DAY	TIME
Blessed Sacrament & Altar Society	1st Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
ACTS Core Group	1st Monday	7:00 p.m.
Athletic Association	1st Thursday	7:30 p.m.
Cancer Support Group MFCRm 104	4th Monday7pm RayBaird	865-5671
Catholic Daughters of America	3rd Monday	7:00 p.m.
Children's Mass	Sundays Athletic Center	11:15 a.m.
Choirs - ACTS	Sundays	7:30 a.m.
Adults	Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.
Bilingual	Tuesdays	8:00 p.m.
Children's	Saturdays	4:30 p.m.
Young Adult Ensemble	Sundays	5:00 p.m.
Youth	Sundays	10:00 a.m.
Christian Meditations	Wednesdays7-8p.m.	445-1107
Confraternity of Our Lady of Guadalupe	1st Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Finance Council	3rdWednesday	7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree MFC Rm.104	3rd Tuesday A Mendy	624-9630
Legion of Mary	Monday	7:00 p.m.
Men's Club – Holy Name Society	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.
Mission Group MFC Rm 102	2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Mary Baird	216-3125

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS	MEETING DAY	TIME
Novena of the Miraculous Medal	Tuesdays	7:30 p.m.
Parish Pastoral Council	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Perpetual Adoration	Ana Bernal	823-7742
Prayer Group (English)	Thursdays	8:00 p.m.
Refugee Ministry	1st Monday	478-5029
Respect Life Ministry	Deacon. Scott Sowell	478-5094
Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:00-12p.m.	478-5017
School Council	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
SCOTS (Susana Rodriguez)	Twice Monthly	881-4767
Scouts (Boys)	Stephen Tipps	694-0152
Scouts – Cubs	stmatthew.pack271@gmail.com	
Scouts – Venturing	Larry Grona	696-2889
Scouts – Girl	Sharon Beiter	275-6461
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Tuesday–Saturday	9-12 Noon
Spanish Prayer Group (Church)	1st & 3rd Monday	7:00-8:00 p.m.
St. Matthew's Mission Group	2nd Tuesday 7PM	216-3125
St. Matthew's Singles (40+)	Thursdays MFC RM 106	7:00 p.m.
Transportation Ministry	2-3 Days' Notice	478-5000
Widow/Widower	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
YC 3 (Young Adults 25-40)	Danny Padron	478-5006

PASTOR'S CORNER

Merry Christmas, everyone!

The Gospel reading for Masses during Christmas Day is from the gospel of St. John. Unlike the other three Gospels, the Gospel of St. John does not relate the birth of Jesus or His initial public ministry. Rather, it is an ancient and beautiful Christian poem packed with theology concerning the Person and nature of Jesus. It summarizes the entire theology of the Gospel of St. John, introducing the main theological themes, and functions much like the overture to a great symphony. The themes of light, darkness, life, witness, faith, glory, the world, and truth are all introduced in the opening verses of the Gospel. This network of themes and imagery is held together by the central identification of Jesus as the incarnated Word of God and its depiction of His roles of Creator and Redeemer. The Gospel will tell the story of Jesus through the lens of these images, showing how He is the divine and only Son of God, His deep relationship with His Father, and the purpose of His mission on earth, which is that those who believe in Him will become the children of God. No one has ever 'seen' the full glory of God on this side of eternity, except Jesus, the one and only Son of God. Yet this glorious Jesus interacts with human creation and history in an event of cosmic significance, God becoming flesh and dwelling amongst us as both human and divine, an event we celebrate every Christmas Day. We have become so ensnared by the world, beset by so many fears and anxieties, exhausted at how fast we are running to just keep up. Too many of us have spent Advent busily preparing for Christmas, shopping, wrapping presents, sending cards, going to parties, and cooking, instead of waiting in hopeful expectation of the celebration of this history-shattering event, the Incarnation of God as a baby. These opening verses of the Gospel of St. John remind us to stop in awe of the wonder of our God who continues to dwell amongst us.

Amen.

