

# St. Matthew Catholic Church

2800 Pine Tree Rd.  
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October 05, 2025

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*"To Know, to Love and to Serve Christ Among His People, and to Seek the Lost"*

## MASS SCHEDULE

**WEEKEND:** Saturday - Vigil 5:00 PM, (Eng.) 7:00 PM (Esp.)  
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM (Eng.)  
Domingo 1:00 PM (Esp.)

**DAILY:** Monday - Friday 7:00 AM  
Tuesday 7:00 PM (Español)  
Friday 12:05 PM

**HOLY DAYS:** 7:00 AM, 12:05 & 6:00 PM (Eng.) 7:30 PM (Esp.)

**ADORATION:** First Fridays 7:30 AM - 11:45 AM  
Wednesdays 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Sept. - May)

**CONFESSION:** Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 PM  
Tuesday 5 PM - 6:45 PM (June & July: 6 - 6:45 PM)  
Thursday 5 PM - 6:00 PM  
Any other time by Appointment

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[www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) or 1-800-Masstimes

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 AM - 12 NOON; & 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS: ON SATURDAYS**

**BAPTISM:** 9:00 AM (ENGLISH)  
10:00 AM (ESPAÑOL)

**PRESENTACION [3 ANOS]** 11:00 AM

**WEDDING & QUINCEAÑERA:** 12 NOON & 2:00 PM

for more information,  
please contact the church office during office hours.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY - October 4

5:00 pm † Jaya Mary (Steve & Beth Kennedy)  
 † John Pereira - Anniversary (Pereira Family)  
 Daniel Garcia - Birthday (Garcia Family)

7:00 pm † Leovejilda Serrano

### SUNDAY - October 5

8:30 am † Jaya Mary (Les & Kathy Mendicello)  
 10:30 am † Teodora Juarez (Juarez Family)  
 Nataniel Juarez - Birthday (Juarez Family)  
 † Rosa Isela Rodriguez (Rodriguez Family)  
 1:00 pm † Alicia Medrano & Pedro Perez (Medrano Family)  
 6:00 pm People of the Parish

### MONDAY - October 6

7:00 am † Marlee Schmidt (Steve & Beth Kennedy)

### TUESDAY - October 7

7:00 am Alex Durantes (Aracely Nieto)  
 7:00 pm † Ruven Rodriguez

### WEDNESDAY - October 8

7:00 am † Kathleen Bullock (Steve & Beth Kennedy)

### THURSDAY - October 9

7:00 am † Ron & Colette Denfeld (Nick & Sandy Miller)

### FRIDAY - October 10

7:00 am † Ismael Sanchez (Hernandez Ruiz Family)  
 12:05 pm † Dcn. Lawrence Benzmilller (Msgr. Xavier)

### SATURDAY - October 11

5:00 pm † Johnny Jimmerson (Elaine Chambliss)  
 7:00 pm † Guadalupe Blancos (Maria Cruz)  
 † Feliciano Robles (Maria Cruz)  
 † Francisco Saldiva (Maria Cruz)

### SUNDAY - October 12

8:30 am † Ricky Bordelon (Sandy Miers)  
 10:30 am † Debbie Smith (Roma Jones)  
 1:00 pm † Camilo Garza - Anniv. (Rosalinda Garza e hijos )  
 6:00 pm People of the Parish

## Observances & Readings

|           |                                                                                                       |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | Jon 1:1; 2:1-11; Jon 2:3-8; Lk 10:25-37                                                               |
| Tuesday   | <b>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</b><br>Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1-8; Lk 10:38-42                      |
| Wednesday | Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-10; Lk 11:1-4                                                                     |
| Thursday  | Mal 3:13-20; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 11:5-13                                                                     |
| Friday    | Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9:2-6; 16:8-9; Lk 11:15-26                                                     |
| Saturday  | Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-12, Lk 11:27-28                                                                   |
| Sunday    | <b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;<br>Lk 17:11-19 |

### Offering a Holy Mass:

Is the highest form of prayer. Everyone prays for your intention. It's the best gift to family, friends (living or dead), for their birthdays and anniversaries. A powerful and useful gift. Call the church office to reserve your days with a stipend of your choice. Thanks!



