

# 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

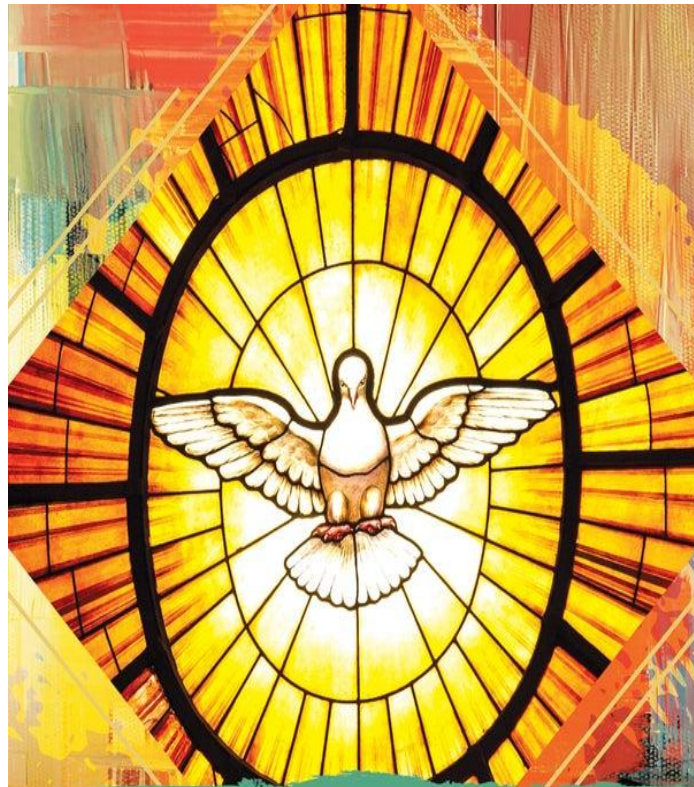
### Thursday/Jueves

Liturgy of the Word &

Adoration

Liturgia de la Palabra y

Adoración



## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." - Jn 14:20-21

## 6° DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"Al que me ama a mí, lo amará mi Padre, yo también lo amaré y me manifestaré a él". - Jn 14, 20-21

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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 14:15-21

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, he sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit — his own Spirit, shared with the Father — who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans. — Father John Muir. ©LP

## LIVE THE LITURGY

When we want to see Christ's face, we must look to the Sacraments. "The world will no longer see me," Christ tells his disciples, "But you will see me." This ability to see Jesus is a gift of the Holy Spirit, one made again and again — even today. ©LP

## MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

### Juan 14:15-21

Las palabras de Jesús en la liturgia de hoy son como un testamento que se cumple con la llegada del Consolador: "Si ustedes me aman, guardarán mis mandamientos, y yo rogaré al Padre y les dará otro Protector que permanecerá siempre con ustedes" (Juan 14:15). ¿Qué nos toca cumplir a nosotros ante la petición de Jesús? Solamente una cosa: cumplir los mandamientos; es decir, vivir según el Evangelio, siendo caritativos y generosos. Aunque nos cueste dejar el egoísmo, la misericordia puede vencer por medio del amor.

"Cuántas personas se han alejado, por ejemplo, de la parroquia o comunidad por el ambiente de habladurías, de celos, de envidias que han encontrado. También para un cristiano, el saber amar no es un dato adquirido una vez para siempre; hay que volver a empezar cada día, hay que ejercitarse para que nuestro amor hacia los hermanos y hermanas que encontramos se vuelva maduro y purificado de aquellos límites o pecados que lo hacen parcial, egoísta, estéril e infiel. Cada día se debe aprender el arte de amar"

(Papa Francisco, 21 de mayo de 2017). Más claro que el agua no puede ser: el Espíritu Santo nos acompaña, y la muestra de nuestro amor a Jesús está en practicar los mandamientos. Pidámosle a Jesús que nos ayude con su gracia a ser dóciles a la voz de Dios. La vida es difícil; se presentan muchas cosas cada día, pero por lo menos seamos coherentes en la fe. .©LP



## VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Cuando queremos ver el rostro de Cristo, debemos mirar hacia los Sacramentos. "El mundo ya no me verá", dice Cristo a sus discípulos, "pero vosotros me veréis." Esta capacidad de ver a Jesús es un don del Espíritu Santo, uno que se hace una y otra vez — incluso en el día de hoy. ©LP

## PRACTICING CATHOLIC

### The Christ You See

"What if you are the only version of Christ someone sees today?" a friend once asked me.

My blood ran cold. Jeez, I thought. That would be...really unfortunate.

The world cannot accept the Holy Spirit, Christ tells us, because the world cannot see and know the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). But the world can see us. The world can know us. In this way, we accomplish the Great Commission: we go forth, and we make disciples of all nations. In all that we are and all that we do, we offer an explanation for our hope (1 Peter 3:15).

We face a unique situation, 2,000 years after the Resurrection, because our mission field is full of people who have already heard about Christ.

And they have zero interest, thanks-and-please-get-off-my-porch.

