

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

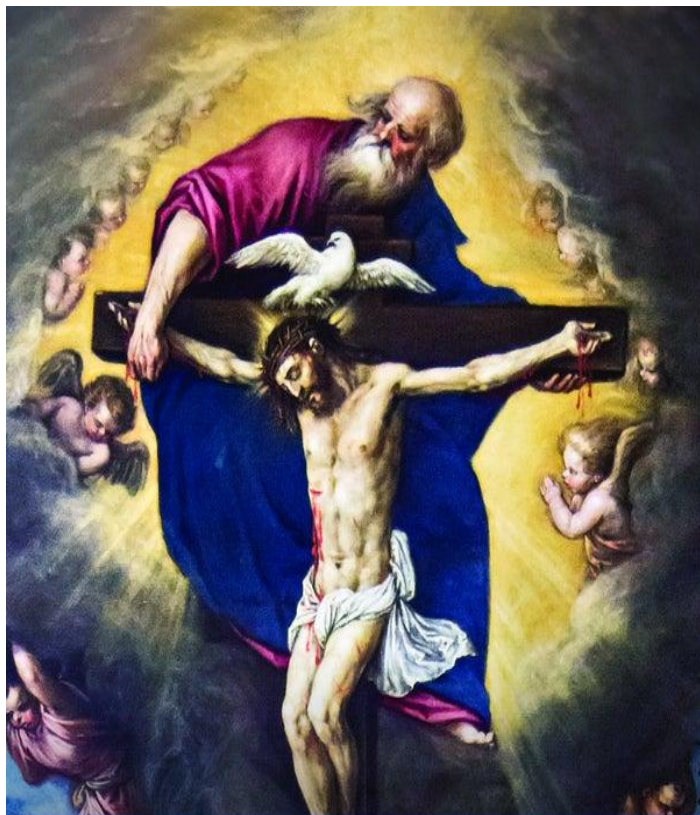
Weekdays/Diaria

5:30pm

Mon. & Wed. English
Martes y Viernes Español

Thursday/Jueves

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



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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RECONCILIATION RECONCILIACIÓN

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.
Disponibile 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

The Most Holy Trinity John 3:16-18

I was 16 years old on a youth group retreat in the mountains. One night, I opened my heart to the message being proclaimed: that God so loved the world that He sent His Son for us. Later, I lay under the pine trees and looked up at the countless stars. They seemed different. No longer cold, distant balls of chemical reactions, they appeared as an expression of God's love, as if He were giving those stars directly to me. The truth of God sending His Son changed how I saw the whole universe.

That is what today's Gospel reveals: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16) The universe is not just a whirl of impersonal forces or empty space. At its heart is a gift: the father eternally giving the Son, not to condemn, but to bring life.

This is not abstract doctrine but deeply personal. God gives His Son for you and me. Each human life is precious enough to be caught up in that eternal gift.

It is in the Mass where we encounter this most directly. In the Word proclaimed, in the assembly gathered, in the priest, and above all in the Eucharist, the Father once again gives His Son. What looks like bread and wine is the drama of the Trinity, laboring to love us here and now.

The Trinity is not a puzzle to solve but the blazing Truth at the center of everything: the Father gives the Son for you and me. Lord, help us to see this more clearly.

— Father John Muir. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

Salvation is a gift God dearly wishes us to accept. It is not a yardstick against which He measures our worth. He has made it so simple. So, will we accept? ©LP

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

La Santísima Trinidad Juan 3:16-18

¡Gloria al Padre, gloria al Hijo y gloria al Espíritu Santo! "¡Así amó Dios al mundo! Le dio al Hijo Único, para que quien cree en él no se pierda, sino que tenga vida eterna" (Juan 3:16). Después de la solemnidad de Pentecostés, que celebramos el domingo pasado, la Iglesia nos invita ahora a celebrar el gran misterio de la Santísima Trinidad: misterio de amor y de unidad.