Fr. Eric

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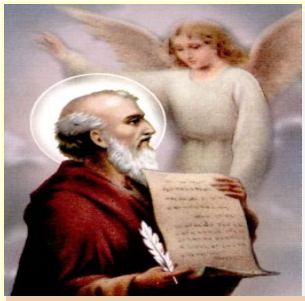

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CYO Athletic	478-5027
Senior Nutrition Center	478-5017
RCIA/Adult Confirmation	478-5004

"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."

MASS CELEBRANTS FOR THE WEEK
PRIESTS SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Monday, December 26
6 am Fr. Charlie
8:15 am Fr. Charlie
12:05 pm Msgr. Emil
6:00 pm Fr. Tony

Tuesday December 27
6 am Fr. Eric
8:15 am Fr. Eric
12:05 pm Msgr. Emil
6:00 pm Msgr. Michael

Wednesday December 28
6 am Fr. Charlie
8:15 am Fr. Eric (No School)
12:05 pm Fr. Eric
6 pm Fr. Eric

Thursday December 29
6 am Fr. Charlie
8:15 am TBA
12:05 pm Msgr. Michael
6:00 pm Fr. Tony

Friday, December 30
6 am Fr. Charlie
8:15 am Fr. Eric
12:05 pm Fr. Eric
6:00 pm Fr. Tony

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

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

December 31, 2022
Sat. — 8:15 am — Fr. Charles Banks, OMI

Vigil Mass
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
DEACONS PREACH
Sat. — 5: 30 pm — Fr. Eric Ritter
January 1, 2023
Sun. — 7:30 am — Fr. Paul Melgarejo
Sun. — 9:15 a.m. — Fr. Paul Melgarejo
Sun. — 11:00 a.m. — Fr. Paul Melgarejo
Sun. — 11:15 a.m. — Msgr. Michael O'Gorman
Sun. — 1:00 p.m. — Fr. Eric Ritter
Sun. — 6:00 p.m. — Fr. Eric Ritter

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

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 **baptism@stmatts.org** for more information.

BAUTISMOS

Todos los requisitos deben completarse y enviarse a más targramado. Habrá una tarifa de administración de $25.
Comuníquese con el coordinador de bautismo en **baptism@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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOSED - CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be closed during the Christmas and New Years Holidays so our volunteers can enjoy the holiday. We will be closed from December 23, 2022 through January 2, 2023. We will re-open at 9:00 am on January 3, 2023. Please do not drop off any donations during this period.

Feast of the Holy Family

of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Friday

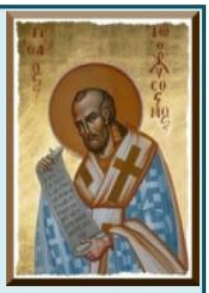
December 30, 2022

Holy Family of Nazareth,
by your intercession, love, and holy example,
make our family more and more like Yours,
until we are all one family,
happy and at peace
in our true home with You.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.,

Pray for us.

Amen.



God With Us! In choosing to be born with us, God chose to be known by us. He therefore reveals himself in this way, in order that this great sacrament of his love may not be an occasion for us of great misunderstanding.

Today the magi find, crying in a manger, the one they have followed as he shone in the sky. Today the magi see clearly, swaddling clothes, the one they have long awaited as he lay hidden among the stars.

Today the magi graze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, humanity in God, God in humanity, one whom the whole universe cannot contain how enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh got one who is to die...

Today Christ enters the Jordan to wash away the sin of the world. John himself testifies that this is why he has come: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world...

Today Christ works the first of his signs from heaven by turning water into wine. But water mixed with wine has still to be changed into the sacrament of his blood, so that Christ may offer spiritual drink from the chalice of his body. ***- St. Peter Chrysologus***

NEW YEAR'S MASSES December 31 & January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Vigil Mass) Saturday, December 31st - 5:30 pm

Sunday, January 1st - 7:30, 9:15, 11:00, 11:15 am (Athletic Center), 1:00 (Spanish), and 6:00 pm

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD MASSES January 7 & 8

(Vigil Mass) Saturday, January 7th - 5:30 pm

Sunday, January 8th - 7:30, 9:15, 11:00, 11:15 am (Athletic Center), 1:00 (Spanish), and 6:00 pm