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### 41. Increasing Faith - By Living It

Dear brothers and sisters,  
 Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. It is a gift from God to us. We don't increase or grow it on our own; it is our response of trusting in **God's grace** when being rooted in **Jesus and His Word**. [cover picture]

The Apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith. Does Jesus do it or we do it? We let His grace work in our lives. "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree/mountain, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea, it would obey you'. Nothing will be impossible for you." [Mt. 17:20 & Lk.17:5] Really? Yes.

Faith is God's gift, but it deepens as we respond. Like roots in fertile soil, faith grows **deeper** when we listen to God's Word and let it shape our hearts. It grows **stronger** through daily prayer and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, where Christ nourishes us. It rises **higher** when faith expresses itself in works of love, lifting us closer to heaven. Trials, too, refine our faith, purifying it like gold in fire, while community keeps it alive and supported. Above all, faith **flourishes** when our eyes remain fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

A woman was showing a massive piece of family silver that she took from the cupboard and said, "Dreadfully tarnished; I can't keep it bright unless I use it". That is just as true of faith as it is of silver. Tucked away to the Sunday closet of soul, and only brought out for show, it needs apology. You can't keep faith bright and shining unless you use it. Thus, growing in faith is a lifelong journey in our Christian life.

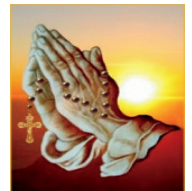
Remember, if you don't use it, you lose it. May you be rooted in Christ and His Word to increase your faith.

Prayers and Blessings! Msgr. Xavier



### Pray for the Priests of Our Diocese

Oct. 06: Rev. Nelson Munoz  
 Oct. 07: Rev. Nicholas Nappier  
 Oct. 08: Rev. Joshua Neu  
 Oct. 09: Rev. Ignatius Nwankwocha  
 Oct. 10: Rev. Francis O'Dowd  
 Oct. 11: Rev. Christopher Orajika  
 Oct. 12: Rev. Isaac Oviedo



### Intention of Pope Leo (October)

Collaboration between different religions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.



## YOUR TITHES & OFFERINGS Worship through Giving

### September 28, 2025

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Collection Goal (Expenditure) | \$ 12,260.00 |
| Weekly Offering:                     | \$ 10,185.00 |
| Online Donations:                    | \$ 1,366.55  |
| (Surplus / shortfall)                | \$ - 708.45  |

### 2nd Collection:

Last Weekend: Air-conditioners \$ 2,159.00

This weekend: Building Fund

**Thank you for your stewardship. Blessings!**

## October: Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month devoted to Our Blessed Mother, Mary, and the Rosary will be recited 20 minutes before each of the weekend Masses during the month. If you would like to lead the praying of the Rosary before any of the Masses, please contact the church office.



### **America Needs Fatima** **Public Rosary Crusade:**

Help us spread Our Lady's message by participating in the Public Rosary Crusade. We will pray the Rosary at noon on Saturday, October 11, 2025 (rain or shine), in the parking lot south of the church. Please arrive by 11:45 am., and bring your rosary. For more information, contact Patty Ross at 903-236-6295.

## **Angel Tree**

### **Christmas gifts for our children**

Angel Tree Applications for St. Matthew parishioners are available in the church office **from October 1st** during the office hours. **Submit all applications by Friday, October 25th.** Call the church office for more info. (903-295-3890)



***Our Lady's Guild*** invites all women in the Catholic Community in the Longview area to join us at our monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct., 16, 2025.

The speaker will be Marla Sers, Nursing Home Administrator/Nursing Home Placement.

The topic – "Is It Time?"

The meeting will begin at 9:30am, parish hall St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2108 Ridgewood Dr., Longview. We'd love to see you there.



