

# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Second Saturday: 9 am-12 pm

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First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

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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*



# Hope

*Esperanza*

**Mass Intentions for  
December 2– December 10**

**Saturday, December 2-  
Weekday**  
**(Dn 7:15-27, Lk 21:34-36)**  
10:00 am First Saturday Mass

4:30 pm Mass For The People

**Sunday, December 3-  
First Sunday of Advent**  
**(Is 63:16b-17,19b.;64:2-7, 1Cor 1:3-9,  
Mk 13:33-37)**  
8:00 am + Carlos R Escobar

10:00 am + Richard Allen  
SI Diego Ordonez  
SI Sam Avila

12:00 pm + Rafael Carmona

**Monday, December 4-  
Advent Weekday**  
**(Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11)**  
9:00 am + Jose & Dominga Juarez  
+ Ray Portillo  
+Carol Winkelman

**Tuesday, December 5-  
Advent Weekday**  
**(Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24)**  
9:00 am + Marguerite Caruthers  
+ Julie Loomis  
+ Mary Evangeline Resce

**Wednesday, December 6-  
Advent Weekday**  
**(Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37)**  
9:00 am + Gloria Evelyne Perch  
+ Garrison Valenzuela  
SI Erica Flores

**Thursday, December 7-  
St Ambrose**  
**(Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21,24-27)**  
9:00 am + Arturo & Hortensia Montes  
+ Linda Cowherd  
SI Marie & Karleigh Fuhrman

**Friday, December 8-  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary**  
**(Gn 3:9-15,20, Eph 1:3-6,11-12, Lk 1:26-38)**  
9:00 am  
6:00 pm

**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.**

**St Matthew  
Catholic School  
is accepting  
registrations for the  
2023-2024 school year**

**Stewardship**  
2023-2024

**December 3, 2023  
First Sunday of Advent**

*"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

**3 de diciembre de 2023  
1er Domingo de Adviento**

*"¡Vigile! ¡Manténgase alerta! Usted no sabe cuándo llegará el momento." - MARCOS 13:33*

Damos las cosas por sentado. En particular, damos el tiempo por sentado. Nuestras vidas son demasiado ocupadas. Planificamos por adelantado nuestros días, semanas, meses y aún nuestros años. Recuerde, nuestro tiempo en la tierra es un regalo. Ninguno de nosotros sabe cuánto tiempo estaremos aquí. Empiece hoy y comience a darle gracias a Dios por todo y cada uno de nuestros días. Tómese un tiempo en silencio, todos los días, y escuche cómo Dios lo está llamando en este momento para ayudar a construir Su reino en la tierra.

**Saturday, December 9-  
Advent Weekday**  
**(Is 30:19-21,23-26, Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8)**  
4:30 pm + Julie Loomis  
+ Javier Olmedo  
+ Roger Maldonado Sr  
+ Fernando Salazar  
SI Leonor Salazar

**Sunday, December 10-  
Second Sunday of Advent**  
**(Is 40:1-5,9-11, 2Pt 3:8-14,  
Mk 1:1-8)**  
8:00 am Mass For The People  
10:00 + Marguerite Caruthers  
+ Henry Gallegos  
Linda Cowherd  
+ Elisa Carpintero  
12:00 pm

**Calendar for  
Advent and Christmas  
2023**  
**December 4-12**  
Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6 pm in the Church  
**December 8**  
The Immaculate Conception  
Mass at 9 am and 6 pm  
**December 12**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mananitas at 6 am  
Mass at 6 pm  
**December 24**  
Mass at 10 am– English  
Mass at noon– Spanish  
**Christmas Eve Mass**  
4:30 pm Children's Vigil  
Mass  
12:00 am– Midnight  
Mass  
**December 25**  
Mass at 10 am– English  
Mass at noon– Spanish  
**January 1**  
Mary Mother of God  
Mass at 11 am-  
Bilingual

**CALENDAR AND EVENTS  
DECEMBER 3–DECEMBER 9**

**Sunday, December 3**  
11:30 am-1 pm Confirmation Bldg J/School  
11:30 am-1 pm RCIA/RCIC Bldg G/ Conf Rm

**Monday, December 4**  
10 am-12 pm Legion of Mary Cottage  
4-6:45 pm Faith Formation Bldg G/ Ctyd  
6-8 pm ACTS– women Parish Hall

**Tuesday, December 5**  
9:45-11:30 am Bible Study Parish Hall  
4-6:45pm Faith Formation Bldg G/ Ctyd/Cottage  
5:30-6:30 pm Pietra Fitness Bldg J  
6:30– 7:30 pm Ladies Rosary Parish Hall  
6:30–8:30 pm Talleres de Oracion y Vida  
Sacred Heart Rm