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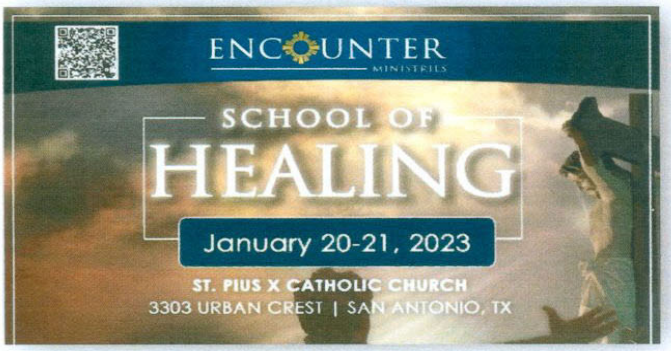
Encounter Ministries School of Healing Conference — January 20-21, 2023



Come and Experience God's Supernatural Love! Jesus promised, "These signs will accompany those who believe… They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." (Mark 16:17) Jesus has called us to do what He did, and that includes healing the sick. The event is a two-day conference to teach, impart and activate Christians to be a more effective minister of Jesus' healing in the world!

Friday January 20th, 5:30 pm -9 pm
Saturday, January 21st, 9am – 9 pm

St Pius X Catholic Church, 3303 Urban Crest, San Antonio

Conference details and registration at encounterministries.us

ST MATTHEW MISSION GROUP DECEMBER UPDATES

As we come to the end of another year, the Mission Group remains thankful to our parishioners, our parish organizations, our many pastors, the school children, and other benefactors who have supported our ministry for over 25 years. The Mission Group members first went to help the Indians in the mountains of Mexico with the blessing and support of Msgr. John Flynn in 1997.

Even the pandemic the last 2 ½ years has not deterred the efforts of the missionaries. St. Matthew Parish continues to make a difference for children in Mexico, Honduras, and other needy people and children local.

Casa Del Niño Tegucigalpa, Honduras

We have continued to send money each month for food. The nuns have been able to purchase eggs, milk, meat, chicken, and healthier food for the girls. The nuns and girls have remained healthy throughout the pandemic. All of them have been vaccinated and boosted against Covid.

The girls have completed another school year virtually. They have made progress and the nuns anticipate that the girls will attend in-person classes when the school year begins in February.

The girls are receiving Catholic values, the sacraments, and are getting an education to make their lives better. But most of all, they are also protected from the violence around them.

Sor Ana, the director, reports that their congregation from Spain is raising funds to repair the 100+ year old building. They plan to remodel the kitchen, the dining hall, and 4 dormitories, and bathrooms. A mission group from Kansas that has been working at another children's home in Honduras visited the "Casa" and have promised to remodel 3 classrooms and help with educational expenses.

We communicate with the nuns and check on the girls every month and they send us pictures and updates of the girls and their activities. We hope to be able to travel to Honduras in 2023.

The Church Office will be closed
December 23 — 26.
Merry Christmas!
Fr. Eric, Fr. Paul,
Deacons, Sr. Therese and Staff.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving God, Jesus, has shown us that an open heart finds the way. Help me to find my way in this world. Keep my heart open to following Jesus' way of serving others in love. Give me the courage to accept the guidance you offer me through my family, my friends, and my parish community. Through the Holy Spirit you call me to particular way of life. If it is the way of a priest, religious sister or brother, then help me to walk it in a joyful service to your people. With you, my God, I know I can find my way. Amen.

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Adult Confirmation Preparation

A new class in English to prepare adults to receive the sacrament of Confirmation begins on **Monday, January 9th, 2023, with the last class on Monday, March 27th. The sacrament of Confirmation will be received at the parish on April 25th or May 2nd.** We meet in Room 103 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 gail@stmatts.org to register.**

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

Adult Bible Studies Resume

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 adult Bible studies on the Old Testament Book of Second Kings which began in September 2022 will resume on January 5th and 7th of 2023. We will continue to meet in person. Second Kings continues the story of the division of ancient Israel into the northern and southern kingdoms. It is a story of increasing chaos as inept and faithless kings ascend to the throne of each kingdom, the invasion and fall to Assyria and then Babylon, and finally the exile of the Chosen People far from the Promised Land, as a result of rampant idolatry and social injustice. It is a story of tumultuous times, much like our own time.

