

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

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MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday/Sábado

Vigil/Vigilia

4:00pm, English

Sunday/Domingo

8:30am, English

10:00am, Español

12:00pm, English

Weekdays/Diaria

5:30pm

Mon. & Wed. English

Martes y Viernes Español

Thursday/Jueves

Liturgy of the Word &
Adoration

Liturgia de la Palabra y
Adoración



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

5° DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Padre si no es por mí. Si ustedes me conocen a mí, conocen también a mi Padre." - Jn 14, 6-7

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RECONCILIATION

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Wednesday/Miércoles

6:00 - 7:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday 2:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am-1:00pm

Member of the
El Paso Inter-religious
Sponsoring Organization
(EPISO).

Working to end poverty
and injustice
in the Borderland.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

Program for children and
adults to receive
Sacraments of Christian
Initiation.

Programa de preparación
para recibir sacramentos de
iniciación cristiana.
Disponible para niños y
adultos.

WEDDINGS/BODAS

Parishioners, registered or living within Parish boundaries, please contact pastor six months before planned wedding date.

Parroquianos, registrados o residentes de nuestra área parroquial, comunicarse con el párroco al menos seis meses antes de la fecha en que planean casarse.

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS

Celebrated the second Saturday of the month. Please call the office for additional information.

Se celebran el segundo sábado de cada mes. Favor de llamar a la oficina para información adicional.

QUINCEAÑERAS/OS

All boys and girls enrolled in our Religious Formation program are welcome to celebrate their 15th birthday at the parish.

Todos los niños y niñas inscritos en nuestro programa de Formación Religiosa son bienvenidos a celebrar su cumpleaños número 15 en la parroquia.



Welcome to the community of Saint Thomas Aquinas! We are Blessed to have you with us. We want to be living proof to you of the Love and Peace of Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray your time with us is a blessing for you as well! Welcome and God Bless!

¡Bienvenido a la comunidad de Santo Tomás de Aquino! Ya sea usted un vecino o un visitante que está de paso, sepa que es una bendición tenerlo con nosotros.

Queremos ser para usted una prueba viva del amor y la paz de Jesucristo nuestro Señor. ¡Oramos que su tiempo con nosotros sea una bendición para usted también! ¡Bienvenidos y Bendiciones!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, “What can this do for me?” We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I’ll eventually reap some benefit, or I won’t do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today’s Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn’t present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God’s own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive. — Father John Muir. ©LPI

LIVE THE LITURGY

How often do we contemplate the mercy of God, but fear it will run out? How often do we consider following the path of Christ and worry that it is too steep? But God has not overpromised. Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him. ©LPI

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

Juan 14:1-12

El amor de Jesús es tan grande por nosotros que quiere que estemos donde Él está. Cada una de sus palabras está llena de esperanza. Él se va a preparar un lugar para cada uno de nosotros: “Y después de ir a prepararles un lugar, volveré para tomarlos conmigo, para que donde yo esté, estén también ustedes” (Juan 14:3-4). Luego sigue mostrando su amor al decir: “Yo soy el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida”. No tenemos ninguna excusa para decir que no sabemos por dónde ir en la búsqueda de ser mejores. El único Camino es Jesús. Sin embargo, también existe la oportunidad de preguntar, como lo hicieron Tomás y Felipe. La tarea de Jesús es conducirnos al Padre; sus palabras nos dan serenidad y esperanza en la vida futura.

Es importante aprender, en nuestra vida cotidiana, que para llegar al Padre es por medio de Jesús. Jesús y el Padre son uno. Entonces, como bautizados, ¿cuál es nuestra tarea? Desde el tiempo de las primeras comunidades cristianas



hasta nuestros días, la Iglesia ha tratado de seguir las enseñanzas de Jesús. Tenemos un Padre que nos ama, y confiar en Él nos da paz, aunque haya guerra y mucho sufrimiento en el mundo. Estamos llamados a luchar por la justicia y la paz, con acciones concretas cuando sea posible y con la oración, como nos lo recuerda el Papa León XIV:

“En verdad les digo: el que crea en mí hará las mismas obras que yo hago, y como ahora voy al Padre, las hará aún mayores” (Juan 14:12). ©LPI

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

¿Con qué frecuencia contemplamos la misericordia de Dios, pero tememos que se agote? ¿Con qué frecuencia consideramos seguir el camino de Cristo y nos preocupamos de que sea demasiado empinado? Pero Dios no ha prometido en exceso. Atrévete a creerle. Atrévete a seguirle. ©LPI

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways.