### **Knights of Columbus** **St. Matthew Church**

Sunday, October 19, 2025 from  
8:30 AM - 2 PM

Please sign-up early & choose  
your time.



## **MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

Oct. 23 - 26, 2025

### **The Humble Man Pursues** **God's Heart**

All Men Are Welcome!! Cost per retreatant is \$180.  
*Please do not let the cost keep you from participating!*  
Questions? Jim Beckett, Director 316-293-6216



### **Monday, October 27,** **at 6:30 p.m.**

at the St. John Paul Center.  
We will celebrate with  
a pot-luck dinner  
to **THANK** our clergy  
Please bring a dish to share and  
show your appreciation for  
our Priests and Deacons.

### **This Week:**

**Oct. 07: Rosary Prayer Group;** 11:00 am, Chapel

**Oct. 08: ACTS Men Faith Sharing;** 6:00 am, Parish Hall  
**Adoration;** 7:30 am, Chapel  
**Faith Formation Class;** 6:30 pm

**Oct. 09: JOY Ministry (Retirees);** 6 pm Parish Hall

**ACTS Team Meetings;** 6:30 pm, SJP Room 5

**Oct. 11: Food Distribution;** 7:30 am, SJP

**America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally;** 11:45 am

### **JOY MINISTRY 55+**

Thursday, Oct. 9; 6pm, parish hall

### **The Best Thing About Football Season?** **Tailgating! Halftime!**



We won't actually go to a game, or even watch a game, but we'll eat like we are. Bring your favorite sports bites and we'll act like we went, but we won't! Wear your team colors!

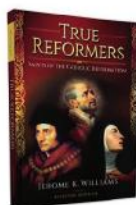


### **Taste of St. Matthew** **November 09th**

#### **Food, Fun & Friendly Competition**

Food entries are due by **Oct. 20.**

Entry forms are available in the wall pockets in the foyer and may be turned in to the church office. All are invited to attend and sample the different foods prepared by our parishioners on **Saturday, Nov. 01,** from **6:15-8:15 pm** at the St. John Paul Center. Tickets will be sold at the door and are \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 9-15. Children 8 years and under are free. You will also be able to vote on your favorite foods, and prizes will be awarded to the winners. **Come & join the Fun!**



### **New Bible Study:** **True Reformers**

Class has Begun! Weekly at noon

at Faith Formation Center Room #37

This is a 6 wk study about Saints of the Catholic Reformation who led the early church through confusion to rebirth.

### **VIRTUS Safe Environment**

#### **Recertification:**

Oct. 16: St. Mary's, Longview, 6 pm. (English)

#### **Initial Training**

Oct. 23: St. Mary, Longview; 6 pm - 9 pm. (Eng.)

Class is FREE; for background checking need to pay \$10.

Pre-registration required at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org)

All Ministry Heads and anyone who serves in a ministry must take this training. Please contact Beth at [virtus.bethk@gmail.com](mailto:virtus.bethk@gmail.com); or Andrew at [besafe@stmattlgv.com](mailto:besafe@stmattlgv.com)

### **IN THE DIOCESE: Mass of Remembrance** **for Pregnancy and Infant Loss**

Bishop Kelly will be celebrating on

**Oct. 11 at 10:30 am at the Cathedral in Tyler.**

This is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a child, whether by miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death.

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#### Faith Formation Calendar Oct. 2025

**Oct. 05:** Class Day

**Oct. 08:** Class Day

**Oct. 11:** Public Rosary [Church Parking Lot]

**Oct.12:** Class Day

### **PARENTS CLASS**

**Saturday, October 18th at 8:30 AM;**

at St. John Paul Center

No children, please.

### **CLASE PARA PADRES**

**sábado, el 18 de octubre, a las 8:30 AM;**

al Centro San Juan Pablo

POR FAVOR, no trae los niños.

