

# 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

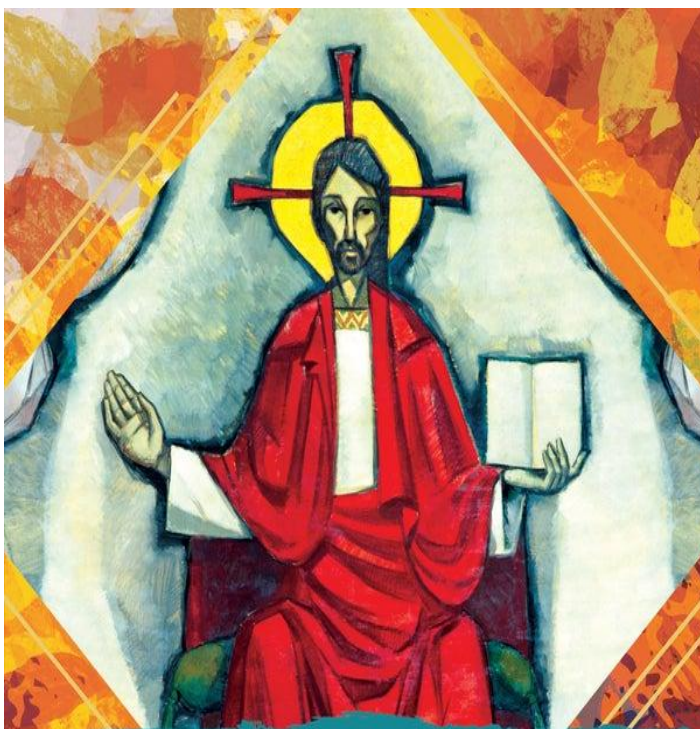
### Weekdays/Diaria

5:30pm

Mon. & Wed. English  
Martes y Viernes Español

### Thursday/Jueves

Liturgy of the Word &  
Adoration  
Liturgia de la Palabra y  
Adoración



## 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word." - Jn 17:5-6

## 7º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"He manifestado tu nombre a los hombres que tú tomaste del mundo y me diste. Eran tuyos y tú me los diste. Ellos han cumplido tu palabra". - Jn 17, 5-6

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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 17:1-11a

Not long after my brother's first child was born, a beautiful little girl named Mary Elise, I asked him what it was like. Was he nervous? Overwhelmed? He said, "When I first held her, I was in such shock. I think I just said, 'I am your dad. I am your dad.'" That moment marked a deep transformation for him. He was not just holding a baby; he was stepping into a new identity. Over the years, I have seen him live his fatherhood with quiet sacrifice, joy, and faithfulness. It started with that moment of truth.

This, I propose, is a glimpse of what Jesus means when he prays, "Consecrate them in the truth." (John 17:17) To be consecrated is to be set apart in love, not taken out of the world. Consecration sends us into it with a new identity, always one that binds us to him and to others in love. Our bond to Jesus and others is the deep truth that he continually renews.

Whenever we speak deep truths about ourselves, we experience this renewal: "I have sinned;" "I need help;" "I forgive you;" "I take you as my husband;" "I believe in one God..." Whether in confession, in the liturgy, or in a recovery group, truth heals and transforms.

And the deepest truth of all? That we belong to the Risen and Ascended Christ. Our lives are no longer just ours. We are his and he is ours.

Name one truth you need to step into more deeply, about yourself, someone else, or God. Maybe put it on a note on your mirror. Let that truth consecrate you this week.