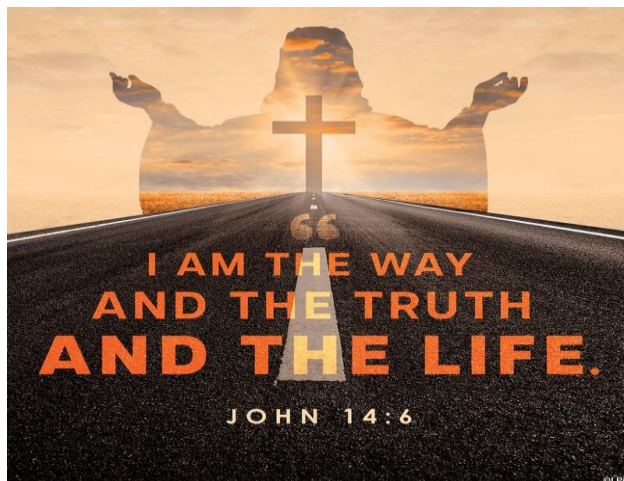
I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way.

There it is: the part that matters. The way.

Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't w
You'll know him when you see hi



PRACTICANDO CATOLICISMO

El Camino

Un amigo mío, cuya familia pertenecía a varias religiones diferentes, me dijo una vez que había tantas rutas diferentes hacia el Cielo como hacia el supermercado.

Esta era una analogía que su familia había usado para recordar que todos buscaban lo mismo — Dios — aunque la búsqueda fuera de diferentes maneras.

He pensado mucho en sus palabras en los años desde que me las compartió. No es una analogía falsa: hay muchas rutas diferentes para llegar al supermercado. De hecho, un número infinito. En realidad, no hay una forma "correcta" de llegar al supermercado, porque todo depende de dónde empieces y de las otras diligencias que tengas por el camino.

Y hay muchas rutas diferentes hacia el Cielo — igualmente, un número infinito. Todo depende de por dónde empieces. Todo depende de lo que tengas que hacer en el camino.

Ahí está: la parte que importa. El camino.

Ya sea que hablemos del Cielo o del supermercado como destino, no todas las rutas son iguales. Algunas tardan demasiado. Algunas son intransitables. Algunas son difíciles de navegar. Algunas son simplemente inventadas: el fallo de un GPS, la promesa de un falso profeta. E inevitablemente, si tomas una ruta menos que ideal, te encontrarás haciendo señas a un peatón preguntando: "Estoy perdido. ¿Por dónde voy?"

Mira, puedes deambular todo lo que quieras. Pero al final, tienes que encontrar El Camino. Y solo hay uno. Pero no te preocupes.

Lo reconocerás cuando lo veas. ©LPI



Public Notice – Action Required

Sexual Abuse Claims in the Diocese of El Paso Bankruptcy

Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim so that it is received by September 11, 2026.

The Diocese of El Paso (“**Diocese**”) has filed bankruptcy to restructure its nonprofit organization and pay Putative Abuse Survivors. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case, *In re: Diocese of El Paso* (Bankr. W.D. Tx.). This notice is a short summary. For more detail, go to <https://cases.stretto.com/dioceseofelpaso> or call (833) 345-0351.

Who Should File a Claim?

Anyone who alleges they were abused and believes the Diocese, or persons affiliated with the Diocese, may be responsible for the abuse must file a claim. This includes abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese, including schools, orphanages, parishes, or Catholic Charities. A list of such entities associated with the Diocese is available on the website or by calling the toll-free number listed below.¹ If you have an abuse claim against any entity on that list, you may have a claim against the Diocese. Only the Diocese is in bankruptcy. If you have a claim against any entity on that list, you must take additional legal action to preserve and pursue your rights.

When and How Should I File a Claim?

You should file a claim using either Official Bankruptcy Form No. 410 (or a form substantially similar thereto) or the Abuse Proof of Claim Supplement Claim so that it is received by September 11, 2026. **If you do not file a timely claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese, including any right to compensation.**

Your information will be kept private. You can download and file a claim at the website or call the toll-free number listed below for help on how to file a claim by mail.