This Christ they've seen? He puts himself first. He's suspicious of other people. He's not interested in mixing with the wrong crowd. He's been known to lie, to abuse trust, to protect himself.

Here's the problem: they haven't seen Christ at all. They've only seen Christians.

It's easy to blame the obvious culprits: the priest consumed in public scandal, the parish trustee who stole from the coffers. But these are only larger versions of the same failure of which I am guilty each time I shiver at the thought of someone associating my behavior, my words, and my attitude with my Savior.

I am not Christ. I am nowhere close. But I am fortunate enough to be a member of his Body.

We all fail, of course. Every apostle, every saint, every bishop, every priest, every man and woman in the pews: we are all broken. We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

Am I ready to be the only version of Christ someone sees today? ©LPI



## PRACTICANDO CATOLICISMO

### El Cristo Que Ves

"¿Y si eres la única versión de Cristo que alguien ve hoy?" me preguntó una vez un amigo.

Se me heló la sangre. Vaya, pensé. Eso sería... muy desafortunado.

Cristo nos dice que el mundo no puede aceptar al Espíritu Santo porque el mundo no puede ver ni conocer al Espíritu Santo (Juan 14:17). Pero el mundo nos puede ver. El mundo puede conocernos. De este modo, cumplimos la Gran Comisión: avanzamos y hacemos discípulos de todas las naciones. En todo lo que somos y en todo lo que hacemos, ofrecemos explicación para nuestra esperanza (1 Pedro 3:15).

Nos enfrentamos a una situación única, 2,000 años después de la Resurrección, porque nuestro campo misionero está lleno de personas que ya han oído hablar de Cristo.

Y no tienen ningún interés, gracias y, por favor, fuera de mi porche.

¿Este Cristo que han visto? Se pone a sí mismo primero. Desconfía de los demás. No le interesa mezclarse con la gente equivocada. Se sabe que miente, abusa de la confianza, se protege a sí mismo. Aquí está el problema: no han visto a Cristo en absoluto. Solo han visto cristianos.

Es fácil culpar a los culpables evidentes: el sacerdote consumido en un escándalo público, el administrador parroquial que robó de las cajas. Pero estas son solo versiones mayores del mismo fracaso del que me siento culpable cada vez que me estremezco al pensar que alguien asocie mi comportamiento, mis palabras y mi actitud con mi Salvador.

Yo no soy Cristo. Estoy muy lejos de eso. Pero soy afortunada de ser miembro de su Cuerpo.

Todos fracasamos, por supuesto. Cada apóstol, cada santo, cada obispo, cada sacerdote, cada hombre y mujer en los bancos: todos estamos rotos. Todos necesitamos redención. Sin embargo, cuando aceptamos esa redención, también aceptamos una responsabilidad. Porque ahora, nos convertimos en lo que el mundo ve de Cristo.

¿Estoy preparado o preparada para ser la única versión de Cristo que alguien ve hoy? ©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.<sup>1</sup> 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**

<sup>1</sup>This 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](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>

## PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

### Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,  
Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way. For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing. For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow. For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love. For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort. For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation.

Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story. Amen. ©LP

## ORACIÓN – PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODOS

### Bendición Para el Día de la Madre

Querido Señor,  
Derrama tu bondad y gracia sobre las mujeres de nuestra comunidad hoy de una manera especial. Para las madres: llénalas de alegría y bendición. Para quienes han perdido hijos: abrázalas en su dolor. Para quienes han esperado tener hijos: rodéalas de tu amor. Para quienes han perdido a una madre: que conozcan tu consuelo. Para quienes sufren dificultades en este día: tráeles consuelo. Bendice a todas las mujeres este día. Gracias por el amor que aportan a este mundo, sin importar sus circunstancias o su historia. Amén. ©LP



 **FIAT**

 *Hm. Blanca Ruiz*  
Hija del Fiat  
desde Colombia  
Predicadora Internacional

**Retiro de alabanza y oración.**

**PREPARACIÓN PARA PENTECOSTÉS.**

**SABADO 23 DE MAYO**  
**9:00 AM A 2:00 PM**

Traer algo para compartir.  
Aporte voluntario.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church**  
10970 Bywood Dr, 79936  
El paso Tx



**ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN**

*“ Ven, Espíritu Santo: ven y renueva la faz de la tierra ”*

**19 DE MAYO**  
**6:30 PM**  
**EN EL TEMPLO**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church**

## ST ANTHONY'S SEMINARY BAZAAR

Next weekend, the friars of St. Anthony's Seminary will visit us to invite everyone to their 2026 Bazaar, which will take place over Labor Day weekend. During their visit, they will also be selling raffle tickets.

The friars wish to express their gratitude to Father Ken for welcoming them and to all of you for your continued support.



## BAZAAR DEL SEMINARIO DE SAN ANTONIO

El próximo fin de semana, los frailes del Seminario de San Antonio nos visitarán para invitarnos a su Bazar 2026, que se llevará a cabo durante el fin de semana del Día del Trabajo. Durante su visita, también venderán boletos para su rifa.