**Wednesday, December 6**  
9:30-11:30 am Mas Deus Sacred Heart Rm  
10-11 am Training for EM and PoW Church  
5:30-6:45 pm Faith Formation Bldg G  
6-7 pm Youth Group Bldg J  
6-8 pm Yarn for Love Parish Hall  
6:30-7:30 pm Spanish Rosary Sacred Heart Rm  
6:30-8:30 pm Bible Study Conference Rm  
7-9 pm TMIY Bldg J  
6-7 pm Training for Em and PoW Church

**Thursday, December 7**  
7:45–8:45 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J  
10 am-12 pm Bible Study Conference Rm

**Friday, December 8**  
10 am-5 pm Adoration Church

**Saturday, December 9**  
8:30-10 am Pietra Fitness Bldg J  
2-3 pm Confession Church

**VIRTUS:**  
New class on  
December 5, 2023  
at 6 pm  
Register at Virtus.org

**Other Information:**

Daily Mass: Monday – Friday at 9 am  
Daily Rosary : Monday-Friday at 8:15 am in the Daily Chapel  
**Upcoming Envelope Schedule**  
December 3: Collection for the Windows  
December 10: Retirement for the Religious

**Adoration**  
10 am to 5 pm every Friday.  
On the first Friday of the month, 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, 11am– Spanish

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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First Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

3 de diciembre de 2023  
Primer Domingo de Adviento  
Isaías 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7  
1 Corintios 1:3-9  
Marcos 13:33-37

How Has God Shaped You?

Sometimes it seems as if life is a laboratory of designed experiments on how to become human, all of them allotted ten-year blocks.

Have you noticed how nine-and ten-year-olds can be easy to be around? Then about the time we've gotten being a kid down to a science, life begins to move us into adolescence. We want to be independent and responsible, but we don't yet have all the skills. We have sexual feelings, but we're expected not to act on them. About the time we reach adulthood and move into our twenties, it seems we can finally do what we want, but then we might drink too much, spend too much, drive too fast, and party too long. Once we begin to settle down around year thirty, we have to learn how to live with another person. One likes it warm, the other cool. One seeks to save, the other spends. One is a homebody, the other enjoys going out on the town. By the time we've gotten to our sixties and seventies, we may have figured out life, but by then we've used up most of our energy.

What's going on?

Faith suggests it's the hand of God shaping us into the sort of person we're meant to be. "Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter; we are the work of your hand" (Isaiah 64:7). Advent may be a time to figure out how God is acting in your life now and look back to see that God was shaping you all along.

-Fr Joseph Juknialis

Aceves parece como si la vida fuera un laboratorio de experimentos diseñados sobre cómo llegar a ser humano, todos ellos asignados a bloques de diez años.

¿Te has dado cuenta de lo fácil que es estar con niños de nueve y diez años? Entonces, más o menos cuando ya sabemos cómo ser un niño, la vida empieza a llevarnos a la adolescencia. Queremos ser independientes y responsables, pero aún no tenemos todas las habilidades. Tenemos sentimientos sexuales, pero se espera que no actuemos en consecuencia. Más o menos cuando llegamos a la edad adulta y entramos en la veintena, parece que por fin podemos hacer lo que queramos, pero entonces puede que bebamos demasiado, gastemos demasiado, conduzcamos demasiado deprisa y salgamos de fiesta demasiado tiempo. Una vez que empezamos a sentar la cabeza hacia los treinta años, tenemos que aprender a vivir con otra persona. A uno le gusta el calor, al otro el frío. Uno busca ahorrar, el otro gastar. Uno es hogareño, el otro disfruta saliendo por la ciudad. Cuando llegamos a los sesenta y setenta años, puede que hayamos resuelto la vida, pero para entonces ya hemos gastado la mayor parte de nuestra energía.

¿Qué ocurre?

La fe sugiere que es la mano de Dios la que nos está moldeando para convertirnos en el tipo de personas que estamos destinados a ser. "Señor, tú eres nuestro padre; nosotros somos el barro y tú nuestro alfarero: todos somos obra de tu mano" (Isaías 64:7). El Adviento puede ser un momento para descubrir cómo está actuando Dios en tu vida ahora y mirar atrás para ver que Dios te estaba moldeando todo el tiempo.

-Padre Joseph Juknialis



Christmas candles are available in the office For \$8



This leadership program is based on Scripture and Catholic faith. Join us Wednesdays at 7 pm in Building J. First meeting is September 20. Contact Felipe Gonzalez at 575-496-7445 or the office with any questions.

All Contributions can be made in several ways:  
Online at: [www.osvhub.com/stmatthewep/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/stmatthewep/funds)  
Or use the QR code below :  
Cash App at \$StMatt400  
You can always donate with your envelopes at mass or in the office as well.





