

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

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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

"Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink."
- Jn 7:37b

DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS

"El que tenga sed, que venga a mí; y beba, aquel
que cree en mí." - Jn 7, 37-39

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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.



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

Pentecost Sunday John 20:19-23

“He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” (John 20:22–23)
For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: “Why do I keep confessing the same sins?” It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged. Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, “You’re forgiven, now go back to your old life.” He says, so to speak, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ’s healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back. — Father John Muir. ©LP

LIVE THE LITURGY

Today, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit “the Advocate.” The Latin for lawyer is “advocatus.” Like a lawyer, the Holy Spirit defends us. The Holy Spirit guides us. So, when you’re in trouble, don’t forget: ask for your lawyer, and do what he tells you. ©LP

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

Día de Pentecostés Juan 20:19-23

El Espíritu Santo llena el vacío que la Ascensión del Señor había dejado en los discípulos. Ahora da comienzo la Iglesia naciente, con la fuerza del Espíritu Santo en sus corazones. Pentecostés es la realidad presente del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo en la Iglesia. Es el Espíritu quien nos sostiene, impulsa y fortalece. Este día, la Iglesia entera se anima con cantos y alabanzas por este gran acontecimiento: “Dicho esto, sopló sobre ellos y les dijo: ‘Reciban el Espíritu Santo. A quienes descarguen de sus pecados, serán liberados, y a quienes se los retengan, les serán retenidos’” (Juan 20:22-23).

La Iglesia es una, como lo recitamos cada domingo en el Credo, y es obra del Espíritu Santo. Como dice san Pablo: “Hay diferentes dones espirituales, pero el Espíritu es el mismo. Hay diversos ministerios, pero el Señor es el mismo. Hay diversidad de obras, pero es el mismo Dios quien obra todo en todos. La manifestación del Espíritu que a cada uno se le da es para provecho común” (1 Corintios 12:4-7). Esto nos recuerda que nadie es dueño de los ministerios en la Iglesia, ni puede aprovecharse del poder que se le otorga en el servicio. Solo somos servidores al servicio del Señor. El Espíritu Santo está para construir las comunidades, los grupos parroquiales, los movimientos y las organizaciones. Y la mejor manera de construir es obedeciendo al Señor, que nos dice en su Evangelio: “¡La paz esté con ustedes!” (Juan 20:21). La paz une, anima y fortalece. ©LP

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Hoy, Jesús llama al Espíritu Santo “el Defensor”. El latín para abogado es “advocatus”. Como un abogado, el Espíritu Santo nos defiende. El Espíritu Santo nos guía. Así que, cuando tengas problemas, no lo olvides: pide a tu abogado y haz lo que te diga. ©LP

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

Signs of Life

If you're asthmatic, you know the phrase "as natural as breathing" doesn't always make a lot of sense.

Maybe that's because breathing isn't always natural. Sometimes, it's supernatural.

I come from a family of asthmatics. In my earliest childhood memories, my sister's nose and mouth are covered with a bulbous plastic mask connected by clear tubes to her transportable nebulizer. The machine whirs loudly as it vaporizes the medication that will open her lungs. In these memories, I watch my sister — her little eyes wide, her chest contracting and constricting with great difficulty — and wonder what it feels like.

Because I don't have asthma, and I don't think about breathing, unless I'm climbing a flight of stairs or chasing down one of my kids. It's such a utilitarian thing, breathing. It's unimpressive, unremarkable. Literally anyone can do it.

Until they can't.

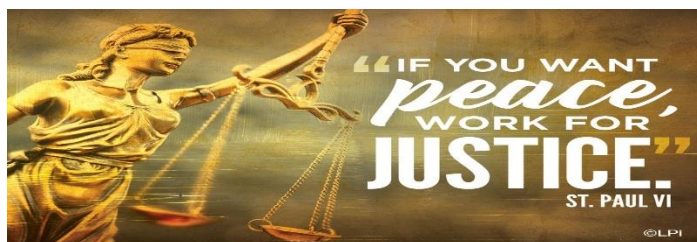
Dead men don't breathe. That's what I think as I read the words of John's Gospel: "He breathed on them." (John 20:22) So much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman, making it unmistakable that here is a Body no longer playing by the rules of the physical world. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once.

But today, he's just breathing.

