

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

IGLESIA CATOLICA ROMANA

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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

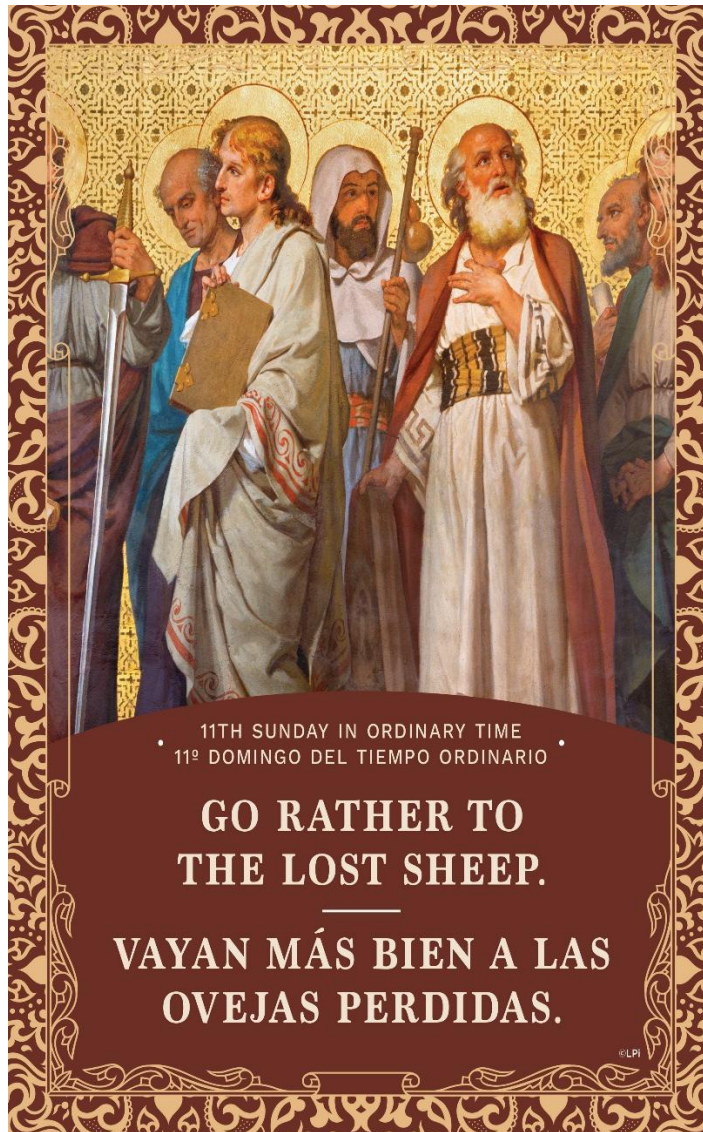
Celebrated the second Saturday of the month. Please call the office for additional information.

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.



## 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.



¡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!

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!

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Matthew 9:36-10:8

A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is **“moved with compassion” for the crowd, for they were “like sheep without a shepherd.”** (Matthew 9:36) So he calls his disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from his authority and the Spirit's gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (cf. Lumen Gentium 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ's. Then get to work. — Father John Muir. ©LPI

## LIVE THE LITURGY

In his mercy, Jesus sent his Apostles into ministry — and the Apostles are still ministering today. We see them in the sanctuary, in the confessional. They are our priests, sent to shepherd Christ's sheep. This week, let's pray for our shepherds. ©LP

## MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

### Mateo 9:36-10:8

En la sociedad actual hacen falta personas que den testimonio de tu Evangelio en medio del mundo, y si surgen algunos que se arriesgan, tienen miles de trabas para demostrarlo. Las amenazan, las desaparecen y, en muchas ocasiones, les quitan la vida. Sin embargo, la invitación sigue en pie para anunciar tu Palabra: **“Siempre debemos orar al dueño de la mies, que es Dios Padre, para que envíe obreros a trabajar en su campo, que es el mundo. Y cada uno de nosotros lo debe hacer con un corazón abierto, con una actitud misionera; nuestra oración no debe limitarse solo a nuestras peticiones, a nuestras necesidades: una oración es verdaderamente cristiana si también tiene una dimensión universal”** (Papa Francisco, 7 de julio de 2019).

¿Qué estoy dispuesto a hacer por las vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas de mi diócesis? ¿Qué hago por los laicos comprometidos de mi parroquia? Todos debemos cooperar para que el Reino de Dios crezca; todos somos pueblo de Dios y ovejas de su rebaño (Salmo 99). **“Ustedes lo recibieron sin pagar, denlo sin cobrar”** (Mateo 10:8). Es la gratitud de la fe la que nos mantiene en pie de lucha. Dios nos da a manos llenas; su misericordia se manifiesta de diferentes maneras: en la familia, en el trabajo, en la universidad, y, en fin, en cada amanecer Él está con nosotros.