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (número 253) nos habla del dogma de la Santísima Trinidad:

La Trinidad es una. No confesamos tres dioses sino un solo Dios en tres personas: "la Trinidad consubstancial". Las personas divinas no se reparten la única divinidad, sino que cada una de ellas es enteramente Dios: "El Padre es lo mismo que es el Hijo, el Hijo lo mismo que es el Padre, el Padre y el Hijo lo mismo que el Espíritu Santo, es decir, un solo Dios por naturaleza". "Cada una de las tres personas es esta realidad, es decir, la substancia, la esencia o la naturaleza divina". Por la gracia del bautismo, "en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo", somos llamados a participar en la vida de la Bienaventurada Trinidad: aquí abajo, en la oscuridad de la fe, y después de la muerte, en la luz eterna (CIC 265). Dios es amor, y cualquiera de nosotros que haya experimentado lo que es el verdadero amor puede comprender, por la gracia del Espíritu Santo, este gran misterio de fe. La esencia de la Trinidad es servir y amar; por lo tanto, como cristianos, a eso estamos llamados: a servir y amar. ©LPi

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

La salvación es un regalo que Dios desea profundamente que aceptemos. No es un parámetro con el que mida nuestro valor. Él lo ha hecho tan sencillo. Entonces, ¿aceptaremos? ©LPi

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

The Gift of Not Understanding

I once listened to Bishop Daniel Flores — a renowned scholar and prelate — give a 70-minute talk on the Trinitarian nature of God. In those 70 minutes, Bishop Flores said a lot of eloquent things. But what that really landed with me was not any group of words, but a single gesture.

Defining hypostasis, the term we use for the “the reciprocal dynamic relations that constitute distinct identities within the Godhead” (yes, I am using his words because I could never, in a million years, trust my own) Bishop Flores said “the Father and the Son are true God, but the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father. How not? Different hypostasis.”

And here his eyes grew wide; he turned his head and opened his hands, drawing back as if from a spooked horse. The implication was clear: Any further than this, I dare not go.

I’ve never felt so seen.

Sometimes, I make the mistake of thinking that I am unique in my inability to understand the great mysteries. Sometimes, I despair that I am not a “better Catholic” — one who will rush headfirst into the crosshairs of a hard question, confident in the words that come immediately to my lips.

But when I saw Bishop Flores flinch at the thought of defining how, exactly, the Son is not the Father, and vice versa, I remembered that only fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

This Sunday, friends, take heart: our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe. ©Lpi

PRACTICANDO CATOLICISMO

El Regalo de No Entender

Una vez escuché al obispo Daniel Flores — un reconocido erudito y prelado — dar una charla de 70 minutos sobre la naturaleza trinitaria de Dios. En esos 70 minutos, el obispo Flores dijo muchas cosas elocuentes. Pero lo que realmente me impactó no fue un grupo de palabras, sino un solo gesto.

Definiendo la hipóstasis, el término que usamos para las "relaciones dinámicas recíprocas que constituyen identidades distintas dentro de la Divinidad" (sí, uso sus palabras porque jamás, en un millón de años, podría confiar en las mías), el obispo Flores dijo: "el Padre y el Hijo son el verdadero Dios, pero el Padre no es el Hijo, y el Hijo no es el Padre. ¿Cómo no? Otra hipóstasis."

Y ahí sus ojos se abrieron grandemente; giró la cabeza y abrió las manos, apartándose como si se alejara de un caballo asustado. La implicación era clara: Más allá de esto, no me atrevo a ir.

Nunca me había sentido tan vista.

A veces, cometo el error de pensar que soy única en mi incapacidad para comprender los grandes misterios. A veces, desespero por no ser una "mejor católica" — alguien que se lanzará de cabeza al punto de mira de una pregunta difícil, segura de las palabras que salen inmediatamente a mis labios.

Pero cuando vi al obispo Flores estremecerse ante la idea de definir cómo, exactamente, el Hijo no es el Padre, y viceversa, recordé que solo los necios se lanzan donde los ángeles temen pisar.

Este domingo, amigos, anímense; nuestra falta de comprensión no es una pobreza. Es un regalo. Nos impulsa constantemente de vuelta al manantial de nuestra gloriosa Fe — a las Escrituras, a la Tradición, a la morada del Espíritu Santo que sostiene a cada uno de nosotros que nos atrevemos a creer. ©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>

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Salvation

In some passages of the Bible, Jesus makes it sound like only a few people will be saved. But we talk about hoping for everyone's salvation. So, which one is it — will many or few people be saved?