So we have to ask ourselves: why? His Blood no longer requires oxygen. If he were asthmatic, neither bonfire nor damp night air could cause his lungs to constrict. His Flesh has been perfected.

But here we see a reality that is as spiritual as it is physical: where there is breath, there is life.

In Genesis, God breathes into dust and creates man. In today's Gospel, He breathes His Spirit onto man, and creates a Church. ^{©LPI}



PRACTICANDO CATOLICISMO

Signos de Vida

Si eres asmático, sabes que la expresión "tan natural como respirar" no siempre tiene mucho sentido.

Quizá sea porque respirar no siempre es natural. A veces, es algo sobrenatural.

Vengo de una familia asmática. En mis primeros recuerdos de infancia, la nariz y la boca de mi hermana estaban cubiertas con una mascarilla de plástico abultada conectada por tubos transparentes a su nebulizador transportable. La máquina zumba fuerte mientras vaporiza la medicina que abrirá sus pulmones. En estos recuerdos, observo a mi hermana — sus ojitos muy abiertos, el pecho contrayéndose y constriñéndose con gran dificultad — y me pregunto cómo se siente.

Porque no tengo asma y no pienso en respirar, al menos que esté subiendo una escalera o persiguiendo a uno de mis hijos. Es algo tan utilitario, respirar. No impresiona, no tiene nada de especial. Literalmente cualquiera puede hacerlo.

Hasta que ya no pueden.

Los muertos no respiran. Eso es lo que pienso al leer las palabras del Evangelio de Juan: "Él sopló sobre ellos." (Juan 20:22) Gran parte de lo que Jesús hace en su Cuerpo resucitado es extraordinario y sobrehumano, lo que hace inconfundible que aquí hay un Cuerpo que ya no sigue las reglas del mundo físico. Está pasando a través de puertas cerradas. Está en dos sitios a la vez.

Pero hoy, simplemente respira.

Así que tenemos que preguntarnos: ¿por qué? Su sangre ya no necesita oxígeno. Si fuera asmático, ni la hoguera ni el aire húmedo de la noche pudieran hacer que sus pulmones se contrajeran. Su Carne ha sido perfeccionada.

Pero aquí vemos una realidad tan espiritual como física: donde hay aliento, hay vida.

En el Génesis, Dios sopla en polvo y crea al hombre. En el Evangelio de hoy, Él sopla Su Espíritu sobre el hombre y crea una Iglesia. ^{©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.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.

Your information will be kept private

<https://cases.stretto.com/diocesefelpaso> 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>

On Thursday of the Lord's Supper, we kept vigil in prayer and adoration recalling our Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Candles were lit before the Altar of Repose:

El Jueves Santo de la Cena del Señor, velamos en oración y adoración recordando la agonía de Nuestro Señor en el Huerto de Getsemaní. Se encendieron velas ante el Altar del Reposo:

In Memory of:

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| Stella Martinez | Ernesto Rivera | Francisco Javier Puentes | Henry De la Torre |
| Felix Apodaca | Armando Gurrola | Alonso Enciso | Marth P. Lopez |
| Bertha Dovali Garcia | Charles Williams | Percy & Consuelo Miley | Maria Luisa Sandoval |
| Raul & Rita Núñez | Cecilia Garcia | David & Teresa Hinojosa | Guillermo A. Quiroz |
| Martha & Albert Arteaga | Isaiah Ramirez | George Cardwell | Mary Alvarado |
| John R Batoon | Paul Ducre | Oliva Family | Mary & Andy Domnguez |
| Luz & Vicente Meza | Ducre Family | Laguna Family | Fam Marentes |
| Vinny Meza | Rudy Banegas | Aguñaga Family | |
| | Maggie Enriquez | | |

Honor of:

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| Tolentino Family | Oliva Family | Javier & Maria Magallanes | Eddie & Frieda Hinojosa |
| Flores Family | Laguna Family | Salazar Family | Matthew Cardwell |
| Richard Martinez | Aguñaga Family | Robert & Teresa Cardwell | Teresa Cardwell |
| Norma Apodaca | Ramirez-Guerra Family | | Fonseca Family |

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CLASES DE VIRTUS

¡¡¡Habr  una clase de virtud en espa ol el 6 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 31 of 2026 will be for the Major Seminary. Thank you for your support!!



La Segunda collecta del dia 31 de mayo del 2026 ser  para los fondos del Seminario Mayor. ¡¡Gracias por su apoyo!!