— Father John Muir. ©LPI

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Eternal life, Jesus tells us, is about knowing God. It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly not a finish line. It's a relationship — one that is ours to begin. How will we know God this week? ©LP

## MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

### Juan 17:1-11a

Jesús ora por el nuevo pueblo de Dios y encomienda al Padre a sus hijos, que se quedarán en el mundo. Nos dice que la vida eterna consiste en conocer al Padre, único Dios verdadero, y en reconocer que Jesús viene de Él. Estas verdades nos ayudan a seguir adelante en medio de las tribulaciones. El sufrimiento existe en el mundo y nunca desaparece, pero está unido a la esperanza de llegar a resucitar como Jesús; alienta el corazón y fortalece la oración: "El mensaje que recibí se lo he entregado, y ellos lo han recibido y reconocen de verdad que yo he salido de ti, y creen que tú me has enviado" (Juan 17:8). Sin duda alguna, el mensaje de Jesús es que experimentemos la vida eterna desde aquí, en la tierra. San Carlo Acutis decía: "La Eucaristía es mi autopista hacia el cielo". "Cuanto más recibimos la Eucaristía, más nos haremos semejantes a Jesús, de modo que en la tierra tendremos un anticipo del cielo". ¿Qué piensas tú de esta oración de Jesús a su Padre?

"Jesús reza, pide para que la tristeza y el aislamiento no nos ganen el corazón. Nosotros queremos hacer lo mismo: queremos unirnos a la oración de Jesús, a sus palabras, para decir juntos: 'Padre santo, cuídalos con el poder de tu nombre... para que estén completamente unidos, como tú y yo', y que 'su gozo sea completo'. Jesús reza y nos invita a rezar, porque sabe que hay cosas que solo podemos recibir como don; hay cosas que solo podemos vivir como regalo". (Papa Francisco, 20 de septiembre de 2015) Señor, ayúdame a experimentar tu presencia en mi corazón. ©LPI

## VIVIR LA LITURGIA

La vida eterna, nos dice Jesús, consiste en conocer a Dios. No se trata de poder ni de logros. No se gana ni se merece. No es un premio, y desde luego no es una línea de meta. Es una relación — una que es nuestra para empezar. ¿Cómo conoceremos a Dios esta semana? ©LPI

## PRACTICING CATHOLIC

### When Words Fail

I love words (obviously; I'm a writer).

But sometimes, words are like teeny, tiny cages. They enclose and confine and restrict our understanding of supernatural realities that are, by their nature, bigger than language.

We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. We use terms like "Father" and "Son" because they are the most accurate. But often, without really noticing, we give the words too much weight, and we find ourselves thinking of Jesus as a human son and the Creator as a human father, with all the implications those particular words carry for different people.

That's why I love hearing Christ speak to God the Father in the Gospels. These one-sided conversations (at least from our viewpoint) pull back the curtain just a little on the breathtaking intimacy that exists between the two. Our misunderstandings of their relationship — framed by our own human experience of fathers and sons, of time and place, of creation and death — are shattered.

"Now glorify me, Father, with you," Jesus says, "with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

Before the world began.

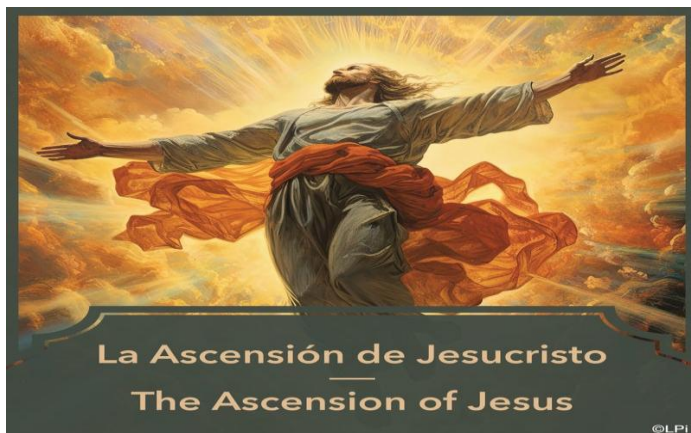
In our collective imagination, too often we imagine Jesus as being connected — tethered, really — to a certain time and place: the Incarnation, and all that came after. But let's not get confused: the Incarnation means that the Son became flesh, and dwelt among us. The Incarnation does not mean that the Son became.

The Son was. From the very beginning, He was. Begotten, not made. Consubstantial.