Both studies will continue to use the Ignatius Press workbook by Dr. Scott Hahn for only $10. Gail Dereszewski will be the presenter for both groups.

1. The Tuesday morning Bible study will resume January 5th of 2023 and will continue through April 4th, from 9:45 AM until noon, in Room 106 in the MacDonald Family Center.
2. The Thursday evening Bible study will resume January 7th and will continue through April 13th of 2023 from 7:00 - 8:45 PM in the school cafeteria.

For more information or to register, please call Gail Dereszewski at the parish offices at 478-5004 or email her at gail@stmatts.org to register.

MARIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE

St. Matthew Catholic Church

Lisbon - Fatima - Santarem - Avila - Lourdes - Medjugorje

Portugal - Spain - France - Croatia - Bosnia and Herzegovina

BLUE HEART TRAVEL
CATHOLIC TOURS & PILGRIMAGES

Tour program

July 10 - 22, 2023

Lisbon - Fatima - Santarem - Avila - Lourdes - Medjugorje

Day 1 - Flight to Lisbon, July 10, 2023
Departure from **San Antonio, Texas**, overnight **flight to Europe, to Portugal**, meals served on board the plane.

Day 2 -Lisbon - Santarem - Fatima, July 11, 2023
Upon arrival at Lisbon airport, we will meet with our driver and head to Fatima. The first stop will be for a city tour & a **Holy Mass in Lisbon**! Time permitting, we will make a **stop in Santarem** – visit **Eucharistic Miracle Sanctuary**! Arrival in Fatima, dinner, and optional participation in the candlelight procession on the same evening in the **Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima**. Tonight we stay in Fatima.

Day 3 - Aljustrel - Valinhos, July 12, 2023
Visit places associated with the **apparition in Fatima**. Tiny **village Aljustrel**, home of visionaries, pasturage at **Valinhos** where Our Lady also appeared and to the **Cova da Iria**, the actual place of the apparition of **Our Lady of Fatima**. Holy Mass celebrated by a priest with the group will be in one of the chapels in the Shrine. In the evening, participate in the prayer service (optional). Dinner and overnight in Fatima.

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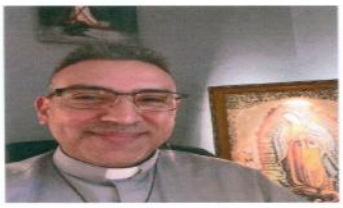

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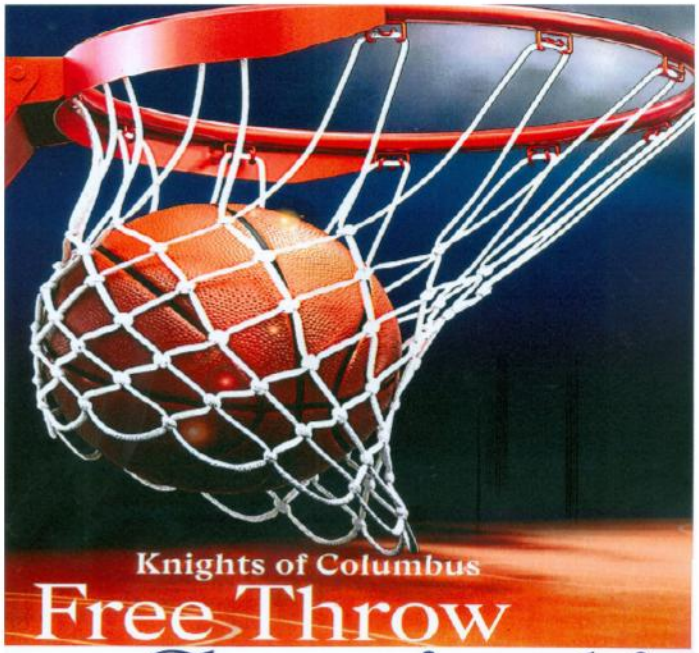
St. Matthew's Kids