Por lo tanto, urge que colaboremos con Dios de alguna forma: **“Rueguen, pues, al dueño de la cosecha que envíe trabajadores a recoger la cosecha”** (Mateo 9:38). ©LPI

## VIVIR LA LITURGIA

En su misericordia, Jesús envió a sus Apóstoles al ministerio — y los Apóstoles siguen ministrando hoy en día. Los vemos en el santuario, en el confesionario. Son nuestros sacerdotes, enviados a pastorear las ovejas de Cristo. Esta semana, recemos por nuestros pastores. ©LP

## PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Laborers

“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.”

This excerpt from Matthew’s Gospel has become a catchphrase in the modern Church. We give ourselves vertigo with the amount of head-shaking we do over the much-lamented “decline in numbers.”

Which numbers, you ask? Well, take your pick — numbers of baptized Catholic children who continue to profess their faith in adulthood, numbers of registered parishioners, numbers of priests ordained each year. All are a fraction of what they were generations ago.

That last one — the priests — that’s a particular worry for us, isn’t it? So we pray, “Send us laborers, Lord! Make them holy. Make them earnest.”

And then we add, in the silence of our hearts: “Make them perfect.”

It’s no secret that part of the reason the pews are empty is because we often find it hard to love the Church if we find it hard to love a particular priest, a particular bishop, or a particular human representative of the Church.

Because that’s the thing about priests and bishops and all the laborers in the field: they are human. They are sinners. Just like you and me.

We must consider this: today’s Gospel lists the Apostles whom Jesus sent out in ministry to heal, console, and evangelize, and right at the end — like a record scratch — comes the name of Judas Iscariot, the betrayer. If ever a laborer failed in his work, it was Judas.

And surely, when he did, his fellow laborers were so demoralized and so disenchanted that they considered laying down their tools and leaving the harvest to wither and die.

But they did not, and we must not.

Without cost we have received, and without cost we are called to give.

So we labor on, for the day is drawing to a close, and the threshing time is near. ©LPI

## PRACTICANDO CATOLICISMO RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

### Trabajadores

"La cosecha es abundante, pero los trabajadores son pocos."

Este fragmento del Evangelio de Mateo se ha convertido en una frase característica en la Iglesia moderna. Nos provocamos vértigo con la cantidad de movimientos de cabeza que hacemos ante el tan lamentado "descenso de números".

¿Qué números, preguntas? Pues haz tu elección: números de niños católicos bautizados que continúan profesando su fe en la edad adulta, número de feligreses registrados, número de sacerdotes ordenados cada año. Todos son una fracción de lo que eran hace generaciones.

Eso último — los sacerdotes — es algo que nos preocupa especialmente, ¿verdad? Así que oramos: "¡Envíanos trabajadores, Señor! Hazlos santos. Hazlos sinceros."

Y luego añadimos, en el silencio de nuestros corazones: "Hazlos perfectos."

No es ningún secreto que parte de la razón por la que las bancas están vacías es porque a menudo nos cuesta amar a la Iglesia si nos cuesta amar a un sacerdote en particular, a un obispo en particular o a un representante humano particular de la Iglesia.

Porque eso es lo que pasa con los sacerdotes, obispos y todos los trabajadores del campo: son humanos. Son pecadores. Igual que tú y yo.

Debemos considerar esto: el Evangelio de hoy enumera a los apóstoles que Jesús envió en ministerio para sanar, consolar y evangelizar, y justo al final — como un arañazo de disco — aparece el nombre de Judas Iscariote, el traidor. Si alguna vez un obrero falló en su trabajo, fue Judas.

Y seguramente, cuando lo hizo, sus compañeros estaban tan desmoralizados y desencantados que consideraron dejar sus herramientas y dejar que la cosecha se marchitara y muriera.

Pero no lo hicieron, y no debemos hacerlo.

Sin costo hemos recibido, y sin costo estamos llamados a dar.

Así que seguimos trabajando, porque el día está llegando a su fin y la hora de la trilla se acerca. ©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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**<https://cases.stretto.com/diocesefelpaso> 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:

- <https://www.elpasodiocese.org/parishes-by-vicariate.html>
- [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)
- <https://oldrcdlc.org/parishes-1>
- <https://oldrcdlc.org/catholicschools>

# THE GREAT TREASURE HUNT 2

GET READY FOR A GREAT  
ADVENTURE!!

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN "THE GREAT  
TREASURE HUNT 2"! IT WILL BE A TIME FULL  
OF GAMES, COMPETITION, FUN, AND LOTS OF  
JOY!

THERE WILL BE CLUES, CHALLENGES, AND  
MANY SURPRISES WAITING FOR YOU.

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

**DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

**TIME: 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH!!!**



## LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

The purpose of the Liturgical Environment ministry is to take care of preparing an inviting sacred space to celebrate the Liturgy. If you feel the call to serve in this sacred and beautiful ministry, get in touch with the parish office.