Los frailes agradecen al Padre Ken por recibirlos y a todos ustedes por su continuo apoyo.

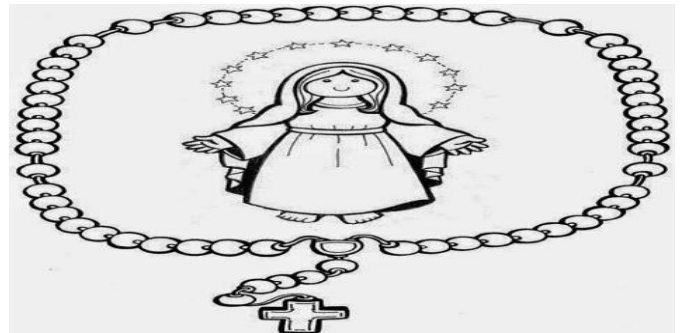
## CLASES DE VIRTUS

¡¡¡Habrà una clase de virtus en español el 7 de junio a las 9:30am regístrese desde hoy si está interesado/da favor de registrarse a través de Virtus.org!!



## ROSARY WITH THE GUADALUPANAS

The Guadalupanas invite you and your family to come pray the rosary and flower offering this coming Tuesday May 12 at 6:00pm.



## ROSARIO CON LAS GUADALUPANAS

Las Guadalupanas te invitan a ti y a tu familia a que vengas a rezar el rosario y al ofrecimiento de flores este próximo martes 12 de mayo a las 6:00pm.

## SECOND COLLECTION SEGUNDA COLLECTA

The second collection for May 17 of 2026 will be for St Vincent De Paul. Thank you for your support!!



La Segunda colecta del día 17 de mayo del 2026 será para San Vicente De Paul. ¡¡Gracias por su apoyo!

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE VELA DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO

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

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

+ **Calderon**

& **Mora Family**



**Monday: May 11****6:30pm** EPISO- Mental Health**Tuesday: May 12****6:00 pm** Rosary with the Guadalupanas**6:30pm** Finance Council Meeting**Wednesday: May 13**

11:00am +Lazzaro Ferrari Funeral Mass

6:00pm Youth Group

6:30pm Women's Retreat

**Thursday: May 14**

9:30am Presbiterial Meeting

**OBSERVANCES/ CONMEMORACIONES****Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day**Tuesday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr**Wednesday:** Our Lady of Fatima**Thursday:** The Ascension of the Lord  
(holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses);  
St. Matthias, Apostle**SUNDAY READINGS  
LECTURAS DOMINICALES****First Reading (Acts 8:7-8)**

For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice,  
came out of many possessed people,  
and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured.  
There was great joy in that city.

De muchos poseidos salian los espíritus inmundos,  
lanzando gritos, y muchos paralíticos y lisiados  
quedaban curados.

Estos, al llegar, oración por los que se habían convertido,  
para que recibieran el Espíritu Santo

**Psalm: (Ps 66)**

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Las obras del Señor son admirables

**Second Reading (1 Pt 3:18)**

For Christ also suffered for sins once,  
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,  
that he might lead you to God.

Porque También Cristo murio, una sola vez y para siempre,  
por los pecados de los hombres

**Gospel: (Jn 14:21)**

Whoever has my commandments and observes them  
is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Si me aman cumplirán mis mandamientos;  
yo le rogare al Padre y él les dará otro Paráclito  
para que este siempre con ustedes, el Espíritu de la verdad.

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**6th SUNDAY OF EASTER****MAY 10, 2026****READINGS/ LECTURAS****Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-2**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15**Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28**Saturday, May 09**

**4:00pm** +Theresa Aguirre by Sheila Grant  
For the Unborn by Grace Martinez  
+Romelia Samaniego by Sal Samaniego  
+Theresa Tinajero by Cecilia Lujan  
Dianne Beltran (Bday) by Family

**Sunday, May 10**

**8:30am** +Jose Alfredo Soledad by Family  
+Maria Soledad by Family  
+Luz Rivera by Family  
+Socorro Marin by Family  
+Bertha Valdez by Lupe Bujanda

**10:00am For the Parishioners**

**12:00pm** +Maggie Enriquez by Family  
+Romelia Samaniego by Salvador Samaniego  
+Mauricio Gutierrez by Jose, Ricardo Gutierrez  
+Martin Gomez by Family  
+Alicia Rivas by Family

**Monday, May 11**

**5:30pm** +Jorge Valdez by Lupe Bujanda  
+Luz Meza (Bday) by Adriana Martinez  
Theresa York (Bday) by John Furness  
+Father James Hall (Bday) by STA Fam

**Tuesday, May 12****5:30pm** Jennifer Apodaca (Bday) by Norma Apodaca**Wednesday, May 13**

**5:30pm** +Maggie Enriquez by Daughters  
+Richard Rubio by family & friends

**Thursday; May 14****5:30pm** Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Ricardo Corella**Friday; May 15**

**5:30pm** +Vicente Marentes by Ana Fonseca  
+Rosario Marentes by Ana Fonseca

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES!!