A Christmas Prayer

Lord, we thank You for sending Jesus to be born. You sent Him to teach us and to save us so that we can go to Heaven and be with You. Help us to be like the shepherds so we can tell everyone we know about Jesus, and how special he is.
In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14
Location: St. Matthew Athletic Gym
Date: 1/14/2023 Time: 8am - 12 pm
Contact: Michael Farias 210 382-9068
mfarias003gmail.com

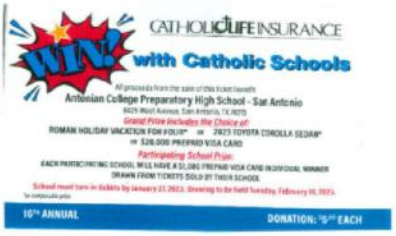
Respect Life Ministry Limited Edition Christmas Ornaments are still available at the Church Office . A minimum donations of $30 each. Contact Diane 210 478-5035. Family truly is a gift modeled by the Holy Family. Thank you, Deacon Scott & Diane

ANTONIAN

Get ready! Coming Sunday, January 8, 2023, raffle tickets will be on sale after all morning Masses. This will be your chance to win a choice of one of the following prizes:

- Roman Holiday Vacation for Four
- 2023 Toyota Corolla Sedan
- $20,000 prepaid visa card

All donations of $5 per ticket will benefit Antonian College Preparatory. *Thank you for supporting a Catholic High School!*



For further information contact Michael and Yvette Martinez, 210-558-9117.

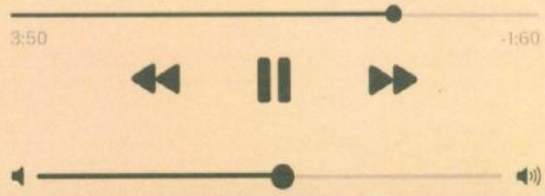
ST. MATTHEW CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
Praising God & Sharing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Come join us in the St. Matthew Parish Hall.
Every Wednesday Evening at 7 pm

Joyful Noise High School Retreat 2023

Open to students in Grades 9-12

St. Matthew Youth Leadership Team



We are so excited to announce our next retreat, Joyful Noise! The goal is to bring teens into intimate and honest relationship with God through the Sacraments, Scripture, prayer, worship, community, and music!!

When? **Friday, January 20 - Sunday, January 22, 2023**
Where? **Sanctus Ranch**
Cost? **$200.00** (If assistance is needed, please reach out to Tracy Garcia)
Deadline to Register: **Friday, January 6**
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Scripture Readings
For the Week of December 25, 2022
SundayThe Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3CD-4, 6 & 8AB, 16BC & 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8;
Wednesday Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Friday Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
SundaySolemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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Week of December 26, 2022 - January 1, 2023

Mon. — 6:00 a.m. — Terri Collins, (Recovery)
Mon. — 8:15 a.m. — Angel E. Cedillo ✝
Tina Gonzales ✝
Mon. — 12:05 noon — Josephine L. Cisneros ✝
Olivia (O.A.) & Bernie Bernsen ✝
Mon. — 6:00 p.m. — Nick & Marta Nichols
(63 Wedding Anniversary)

Tues. — 6:00 a.m. — In Thanksgiving
Tues. — 8:15 a.m. — Anthony Sotire ✝
Tues. — 12:05 noon Rudy & Yolanda Sotelo
(58 Wedding Anniversary)
Louis Skloss ✝
Dr. Raymond Hl Hernandez, Jr. ✝
Tues. — 6:00 p.m. — Margarita Garbalena (Recovery)

Wed.. — 6:00 a.m. — Keith Mittle (Special Intention)
Wed.— 8:15 a.m. — Msgr. Michael O'Gorman (Special Intention)
Wed. — 12:05 noon — Lillie C. Tejeda ✝
Wed. — 6:00 p.m. — Henry Frank Garcia ✝

Thurs. — 6:00 a.m. — Malou Miquiabus (Special Intention)
Thurs. — 8:15 a.m.— Christine Slusar (Birthday)
Thurs. 12:05 p.m. — Andrea C. (Birthday)
Felipie Weissman (Recovery)
Jannini Family Deceased Members
Thurs. — 6:00 p.m. — Ray Sowell ✝
Henry X. Carrillo ✝