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, Bobby Nunez, 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, Mike Bogdan, Beatriz Gonzalez, Angel Baker, Carmen Moreno, Marisol Moreno, Arturo Huerta, Guadalupe Delgado, Lilly Grado, Lilly Caldwell, Jose Castillo, Edmundo Silva, Susie Salinas, Carlos Spector, Willie Toscano, Blanca Valdez, Bertha Garcia, Cruz and Carmen Ito, Margarita Payan, Ricardo Ramos, Michael Tracy, Lilly Grato, Miriam Skelton, Erica Torres, Margaret Gallegos, Josephine Perez, Ryan Salisbury.

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

#### Prayers of the Faithful

That we don't take our time on Earth for granted and look at each day as a gift from God.

Que no demos por sentado nuestro tiempo en la Tierra y que miremos cada día como un don de Dios.

#### A Word From **Pope Francis**:

[Jesus]...is at the door to our heart. He knocks. Do you know how to listen to the Lord...who has come today to visit you...? He came to Bethlehem, he will come at the end of the world, but every day he comes to us. Be attentive, look at what you feel in your heart when the Lord knocks.



ANGELUS  
ROME  
NOVEMBER 29, 2020

#### Faithful Fitness

Pietra Fitness— classes for women  
Ages 14 and up

#### Tuesday:

5:30-6:30 pm: Gentle (women's class)

Thursday: 7:45-8:45 am

Intermediate/ Advanced (women's class)

Saturday: 8:30-9:30 am

Gentle/ Intermediate (women's class)

To register, please contact

Christy Balsiger at (915) 525-5384

Or at hcbalsiger1@aol.com

#### Tithes and Offerings

Offerings collected for November 19 & 26, 2023:

11/19: \$8680.00 11/26: \$7653.00

Capital Campaign posted once a month.

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.

#### Men's Breakfast Saturday morning

7:30-8:30 am– Yvonne's Cantina

All are welcome. Join us for Fellowship, Prayer and Faith Formation.

Call or text Karl Kimball at 915-539-0006 for details.

#### For Reflection

What did you learn in your last ten-year block of life?

#### 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.

#### 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!

#### Bible Class

Join one of our Bible Study classes at any time.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Thursdays at 10:00 am

In the Conference Room

No registration is required— join at any time!

Bring a friend.

All are Welcome.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Knights are Back!!**  
 On the 3rd weekend each month  
 the Knights of Columbus  
 will be selling  
 empanadas .  
**Menudo sales will begin in November!**  
**Meetings: 2nd Monday at 7 pm- 3rd degree**  
**3rd Monday at 7 pm- 4th degree**



*Donations for the poinsettias for  
 Christmas can be made in the office  
 or in the collection. Please note  
 whom you are making the intention  
 for.  
 Thank you.*



**Bell Choir for Christmas**  
**All are Welcome!**  
**Rehearsals begin on**  
**November 7, 2023**  
**at 4:30 pm in the Church.**  
**Please call the office with any**  
**questions.**



Social Justice Ministry will be  
 putting up the Angel Tree the  
 weekend of November 18. Please  
 pick up a tag and purchase the  
 items listed. Return the gift to  
 the tree by December 15. Items go to  
 local foster children.  
 Thank you!



**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:  
 December 11

2024 will be posted next week.  
 For more information call Terri Cullen,  
 (915) 204-5120, or the Parish Office.

**St Matthew Parish Ministries  
 And Ministry Heads**

Adoration	Bob and Joyce Kautz	584-8782
Altar Servers		office
Baptism Class		office
Bereavement	Luis and Wilma Santos	office
Bible Study-		
Tues am English	Christy Balsiger	office
Thur am Spanish	Margarita Aguilar	office
Wed pm English	John Cooney	479-4700
Thur am English	John Cooney	479-4700
Choir Leaders-		
Michelle Kessler	Saturday at 4:30 pm	
Adrian Zamora	Sunday at 8:00 am	
Wade Daw	Sunday at 10:00am	
Marisela Quesada	Sunday at noon	
Divine Mercy	Olivia Roeckl	office
Evangelizacion		office
Extraordinary Ministers	Silvia Ortega	office
Homebound		office
Knights of Columbus	Jesus Perez	office
Lectors	Laura Cruz-Acosta	office
Legion of Mary	Rosario Rubio	office
MASDeus	Jazmin Rodriguez	office
Hospitality	Bob Kautz	584-8782
Yarn for Love	Marie Nicholas	office
Prayer Chain	C.C. Ayoub	373-1289
Arts and Environment	Alice Valles, Terry Acosta -Ponce, Ana Cooper	office
Safety and Security		office
Social Justice	Becky Escobar	252-2701
St Vincent De Paul	Dorothy Schatzman, Letty Carrasco	581-3482/ office
SVDP at St Matthew Food Pantry	Dorothy Schatzman, Terri Cullen Cordova	204-5120/ office
That Man Is You	Felipe Gonzalez	575-496-7445
Wedding Preparation		office
Women at the Well		office
	womenatthewellconference@gmail.com	
	Office number: 584-3461	

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