### **PLEASE BE REMINDED OF A FEW POINTS:**

#### **Requirements to receive Sacraments**

Regular attendance to Sunday or Wednesday Faith formation

Regular confession once a month (Tuesdays or Thursdays)

Regular attendance for Sunday or Saturday Vigil Mass

(if you attend any other churches for the weekend, please remember to get the signature from the priest of that parish)

**Without the parents,**  
**the children will not be able to come.**

#### **Praying Rosary- Practical Benefits for Children**

##### Develops Patience and Focus:

The repetitive nature of the prayers and the physical act of moving beads through their fingers helps children slow down, concentrate, and maintain focus.

##### Calming and Centering:

The rhythmic repetition of prayers can be soothing, helping children develop inner stillness.

##### Keeps Hands Occupied:

Holding and moving the rosary beads keeps children's hands busy while they are meditating on the mysteries.

Provides a "Spiritual Weapon": The rosary is seen as a powerful tool to combat sin and evil, offering a form of spiritual defense.

#### **Christian Initiation for Adults**

is required for adults who have not been Baptized or Confirmed, or have not had their First Communion. **Contact:**

English: Dcn. John D'Antoni @ 903-738-7463

or jdpeds@gmail.com

Spanish: Laura Lopez @ 903-241-6765

Or llopez12003@yahoo.com

If you know someone who may be interested in joining our faith or just wants to know more about the Catholic Faith, please contact the church office and we will get in touch with them. Be a Disciple!



## *Evangelize, Catechize and Form Disciples*

### **Month of October - Month of Holy Rosary**

Please the Rosary daily with your family and especially with your children [ at least one or three decades]; it does not take more than 15 minutes.

**A family that prays together, stays together!**



#### **Who is a Guardian Angel?**

A Guardian angel is an angel (a created, non-human, non-corporeal being) that has been assigned to guard a particular person, especially with respect to helping that person avoid spiritual dangers and achieve salvation. The angel may also help the person avoid physical dangers, particularly if this will help the person achieve salvation.

### **RECUERDE ALGUNOS PUNTOS:**

#### **Requisitos para recibir los Sacramentos**

Asistencia regular a formación de fe el domingo o miércoles.

Confesión regular una vez al mes [martes o jueves]

Asistencia regular a la Misa de Vigilia del domingo o sábado

(si asiste a otras iglesias durante el fin de semana, por favor recuerde obtener la firma del párroco de esa parroquia)

**Sin los padres**  
**los niños no podrán venir.**

#### **Rezando el Rosario: Beneficios prácticos para los niños**

Desarrolla paciencia y enfoque: La naturaleza repetitiva de las oraciones y el acto físico de mover cuentas a través de sus dedos ayuda a los niños a reducir la velocidad, concentrarse y mantener el enfoque.

Calman y centrado: La repetición rítmica de las oraciones puede ser relajante, ayudando a los niños a desarrollar la quietud interior.

Mantiene las manos ocupadas: Sostener y mover las cuentas del rosario mantiene ocupadas las manos de los niños mientras meditan en los misterios.

Proporciona un "arma espiritual": El rosario es visto como una herramienta poderosa para combatir el pecado y el mal, ofreciendo una forma de defensa espiritual.

#### **ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE: Oct. 11/12, 2025**

##### **Saturday:**

5:00 pm Michael Scott, Myles Scott  
Grace Foster

7:00 pm Fernando Vasquez, Eduardo  
Resendiz, Anthony Diaz

##### **Sunday:**

8:30 am Joseph Hough, Jacob Hough,  
Moses Hough

10:30 am Makayla Alexander, Madison Bearden, McKinley  
Bearden, Samantha Orona

1:00 pm Amy Orona, Samantha Orona, Jocelyn Cerda

6:00 pm Laisha Sanchez, Lincy Sanchez, Alexa Martinez





**High School Calendar** Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 in SJP Center

**Can Be Found on the Bulletin Boards in the church office and in the church Foyer.  
Check out the QR Code as well to get connected.**

Our goal is that at each weekly meeting your teen learns something new about their Faith.  
That may be through discussions, videos, and/or activities.