We say these words every week in the Creed. But saying them isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there. We have to invite the Spirit to move among them. Rearrange them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

Only then will we understand what words fail to explain.

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## PRACTICANDO CATOLICISMO

### Cuando las Palabras Fallan

Yo amo las palabras (obviamente; Soy escritora).

Pero a veces, las palabras son como jaulas diminutas. Encierran, confinan y restringen nuestra comprensión de realidades sobrenaturales que, por su naturaleza, son más grandes que el lenguaje.

Hacemos lo mejor que podemos, con las palabras que tenemos, para expresar quién es Dios. Usamos términos como "Padre" e "Hijo" porque son las más precisas. Pero a menudo, sin realmente darnos cuenta, damos demasiado peso a las palabras y nos encontramos pensando en Jesús como un hijo humano y en el Creador como un padre humano, con todas las implicaciones que esas palabras en particular conllevan para distintas personas.

Por eso me encanta escuchar a Cristo hablarle a Dios Padre en los Evangelios. Estas conversaciones unilaterales (al menos desde nuestro punto de vista) despliegan un poco el telón sobre la intimidad impresionante que existe entre ambos. Nuestros malentendidos sobre su relación —enmarcados por nuestra propia experiencia humana de padres e hijos, de tiempo y lugar, de creación y muerte— se rompen. "Ahora glorificame, Padre, contigo", dice Jesús, "con la gloria que yo tenía contigo antes de que comenzara el mundo."

Antes de que el mundo comenzara.

En nuestra imaginación colectiva, con demasiada frecuencia imaginamos a Jesús conectado — realmente atado — a un tiempo y lugar determinados: la Encarnación y todo lo que vino después. Pero no nos confundamos: la Encarnación significa que el Hijo se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros. La Encarnación no significa que el Hijo se haya creado.

El Hijo lo era. Desde el principio, lo fue. Engendrado, no creado. Consubstantial.

Decimos estas palabras cada semana en el Credo. Pero decirlas no es suficiente. Tenemos que llevarlas al silencio de nuestro corazón y mantenerlas allí. Tenemos que invitar al Espíritu a moverse entre ellas. Reorganizarlas. Libéralas. Soltarlas.

Solo entonces entenderemos lo que las palabras no logran explicar. ©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/diocesefelpaso> 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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<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>

**Month of March 2026**  
**Fiscal Year Beginning July 2025**

Income		Mar 31, 2026	Fiscal Year 25-26
	Sunday & Holiday Collections	\$ 38,639.93	\$ 295,372.24
	Building Fund	\$ 7,474.16	\$ 56,366.75
	Other Contributions		\$ 793.00
	Fees	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,545.00
	Projects	\$ 3,867.00	\$ 24,395.64
	Religious Education	<u>\$ 2,518.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,390.00</u>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 52,544.09</b>	<b>\$ 390,862.63</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	Admin, Salaries, Supplies, etc	\$ 21,935.06	\$ 213,041.18
	Plant and Maintenance	\$ 8,292.05	\$ 95,369.93
	Religious Education	\$ 2,788.09	\$ 36,828.79
	Liturgical	<u>\$ 3,584.57</u>	<u>\$ 27,700.33</u>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 36,599.77</b>	<b>\$ 372,940.23</b>
<b>Income -Expense</b>		<b>\$ 15,944.32</b>	<b>\$ 17,922.40</b>

**Notes:**

This Report Reflects parish Income and Expenses. The First column of amounts is for March 2026; the second column is for our Fiscal Year which begin July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2026