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

High School and College Graduates 2026, Save the date for your Blessing on Sunday June 7th at the 12:00pm Mass. Please register at the Parish office after mass.



BENDICI N DE GRADUADOS

Graduados de secundaria y universidad de la clase de 2026: reserven la fecha para su bendici n el domingo 7 de junio, durante la Misa de las 12:00 p.m. Por favor, inscrib nse en la oficina parroquial despu s de la Misa.



**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:

**+All Souls in
Purgatory**



Rosario Viviente

Martes 26 de Mayo 2026

6:30 P.M.

Rosario Biling e

Santo Tom s de Aquino
10970 Bywood
El Pas , Texas 79936
Ph. (915)592-1313

Invitaci n a la Comunidad

*Bajo tu manto buscamos amparo,
Madre querida, Virgen del Rosario.
T  que siempre escuchas nuestras plegarias,
guiarnos al cielo, danos tu amor
y ens nanos a decir "s " a Dios,
hoy y siempre, como t  lo hiciste.
¡Oh Mar a, ruega por nosotros!*



Monday; May 25

OFFICE CLOSED/ NO MASS

Tuesday; May 26

6:30pm Living Rosary

Thursday; May 28

6:30pm EPISO Delegates Meeting

OBSERVANCES/ CONMEMORACIONES

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day
Tuesday: St. Philip Neri, Priest
Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Friday: St. Paul VI, Pope



SUNDAY READINGS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

First Reading (Acts 2:3-4)

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Entonces aparecieron lenguas de fuego, que se distribuyeron y se posaron sobre ellos; se llenaron todos del Espíritu Santo.

Psalms: (Ps 104)

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
 Envía Señor tu Espíritu a renovar la tierra.

Second Reading (1 Cor 12:12)

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also, Christ.

Porque así como el cuerpo es uno y tiene muchos miembros y todos ellos, a pesar de ser muchos, forman un solo cuerpo, así también es Cristo.

Gospel: (Jn 20:21)

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

De nuevo les dijo Jesús: "La Paz este con ustedes. Como el Padre me ha enviado, así también los envío yo.

PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 24, 2026 READINGS/ LECTURAS

Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52
Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33



Saturday, May 23

4:00pm For the Parishioners

Sunday, May 24

8:30am Diana Uribe (Bday) by Norma Apodaca
 +Salomon Barraza (B-day) by Norma Apodaca
 +Stella Martinez by Richard Martinez
 +Virginia Correa by Correa Family
 +Candelaria Reveles by Daughter

10:00am +Jesus Maria Hernandez by Jesus Maria Hernandez
 Rosy Sarabia (Health) by Mina Granados
 +Marcos Veloz by Mina Granados
 +Virginia Correa by Correa Family
 +Maria Jesus Acosta by Son

12:00pm +Martha P. Lopez 4th Anniv by Family
 +Jose Alfredo Soledad by Family
 +Lilian Ruiz (Heavenly Bday) by Daughter & Fam
 +Larry Bujanda by Lupe Bujanda
 +Virginia Correa by Correa Family

Monday, May 25

5:30pm NO MASS

Tuesday, May 26

5:30pm Ramon (Mony) Acosta (Health) by Friends
 +Maria Del Carmen by Iris Apodaca
 +Pedro Alvarado by Iris Apodaca
 Ruben Apodaca (Health) by Iris Apodaca

Wednesday, May 27

5:30pm +Richard Rubio by Family & Friends
 +Lazzaro Ferrari

Thursday; May 28

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

Friday; May 29

5:30pm + Jose Alfredo Soledad by Family



The Guadalupanos invite all the community to come and pray a Living Rosary this Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:00 pm!

¡Los Guadalupanos invitan a toda la comunidad para un Rosario Viviente este martes 26 de mayo de 2026 a las 6:00 pm!



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.

Living
ROSARY

 **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**

 **6:30 P.M.**

Bilingual Rosary

 **Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church**

 10970 Bywood
El Paso, Texas 79936

 Ph. (915) 592-1313

Community Invitation

Beautiful Verse to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Under your mantle we seek refuge,
beloved Mother, Virgin of the Rosary.
You who always hear our prayers,
guide us toward heaven, grant us your love,
and teach us to say “yes” to God
today and always, as you did.

O Mary, pray for us!