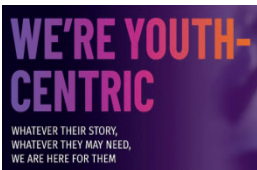


### **PARENTS WE ARE CHALLENGING YOU!**

**Each Meeting Your Teen is growing in Faith. Each week they are challenged with Trivia.**

***Each week see if YOU know the answers.***

**WE ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN!  
Let's be an example of how to Feed Our Faith.  
\*When you participate, so do your children!**



**INTERESTED IN SEEING  
WHAT THE HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUTH IS DOING  
ON WEDNESDAYS?  
YOU ARE WELCOME  
TO COME CHECK IT OUT**

**AND ENJOY SOME WONDERFUL FOOD.**

If you want to be added to the HS Youth page and receive information on what is happening, please text or call Sonja or call the church, and we will keep you updated.

**DO YOU FIND IT HARD TO PAY  
ATTENTION IN MASS?**



***IT COULD BE BECAUSE  
WHEN WE DO NOT  
UNDERSTAND WHAT IS  
TAKING PLACE, WE DO  
NOT GIVE OUR FULL  
ATTENTION.***

**WE HAVE SOME  
GREAT TEENS!**

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE  
INVITED TO COME JOIN US AND  
BRING A FRIEND. FRIENDSHIPS THAT  
SHARE IN FAITH GROW STRONG.**



### **WE NEED YOU**

We would like to have a few more parents and young adults who can assist in growing our youth ministry. Join our ..... **Youth Advisory Committee.**

**We need some cooks to prepare a light meal for our teen on Wednes-**

**days from 5 PM.** Please call or email Msgr. Xavier or Sonja and share your thoughts.

### **High School is showing up and showing out!**

As they grow in Faith, and learn more about their Catholic Faith, they are enjoying new friendships!

This week we discussed the basics of the Mass. Many of us just attend, but we must learn to take full advantage of the Mass by participating. We must learn to be intentional with our thoughts, words, and actions. We should all take full advantage of this gift. Share your knowledge with the youth; our Catholic Faith depends on it!

We had a great time playing the game, "Defend Your Faith". Ickler was our Champion, and Alyia was the runner up, but all defended their Faith well.



### **Upcoming Topics:**

- Oct 1:** Carlo Acutis- We are never too young to Live & Share Your Faith makes a difference in the world. BE A SAINT!
- Oct 8:** Words Matter- Words can make or break you. Be Intentional.
- Oct 15:** Carry Your Cross - Struggles are Heavy but they Make You Strong.
- Oct 22:** Living Rosary

**\*\*If any of the young adults of the Parish are interested in joining in a Bible Study please let the office know. If we have enough interest, we can get that on the calendar.**

**The High School Have Been  
Challenged To Grow Their Faith.  
As a part of our Catholic Faith, our youth  
and our traditions depend on YOU.**

## Observancias Y Lecturas

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|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lunes</b>     | Jon 1:1-11; Jon 2:3-8; Lc 10:25-37                                                               |
| <b>Martes</b>    | <b>Memoria de la Virgen María del Rosario</b><br>Jon 3:1-10; Sal 129:1-8; Lc 10:38-42            |
| <b>Miércoles</b> | Jon 4:1-11; Sal 85:3-10; Lc 11:1-4                                                               |
| <b>Jueves</b>    | Mal 3:13-20; Sal 1:1-6; Lc 11:5-13                                                               |
| <b>Viernes</b>   | Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Sal 9:2-6; 16:8-9; Lc 11:15-26                                                |
| <b>Sábado</b>    | Jl 4:12-21; Sal 96:1-12; Lc 11:27-28                                                             |
| <b>Domingo</b>   | <b>28 Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario</b><br>2 Rey 5:14-17; Sal 97:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;<br>Lc 17:11-19 |

### Calendario de Formación de Fe Oct. 2025

**Oct. 05:** Día de Clase  
**Oct. 08:** Día de Clase  
**Oct. 11:** Rosario Publico - [Estacionamiento de Iglesia]  
**Oct. 12:** Día de Clase  
**Oct. 15:** Día de Clase  
**Oct. 18:** Clase para los padres a las 8:30 AM.