**Month of April 2026**  
**Fiscal Year Beginning July 2025**

Income		Apr 30, 2026	Fiscal Year 25-26
	Sunday & Holiday Collections	\$ 34,404.31	\$ 329,776.55
	Building Fund	\$ 5,452.50	\$ 61,819.25
	Other Contributions	\$ 200.00	\$ 993.00
	Fees	\$ 270.00	\$ 1,815.00
	Projects	\$ 609.34	\$ 25,004.98
	Religious Education	<u>\$ 365.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,755.00</u>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 41,301.15</b>	<b>\$ 432,163.78</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	Admin, Salaries, Supplies, etc	\$ 16,591.62	\$ 229,632.80
	Plant and Maintenance	\$ 6,987.46	\$ 102,357.39
	Religious Education	\$ 3,625.17	\$ 40,453.96
	Liturgical	<u>\$ 3,151.39</u>	<u>\$ 30,851.72</u>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 30,355.64</b>	<b>\$ 403,295.87</b>
<b>Income -Expense</b>		<b>\$ 10,945.51</b>	<b>\$ 28,867.91</b>

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**CLASES DE VIRTUS**

¡¡¡Habr  una clase de virtud en espa ol el 7 de junio a las 9:30am reg strese desde hoy si est  interesado/da favor de registrarse atraves de Virtus.org!!

**SECOND COLLECTION  
SEGUNDA COLLECTA**

The second collection for May 24 of 2026 will be for Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your support!!



La Segunda collecta del dia 24 de mayo del 2026 ser  para los fondos de mantenimiento. ¡¡Gracias por su apoyo

**FIAT**

*Hra. Blanca Ruiz*

Hija del Fiat  
desde Colombia  
Predicadora Internacional

**Retiro de alabanza y oraci n.**

**PREPARACI N PARA PENTECOST S.**

**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**

**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 Sant simo estar  encendida en memoria de:

**+Calderon  
& Mora Family**

**ASAMBLEA DE ORACION**

*“ Ven, Espiritu Santos: ven y renueva la faz de la tierra ”*

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

**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church**



**Monday: May 18**  
**12:00pm** Funeral Mass for +Adelaide Timberlake  
**Tuesday: May 19**  
**6:30pm** Asamblea de Oracion  
**Wednesday: May 20**  
**NO MASS/ NO CONFESSIONS**  
**Saturday: May 23**  
**9:00am** Retreat with sisters of FIAT

## OBSERVANCES/ CONMEMORACIONES

**Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day  
**Monday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr  
**Wednesday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest  
**Thursday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs



## SUNDAY READINGS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

### First Reading (Acts 1:13)

When they entered the city  
 they went to the upper room where they were staying.  
 Cuando llegaron a la ciudad,  
 subieron al piso alto de la casa donde se alojaban.

### Psalm: (Ps 27)

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord  
 in the land of the living.  
 El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación.

### Second Reading (1 Pt 4:14)

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,  
 for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.  
 Si los injurian por el nombre de Cristo,  
 ténganse por dichosos, porque la fuerza y la gloria  
 del Espíritu de Dios descansa sobre ustedes.

### Gospel: (Jn 17:1-2)

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,  
 "Father, the hour has come.  
 Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,  
 just as you gave him authority over all people,  
 so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him."  
 Jesus levanto los ojos al cielo y dijo:  
 Padre ha llegado la hora. Glorifica a tu Hijo,  
 para que tu Hijo también te glorifique,  
 y por el poder que le diste sobre toda la humanidad,  
 de la vida eterna a cuantos le has confiado.

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## 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 17, 2026 READINGS/ LECTURAS

**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26  
**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/  
 Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25



### Saturday, May 16

**4:00pm** +Atilana Grant by Sheila Grant  
 +Allen Barron by Sheila Grant  
 +Gilberto Mota by Graciela Reyes  
 +Michael Samaniego by Carmen Tinajero Family  
 +Sr. Jesus Maria Reveles, by Dolores Acosta

### Sunday, May 17

**8:30am** +Maria Baraza (10yr Anniversary) by Norma Apodaca  
 +Stella Martinez by Richard Martinez  
 +John Batoon by Laura Batoon  
 +Emma C. Anchondo by Laura Batoon  
 +Virginia Correa by Correa Family  
 +Salvador Oropeza, by Family  
**10:00am** +Jose Alfredo Soledad by Fam  
 +Itzel Granados by Mina Granados  
 +Nela Veloz  
 +Margarita Palacios (2nd Anniv) by Rosalinda Alvarez  
 + Agustin Angeles by Family