Salvation is a mystery of God's grace. St. Paul encourages us to offer prayers for everyone. He calls it "good and pleasing to God" because God Himself "wills everyone to be saved" (c.f. 1 Tm 2:1-4). The redemption that Jesus offers is held out to all of us. His sacrifice on the cross was already for everyone. Now it is a matter of if and how we accept that salvation in our own lives.

Here on earth, we can't possibly know the exact number of people who will be in heaven. When we hear words like "many" and "few," we tend to think of them in quantitative terms. Four wine glasses for six guests is too few. Three slices of cake for one person is too many. For God, however, "many" and "few" are qualitative terms. Imagine for a moment that nearly every human person is in heaven and only a handful had, by their actions on earth, separated themselves from God. For a God who infinitely loves, even one person spending eternity apart from Him is too many!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What's the official name for a person who is seeking to be baptized and initiated into the Catholic Church?

Answer: A Catechumen.



¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Salvación

En algunos pasajes de la Biblia, Jesús hace que parezca que solo unas pocas personas se salvarán. Pero hablamos de esperar la salvación de todos. Entonces, ¿cuál es: se salvarán muchas o pocas personas?

La salvación es un misterio de la gracia de Dios. San Pablo nos anima a ofrecer oraciones por todos. Lo llama "bueno y agradable a Dios" porque Dios mismo "quiere que todos se salven" (cf. 1 Tim 2:1-4). La redención que Jesús ofrece se nos ofrece a todos nosotros. Su sacrificio en la cruz ya era para todos. Ahora es una cuestión de si aceptamos esa salvación en nuestras propias vidas y cómo.

Aquí en la tierra, no podemos saber el número exacto de personas que estarán en el cielo. Cuando escuchamos palabras como "muchos" y "pocos", tendemos a pensar en ellos en términos cuantitativos. Cuatro copas de vino para seis invitados son muy pocas. Tres rebanadas de pastel para una persona son demasiadas. Para Dios, sin embargo, "muchos" y "pocos" son términos cualitativos. Imagina por un momento que casi todas las personas humanas están en el cielo y solo un puñado se ha separado de Dios por sus acciones en la tierra. Para un Dios que ama infinitamente, ¡incluso una persona que pasa la eternidad separada de Él es demasiado! ©LP

TRIVIA CATÓLICA

Pregunta: ¿Cuál es el nombre oficial de una persona que busca ser bautizada e iniciada en la Iglesia Católica?

Respuesta: Un catecúmeno.