### Cruzada Pública del Rosario:

Ayúdenos a difundir el mensaje de Nuestra Señora participando en la Cruzada Pública del Rosario.

Rezaremos el Rosario al mediodía del sábado 11 de octubre de 2024 (llueva

o haga sol), en el estacionamiento al sur de la iglesia. Por favor llegue antes de las 11:45 am y traiga su rosario. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Patty al 903-236-6295.



### Cursillo de mujeres del 16-19 de Octubre

Para más información comuníquese:  
 Arturo Rodriguez (903-261-4609) o  
 Fabiola Mojica (903-424-4432)

### RETIRO PARA HOMBRES [Inglés]

Del 23 al 26 de octubre de 2024

Jueves a domingo en Lonestar, TX

Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la iglesia.

Nuestros directores: Jim Beckett 316-293-6216

Karl Riley 903-985-0521 & Al Grush IV 214-701-3435

Llame a los directores para obtener más detalles.



### Agradecimiento al clero Lunes 27 de octubre; 6:30 p.m.

En el centro San Juan Pablo;

### Una cena compartida

Traiga un plato para compartir y mostrar su agradecimiento por nuestros sacerdotes y diáconos.

### ESTA SEMANA

**Oct. 06:** Cursillistas; 7pm, Salón Parroquial  
**Servidoras de Guadalupe;** 7pm. Aula #14  
**Oct. 07:** Grupo de Oración; 7:30 pm, Parroquia  
**Oct. 08:** Adoración; 7:30 am, Capilla  
**Clase de Formación de Fe;** 6:30 pm  
**Oct. 09:** Nueva Evangelización: 7:00 pm, Salón Parr.  
**Oct. 10:** RICA (Español): 7 pm, Salón Parroquial.  
**Oct. 11:** Rosario de Fátima por América; 11:45 am

### 41. Aumentando nuestra fe

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

La fe es la realización de lo que se espera y la convicción de lo que no se ve. Es un don de Dios para nosotros. No la aumentamos ni la desarrollamos por nuestra cuenta; es nuestra respuesta a la confianza en la **gracia de Dios, arraigados en Jesús y su Palabra.** [imagen portada]

Los apóstoles pidieron a Jesús que aumentara su fe. ¿Lo hace Él o nosotros? Dejamos que su gracia obre en nuestras vidas.

“Si tuvieran fe como un grano de mostaza, dirían a este árbol/montaña: ‘Desarráigate y plántate en el mar’, y obedecería. Nada será imposible” Lc 17:5]. La fe, don de Dios, se profundiza cuando escuchamos su Palabra, se fortalece en la oración y los sacramentos especialmente la Eucaristía—y se eleva en obras de amor. Las pruebas la purifican como oro en el fuego, y la comunidad la sostiene. Sobre todo, florece cuando mantenemos la mirada en Jesús, autor y consumidor de la fe.

Una mujer mostraba una enorme pieza de plata familiar; la sacó del armario y dijo: «Está terriblemente deslustrada; no puedo mantenerla brillante a menos que la use». Esto es tan cierto para la fe como para la plata. Guardada en el armario dominical del alma, y solo traída para lucirla, necesita disculpas. No puedes mantener la fe brillante y resplandeciente a menos que la uses. Por lo tanto, crecer en la fe es un viaje que dura toda la vida cristiana.

Recuerda: si no la usas, la pierdes. Que estéis arraigados en Cristo Jesús y su Palabra.

Bendiciones y Oraciones!