## MINISTERIO DE AMBIENTE LITÚRGICO

El propósito del ministerio de Ambiente Litúrgico es encargarse de preparar un espacio sagrado y acogedor para celebrar la Liturgia. Si siente el llamado a servir en este sagrado y hermoso ministerio, favor de dejar su información en la oficina parroquial.

## VIRTUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Virtus - Safe Environment training is a required first step for those interested in volunteering or joining a ministry. The next training session will be held in English on **Saturday, August 1, at 9:30 am**. Please register at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

If you are interested in a specific ministry, please contact the parish office, and we will put you in touch with the appropriate ministry leader.

## VIRTUS AMBIENTE SEGURO

La capacitación Virtus - Ambiente Seguro es un primer paso obligatorio para quienes estén interesados en ser voluntarios o unirse a un ministerio. La próxima sesión se llevará a cabo en inglés **el sábado 1 de agosto a las 9:30 a.m.** Favor de registrarse en [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

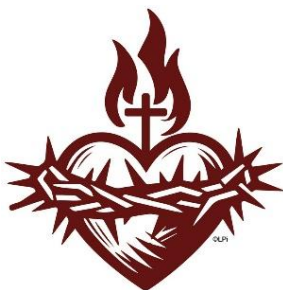
Si le interesa un ministerio en particular, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial y lo pondremos en contacto con el líder del ministerio correspondiente.

## PRAYER ASSEMBLY

Join us for some singing and prayer in the parish this Tuesday. There will be a reflection about the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

“O Jesus, to your Heart I entrust my need”



## ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

Acompañennos este martes en un momento de alabanza y oración en la parroquia. Habrá una reflexión sobre el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús.

16 de junio a las 6:30 p.m.

“Oh Jesus a tu corazón confío mi necesidad”



## BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE VELA DEL SANTÍSIMO 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:

+ JUAN & JULIA VALERIO



# This Week

**Tuesday, June 16**

**6:30 pm** Asamblea de Oración/ Prayer Assembly (Parish)

**Saturday, June 20**

**10:00 am** The Great Treasure Hunt 2  
Busqueda del Gran Tesoro 2 (Parish Hall)

## OBSERVANCES/ CONMEMORACIONES

**Sunday:** 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Flag Day

**Friday:** St. Romuald, Abbot; World Refugee Day; Juneteenth

## READINGS/ LECTURAS

**Sunday:** Ex 19:2-6a/ Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/ Rom 5:6-11/ Mt 9:36-10:8

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16/ Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/ Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29/ Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/ Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/ Ps 31:20, 21, 24/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/ Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/ Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/  
Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25/ Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/  
Mt 6:24-34

## 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 14, 2026

**First Reading** (Ex 19:5)

Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine.

Ahora bien, si escuchan mi voz y guardan mi alianza, serán mi especial tesoro entre todos los pueblos, aunque toda la tierra es mía. Ustedes serán para mí un reino de sacerdotes y una nación consagrada.

**Psalms** (Ps 100)

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.  
El Señor es Nuestro Dios y nosotros su pueblo.

**Second Reading** (Rom 5:8)

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Y la prueba de que Dios nos ama esta en que Cristo murió por nosotros, cuando aún éramos pecadores.

**Gospel** (Mt 9:36)

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.

En aquel tiempo, al ver Jesús a las multitudes, se compadecía de ellas, porque estaban extenuadas y desamparadas, como ovejas sin pastor.

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# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, June 13**

**4:00pm** +Socorro Gonzalez, 4th Anniv, by Family  
+Grace Esquivel, 2nd Anniv, by Family  
+Richard Rubio, by Family & Friends  
+Priscilla Schiltz, by Grant Family  
+Elena Gomez, by Luz Lira

**Sunday, June 14**

**8:30am** +Maria T. Corral, by Family  
+Jose E. Corral, by Family  
+Lorenzo Corral, by Family  
+Ramon & Maggie Enriquez, by Daughters  
Margie Chavez's health

**10:00am** +Martha Salas por Yvonne Balcimelly  
+José de Jesús Costa por Rosa Costa  
+Maria Rubio Gomez por la familia Gomez  
Rosie Sarabia's healing, by Betel Group  
For the protection of the unborn by Grace Martinez

**12:00pm** For the Parishioners

**Monday, June 15**

**5:30pm** +Bertha H. Valdez, by Lupe Bujanda  
+Richard Rubio, by Family & Friends  
+Ruby Angelica Apodaca, by mom & dad

**Tuesday, June 16**

**5:30pm** NO MASS

**Wednesday, June 17**

**5:30pm** Margie Chavez's health, by Family

**Thursday, June 18**

**5:30pm** Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Frank Segura

**Friday, June 19**

**5:30pm**

# IN MEMORIAM

**Monday, June 15**


**10:00 am** +Rodolfo Galaviz, Funeral Mass (English)

**Wednesday, June 17**

**10:00 am** +Angel Valdez, Funeral Mass (Spansih)

**Friday, June 19**

**11:00 am** +Irene Prado, Funeral Mass (English)



**GOD BLESS OUR  
GRADUATES!**