Fri. — 6:00 a.m. — Teresa Heekin (Special Intention)
Fri. — 8:15 a.m. — Otto & Dolores Buechner ✝
Barbara Wick ✝
Fri. — 12:05 p.m. — Sr. Lucille Gardner, OP ✝
Campos Family Deceased Members
Fri. — 6:00 p.m. — Kristen Helkey (Birthday) ✝

Sat. — 8:15 a.m. — Silvestre & Nery Gonzalez ✝
Richard Gonzalez ✝
Sat. — 5:30 p.m. — Yolanda Trevino ✝
Rosaelia R. Benavides ✝
Sun. — 7:30 a.m. — Juan Ramirez, III
St. Matthew Knights of Columbus for
Vocations & Deceased Members
Sun. — 9:15 a.m.— For the Parishioners
Sun. — 11:00 a.m. — Mary Dolores Rizzo ✝
Rev. Ted Hochstatter ✝
Sun. — 11:15 a.m. — Peace in the World
Sun. — 1:00 p.m. — Living & deceased Members of the
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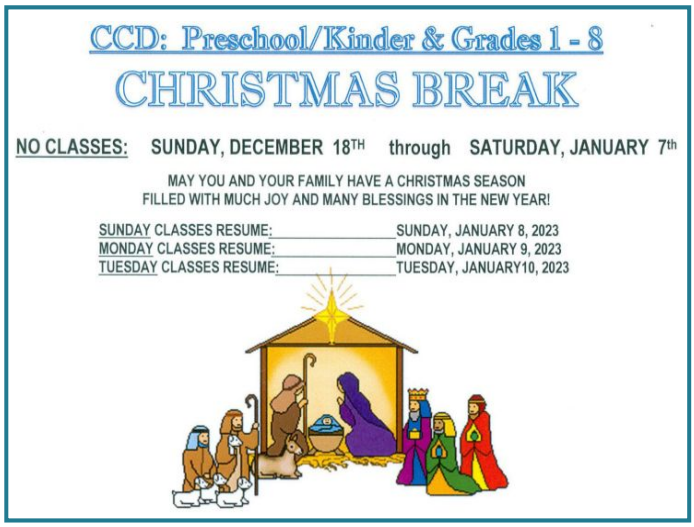
Tomasa Bocanegra (Recovery)
Sun. — 6:00 p.m. — Safety of all Travelers



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New Year's Day

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At Christmas we honor Jesus as the "Prince of Peace",
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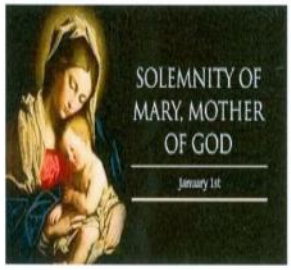
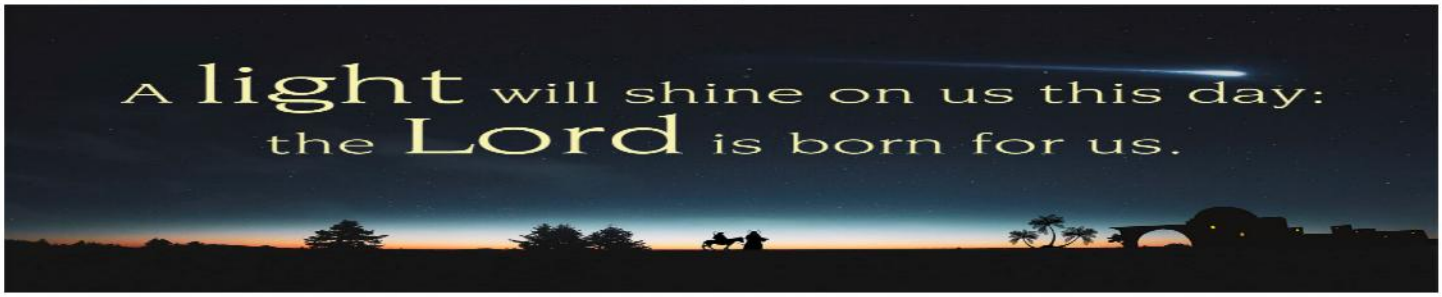
Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for our families and for our world.





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