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<https://cases.stretto.com/dioceseofelpaso> and (833) 345-0351

¹This may include parishes formerly under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Diocese and, as of August 17, 1982, under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Diocese of Las Cruces, NM as set forth on the following websites:

- A. <https://www.elpasodiocese.org/parishes-by-vicariate.html>
- B. https://www.elpasocatholicschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=653277&type=d&pREC_ID=1108512
- C. <https://oldredlc.org/parishes-1>
- D. <https://oldredlc.org/catholicschools>

VIRTUES, EXPLAINED!**Diligence**

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. St. Thomas Aquinas writes that “diligence, no less than solicitude, is required for every virtue.” (Sum., II:II, 54, Art. 1)

Christians are called to diligence in prayer, in self-scrutiny, in exercising virtue, in seeking God’s will, in detachment from the world and in reflecting on God’s word in Scripture: “If we are diligent in observing all of these commandments before the Lord, our God, as he commanded of us, then this will be our righteousness.” (Deuteronomy 6:25)

Diligence is made possible by the freedom of will that we have been granted by God, and it is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness. (Gaudium et spes, 17) ©LPI

VIRTUDES, ¡EXPLICADO!**Diligencia**

La diligencia es lo opuesto a la negligencia; el hombre diligente persigue su objetivo con la misma fidelidad con la que Dios nos ha perseguido a nosotros, por más desviados que estemos, a lo largo de la historia de la salvación. Santo Tomás de Aquino escribe que "la diligencia, no menos que la solicitud, es necesaria para toda virtud." (Sum., II:II, 54, Art. 1)

Los cristianos son llamados a la diligencia en la oración, en la auto examinación, en el ejercicio de la virtud, en la búsqueda de la voluntad de Dios, en el desapego del mundo y en la reflexión sobre la palabra de Dios en las Escrituras: "Si somos diligentes en observar todos estos mandamientos ante el Señor, nuestro Dios, como nos mandó, entonces esta será nuestra justicia." (Deuteronomio 6:25)

La diligencia es posible gracias a la libertad de voluntad que Dios nos ha concedido, y es la virtud por la que el hombre puede asegurarse la verdadera felicidad. (Gaudium et spes, 17) ©LPI

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**1st Reading**

We hear how the Apostles selected men filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom to help serve the widows in the growing Jerusalem Church. Is there a family member or friend you could help this week?

2nd Reading

Peter speaks of the resurrected Jesus as a “living stone.” How do you sense that Jesus is alive in your life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus is patient with Thomas and Philip when they are slow to understand him. Who or what challenges your patience? ©LPI

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA**Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura**

Escuchamos cómo los Apóstoles eligieron hombres llenos del Espíritu Santo y sabiduría para ayudar a servir a las viudas en la creciente Iglesia de Jerusalén. ¿Hay algún familiar o amigo al que puedas ayudar esta semana?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura

Pedro habla de Jesús resucitado como una "piedra viva". ¿Cómo percibes que Jesús está vivo en tu vida?

Pregunta del Evangelio

Jesús es paciente con Tomás y Felipe cuando tardan en entenderle. ¿Quién o qué pone a prueba tu paciencia? ©LPI

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
 You have said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.”
 Bless me with Your peace.
 Fill my heart with trust in You,
 and hope in Your promises.
 Be my rock in times of distress,
 my light in times of darkness,
 and my rest in the storm. Amen. ©LPI