Mons. Xavier



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Regalos de Navidad para nuestros niños. Las solicitudes para Angel Tree para los feligreses de St. Matthew estarán disponibles en la oficina de la iglesia. Puede recogerlas de lunes a viernes de 8:30 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. y de 1:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m. Este programa está abierto a los feligreses registrados y sus hijos.

Envíe todas las solicitudes antes del **viernes 25 de octubre.** Para obtener más información, llame 903-295-3890.



### Comida

**Oct. 05:** Evangelización  
**Oct. 12:** Servidoras  
**Oct. 19:** Cursillos  
**Oct. 26:** Grupo de Oración

### Muchísimas gracias por participar en la actividad de:

#### Ujieres durante la Misa

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### Mantenimiento de Iglesia [Fin de Semanas]

#### Oct. 4 & 5:

**7:00 pm:** Saul & Maria Ramirez, Filberto & Maria Visarraga, Nattaly Lopz, Izabel Sanchez

**1:00 pm:** Jose Perez, Luis Martinez, Karla Cedillo, Ramona Silva, Angelica Ponce, Angelica Perez

#### Oct. 11 & 12:

**7:00 pm:** Jose & Alma Granados, Filiberto & Maria Vissaraga, Marcela Martinez, Elvien Espinoza

**1:00 pm:** Rocio & Monse Resendiz, Galeya & Ariel Aguirre, Alejandro Lopez, Jose Nino

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#### Sábado 01 de noviembre, de 6:15 a 8:30 p. m.

en el Centro St. John Paul. Los boletos se venderán en la puerta y cuestan \$10 para adultos y \$5 para edades de 9 a 15 años. Los niños de 8 años y menores entran gratis. También podrás votar por tus comidas favoritas y se entregarán premios a los ganadores. Se servirán hot dogs y papas fritas para los niños pequeños o los más quisquillosos con la comida.

**¡Ven y únete a la diversión! ¡Esperamos verte ahí!**

### Advisory Committees:

|                     |                   |              |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Pastoral Council:   | Steve Faber       | 431-6161     |
| Finance Council:    | Steve Kennedy     | 291-1621     |
| Liturgy Committee:  | Dcn. Joe Bianca   | 757-3348     |
| Activity Committee: | Stella Chandler   | 361-222-0789 |
| Siervos de Cristo:  | Feliciano Ramirez | 353-4174     |
| Building Committee: | Jeri May          | 757-5999     |
| Columbarium:        | Dcn. Joe Bianca   | 757-3348     |

### Pastoral Ministries:

|                       |                       |              |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Baptism:              | Freeda Dasaiyan       | 295-3890     |
| Baptismo:             | Francisco Trinidad    | 916-3620     |
| Matrimonio:           | Dcn. Joel Gonzalez    | 841-3839     |
| Shut-in Ministry:     | Andrew & Delia Carian | 210-380-4860 |
| Wedding Coordinators: |                       |              |
| English:              | Juliet Bianca         | 331-9008     |
| Español:              | Araceli Morales       | 353-4640     |

### Faith Formation:

|                           |                    |          |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Crecimiento:              | Antonio Juarez     | 812-0573 |
| Grupo de Oración:         |                    |          |
|                           | Cesar Paz          | 619-1819 |
| Cursillo:                 | Arturo Rodriguez   | 261-4609 |
|                           | Fabiola Mojica     | 424-4432 |
| Quinceañera:              | Isabel Serrano     | 238-1550 |
| Youth Ministry:           | Sonja Gehrmann     | 295-3890 |
| RCIA:                     | Dcn. John D'Antoni | 738-7463 |
| Hogar de Fe:              | Sandra Gonzalez    | 297-7286 |
| Misión de Amor:           |                    |          |
|                           | Sanjuana Olvera    | 261-2306 |
| RICIA:                    | Laura Lopez        | 241-6765 |
| New Evangelization        |                    |          |
| (Nueva Evangelización)    |                    |          |
| Sanjuana & Arnulfo Olvera |                    | 261-2306 |