**12:00pm** +Salvador Oropeza

### Monday, May 18

**5:30pm** +Romelia Samaniego by Salvador Samaniego  
 +Ricard Rubio by Family & Friends

### Tuesday, May 19

**5:30pm** +Michael Pham by Pham Family  
 +Nam Nguyen by Pham Family  
 +Kymy Griffin by Pham Family  
 +Leticia Robles by Family  
 +Alicia Duran by Family

### Wednesday, May 20 NO MASS

### Thursday; May 21

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

### Friday; May 22

**5:30pm** +Jose Alfredo Soledad (Bday) by Family  
 +Cecilia Soto by Maria Soto  
 +Octavio Blas Perez by Family  
 +Octavio Posada by Family  
 +Ricardo Villareal by Family



**Renacer**  
MINISTERIO PARA ADULTOS  
IGLESIA DE SANTO TOMÁS DE AQUINO

### Invitación Especial

El Ministerio Renacer tiene el honor de invitar cordialmente a todos los adultos de nuestra parroquia a acompañarnos el próximo:



1 de junio



10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.



En el salón principal de la iglesia



Será un espacio especialmente preparado para ustedes, donde podremos compartir momentos de **alegría, formación y crecimiento en la fe**, en un ambiente de fraternidad, cercanía y esperanza.



Los invitamos a venir con el corazón abierto para **convivir, reír, aprender y fortalecer** juntos nuestra vida comunitaria, sintiéndonos parte de esta gran familia en Cristo.

*¡Será una alegría enorme contar con su presencia!*

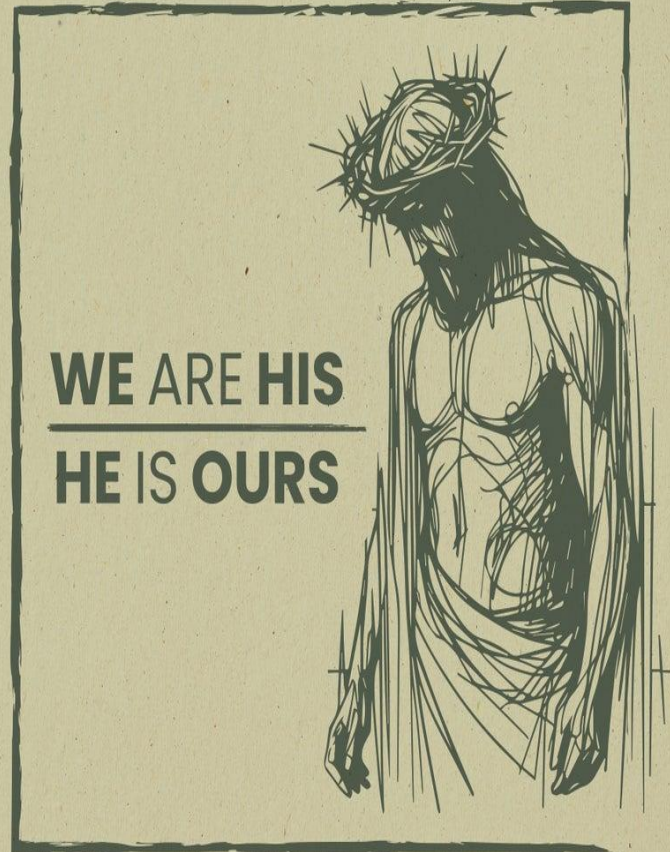


VEN, COMPARTE, CRECE  
y vive tu fe en comunidad.



TE ESPERAMOS  
con los brazos abiertos

DIOS NOS UNE, LA FE NOS RENUEVA, EL AMOR NOS HACE FAMILIA.



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God mounts his throne to joyful shouts: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

*Psalm 47*

**Vayan y hagan**  
*discípulos de todas las naciones,*  
**dice el Señor.**

Mateo 28,19

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