ORACIÓN – PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODOS

Bendición de Paz

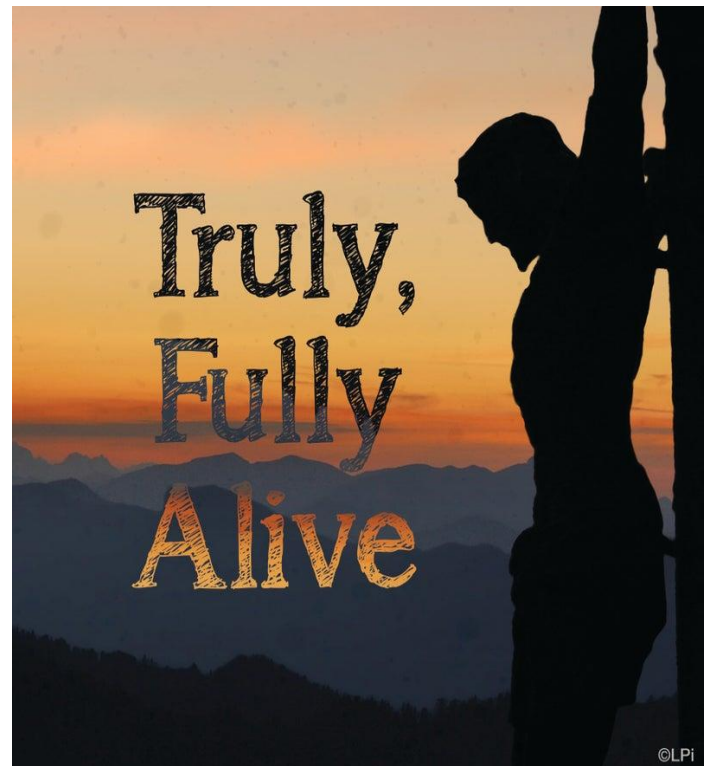
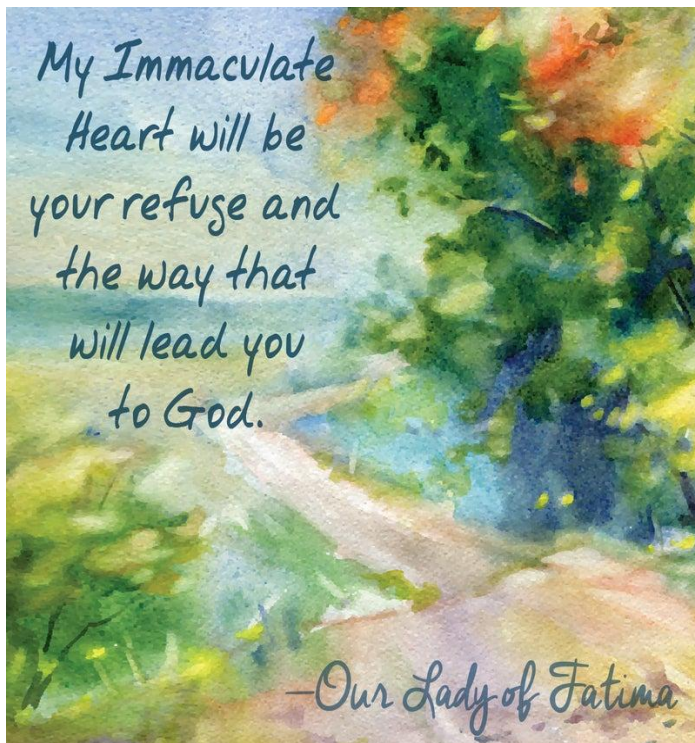
Querido Señor,
 Has dicho: "No dejéis que vuestros corazones se inquieten."
 Bendíceme con tu paz.
 Llena mi corazón de confianza en Ti,
 y esperanza en tus promesas.
 Sé mi roca en tiempos de angustia,
 mi luz en tiempos de oscuridad,
 y mi descanso en la tormenta. Amén. ©LPI

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE VELA DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

This week the Blessed Sacrament perpetual candle is lit in honor of:

Esta semana la vela perpetua al Santísimo estará encendida en honor de:

Oliva Laguna Family





- Sunday: May 03**
12:00pm 1st Communion Mass
Monday: May 04
6:00pm Confirmation Mass Celebration
Tuesday: May 05
6:00pm Finance Council Meeting
6:30pm Rosary w/ the Guadalupanas



OBSERVANCES/ CONMEMORACIONES

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer

SUNDAY READINGS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

First Reading (Acts 6:7)
 The word of God continued to spread,
 and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly.
 La palabra de Dios iba cundiendo.
 En Jerusalem se multiplicaba grandemente
 el número de los discípulos

Psalm: (Ps 33)
 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
 El Señor cuida de aquellos que lo temen.

Second Reading (1 Pt 2:7)
 The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone.
 La piedra que rechazaron los constructores
 ha llegado a ser la piedra angular,
 y también tropiezo y roca de escándalo.

Gospel: (Jn 14:6)
 Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
 No one comes to the Father except through me."
 Yo soy el camino,
 la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Padre si no es por mí.

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 03, 2026 READINGS/ LECTURAS

- Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21



Saturday, May 02

- 4:00pm** +Maggie Enriquez by Family
 +Nestor Ramirez Sr. by Luz Lira & Sons
 +Josie Ortega by Luz Lira & Sons
 +Jose Alfredo Soledad by Family
 +Cruz Olivas

Sunday, May 03

- 8:30am** For the Parishioners
10:00am +Jesus Estrada by Jesus Hernandez
 +Margarita Estrada by Jesus Hernandez
 +Jose de Jesus Costa by Rosa Costa
 +Micaela Prospero by Sons & Daughters
 +Angelita Carrillo Arrieta by Family

- 12:00pm** 1st Communion Disciples
 +Jose Alfredo Soledad by Family
 +Maria Theresa & Jose E. Corral by Family
 +Larry Corral by Family
 +Enrique Valdez by Lupe Bujanda

Monday, May 04

- 6:00pm** Confirmation Mass by Bishop Anthony Celino

Tuesday, May 05

- 5:30pm** +Salomon Barraza (Bday) by Norma Apodaca

Wednesday, May 06

5:30pm

Thursday; May 07

- 5:30pm** Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Ricardo Corella

Friday; May 08

- 5:30pm** +Micaela Prospero by Sons & Daughters
 +Jose Alfredo Soledad by Family
 +Raquel Adame by Raquel Escarsega
 +Servado Adame by Raquel Escarsega



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