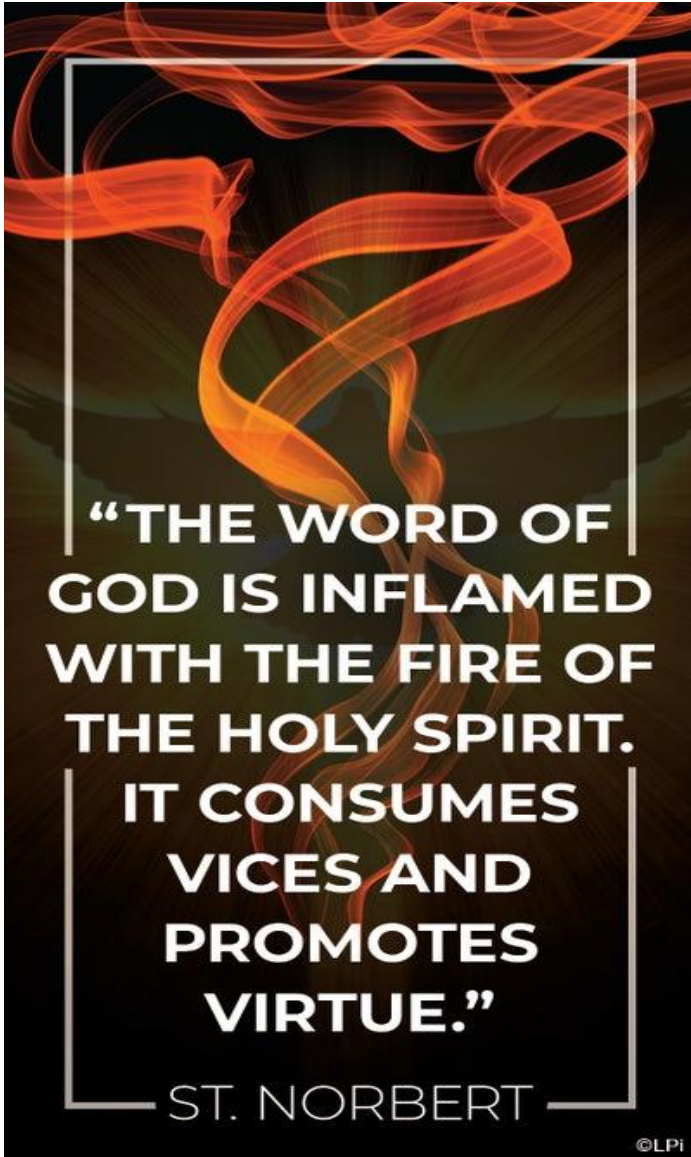


Invitamos a todas las personas adultas a un ministerio nuevo y a disfrutar de un agradable momento de convivencia, alegría y esparcimiento este próximo lunes 1.º de junio a las 10am, en el salón de la Iglesia.

¡Será un gusto compartir este tiempo juntos!

We invite all adults to join our new ministry and enjoy a pleasant time of fellowship, joy, and recreation this coming Monday, June 1st at 10:00 a.m. at the parish hall.

It will be a pleasure to share this special time together!



CLASES DE VIRTUS

¡¡¡Habrá una clase de virtud en español el 6 de junio a las 9:30am regístrese desde hoy si está interesado/da favor de registrarse através de Virtus.org!!

SECOND COLLECTION SEGUNDA COLLECTA

The second collection for June 07 of 2026 will be for the Building Fund. Thank you for your support!!



La Segunda collecta del día 07 de junio del 2026 será para los fondos del edificio. ¡¡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:

**+Raymond S. De
Leon**



**Monday; June 01**

10:00am Renacer Ministry for adults

Tuesday; June 02

12-3pm Staff Meeting (OFFICE CLOSED)

6:30pm Liturgy Meeting

7:00pm KOC Meeting

Saturday; June 06

9:00am SVDP Meeting

Baptism Class

9:30am Virtus Class in Spanish

OBSERVANCES/ CONMEMORACIONES

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

Monday: St. Justin, Martyr

Tuesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Friday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Norbert, Bishop

**SUNDAY READINGS
LECTURAS DOMINICALES****First Reading (Ex 34:5)**

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD."

El Señor descendió en una nube y se le hizo presente.
Moises pronuncio entonces el nombre del Señor.

Psalm: (Dn 3)

Glory and praise for ever!

Bendito seas para siempre, Señor.

Second Reading (2 Cor 13:13)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

La Gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
el amor del Padre y la comunión del Espíritu Santo
estén siempre con ustedes.

Gospel: (Jn 3:16)

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MAY 31, 2026

READINGS/ LECTURAS

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/ Mk 12:38-44

**Saturday, May 30**

4:00pm +Bobby Hondo, (B-day) Anniv Fam
Robert Anchondo, (B-day) by Fam
+Tomas Ramirez (Bday) by Fam
+Adrian Lira (20th Anniv) Luz Lira & Sons
+Gloria Vargas Lopez by Lopez Siblings & Fam

Sunday, May 31**8:30am For the Parishioners**

10:00am +Luz & Vicente Meza by Adriana Martinez
+Vinny Meza by Adriana Martinez
+Sergio Orozco by Adriana Martinez
+Ivan Alarcon by brothers
Margie Chavez (Health) by Fam

12:00pm +Jose Alfredo Soledad by Fam
+Richard Rubio by Fam & Friends
+Juan C. Montoya by Cruz Montoya
+Lily C. Montoya by Cruz Montoya
+Juan M. Montoya by Cruz Montoya

Monday, June 01

5:30pm Margie Chavez (Health) by Fam

Tuesday, June 02

5:30pm

Wednesday, June 03

5:30pm +Richard Rubio by Family & Friends

Thursday, June 04

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

Friday; June 05

5:30pm



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ADULT CONFIRMADI!
May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit continue to pour upon each one of you! The journey with God will continue to flourish.