### Other Ministries:

|                      |                           |              |
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| ACTS                 | Teresa Angelo             | 235-0063     |
| Maintenance:         | Thomas Lau                | 295-3890     |
| Our Lady's Guild:    | Cathy Lay                 | 578-4952     |
| Pro-life:            | Tom Mittler               | 759-1678     |
| St. Vincent De Paul: | Church Office             | 295-3890     |
| JOY Ministry:        | Church Office             | 295-3890     |
| VIRTUS:              | Andrew & Delia Carian     | 210-380-4860 |
| Ds. Of Mtr Seton:    | Karen Jackson             | 619-2937     |
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| Bereavement:         | Carla Parks               | 235-5252     |
| Cath. Daughters:     | Sabine Nassar             | 806-2022     |

### Next Baptism Preparation Classes

**English:** Oct. 17 at 6:30 pm; #37

(Faith Formation Building)

**Español:** 18 de octubre at 4:00 pm,  
Salon Parroquial

**Pre-registration is needed!**

**Come by the church office to register.**

**Ven a la oficina de iglesia para registrarte en la clase.**

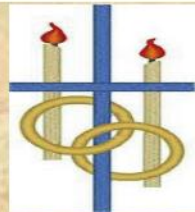
### Wedding Anniversary:

**10/07:** Francisco & Cindy Paz

**10/10:** Miguel & Elizabeth Sanchez

**Congratulations!**

**May you be blessed for many  
more years!**



### Pray for our members in the Armed Forces:

**Family assistance hotline: 800-833-6622**

**ARMY:** Elie Nassar, Angela Ramirez, Selena Gaudalupe San Miguel, Jesus Alberto San Miguel, Jr, Jacob Riley.

**NAVY:** Juan Pacheco, Liliana Corona, Matthew Scott

**MARINES:** Jonathan Paz, Eduardo Chavarria, Gilberto Garcia, Vicente M. Soliz, Enos Franco, Mariano Hernandez Jr.



### Aviso Importante

**BAUTIZOS:** Las pláticas pre-bautismales son necesarias: Deben tomar las clases **antes de fijar fecha**. Las clases se imparten **3ª sábados de cada mes de 4:00 pm**.

**QUINCEAÑERAS:** Las pláticas quinceañera son necesarias antes de poder fijar una fecha. Las clases se imparten **1ª y 3ª Jueves de cada mes de 6:00 pm**.

**Deben Registrarse en la oficina para cualquiera de las clases con al menos una semana de anticipación.**

### Liturgical Ministries:

|                |                           |          |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Altar Servers: | Church Office             | 295-3890 |
| Monaguillos:   | Teo Landa                 | 241-4641 |
| Altar Society: | Rita Reindl               | 297-2044 |
| EMHC.:         | Allison Cameron           | 452-6250 |
|                | Cesar & Claudia Paz       | 371-7813 |
| Greeters:      | Church Office             | 295-3890 |
| Lectors:       | Al Grush III              | 522-1797 |
|                | Gloria Resendiz           | 387-0004 |
| Music:         | Mary Anne Farrow          | 295-3890 |
|                | Max Garcia (Español)      | 746-1209 |
|                | Diego Najera (Español)    | 746-7820 |
|                | Connie Rosillo (Español)  | 987-0655 |
|                | Irene Ruiz (Español)      | 445-3862 |
|                | Juan Montoya (Español)    | 801-9098 |
|                | Maria Puente (Español)    | 470-0402 |
|                | Miguel Zavaleta (Español) | 452-7852 |
| Ushers:        | Brent O'Connor            | 295-1322 |
|                | Raul Panzo                | 309-7480 |

### **TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND MASS WITH US**

**Visit, send a card, or offer a prayer. If they would like to receive Communion, or if you are interested in joining the ministry that takes communion to the homebound, please call the Church Office, or please let the Sick & Shut-in Ministry know. We will take Holy Communion to the home. Please call Andrew & Delia Carian at 210-380-4860.**

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