

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

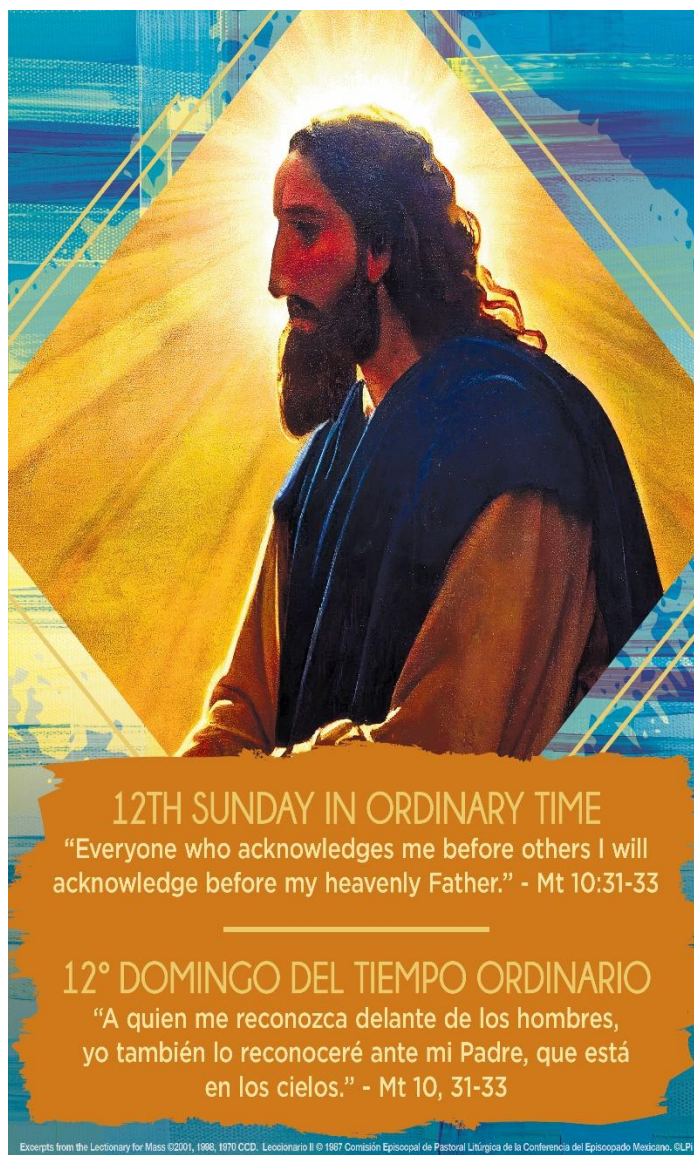
Mon. & Wed. English

Martes y Viernes Español

Thursday/Jueves

Liturgy of the Word &
Adoration

Liturgia de la Palabra y
Adoración



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will
acknowledge before my heavenly Father." - Mt 10:31-33

12° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"A quien me reconozca delante de los hombres,
yo también lo reconoceré ante mi Padre, que está
en los cielos." - Mt 10, 31-33

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

Matthew 10:26-33

Jean Améry, a Holocaust survivor tortured by the Nazis, later wrote about the abyss of human evil. He described his reaction as an “indignant despair.” Haven’t we all, to some degree, felt that abyss opened beneath us? A sudden loss, a violent headline, a moment of loneliness or panic, when the world feels fragile and meaning seems to collapse?

It is to this fear that Jesus speaks in today’s Gospel: “Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.” (Matthew 10:28) He does not deny evil or pretend we will never suffer. Instead, He reframes the abyss: do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Your life is seen, known, and counted by the Father. Even the hairs of your head, even the sparrow’s fall.

This is no superficial comfort. Jesus himself has entered the abyss: suffering, death, even our sense of forsakenness, and he has come through it. That is why his words, “Do not be afraid,” hold such weight. They do not erase the abyss but build a bridge across it.

Faith is not pretending everything is fine. It is staring into the abyss and still choosing trust. And in that trust, we discover we are never alone. Christ stands with us, and the Father’s care surrounds us. That is the only comfort deep enough for our (often fearful) hearts. — Father John Muir.

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MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

Mateo 10:26-33

Actualmente estamos llenos de miedo: miedo a perder el trabajo, a ser deportados, o a que nuestros hijos e hijas se queden solos en este país. Son muchos los miedos que nos aterrorizan y nos paralizan de varias formas. Contra el miedo existe la confianza en que saldremos adelante de las dificultades. Pero, ¿cómo? ¿Qué hacer, cómo actuar? La única forma es prepararnos con un plan, para que no nos tome desprevenidos si llegara a suceder alguna circunstancia difícil en nuestra vida. La Palabra de Dios en la liturgia de hoy nos dice que Jesús sigue preparando a sus discípulos para afrontar las adversidades: “Pero no les tengan miedo. Nada hay oculto que no llegue a ser descubierto, ni nada secreto que no llegue a saberse” (Mateo 10:26).

El miedo lo experimentamos todos, viejos y jóvenes. Por eso, Jesús prepara a sus discípulos para que estén listos, y nos prepara a nosotros para lo mismo. Decía el Papa Francisco que el miedo es uno de los peores enemigos de la vida cristiana. Todo lo que genera inseguridad en la vida es lo desconocido: lo que no vemos ni sentimos, lo que no podemos controlar. Pongámonos del lado de Dios y tengamos confianza. En nuestra oración digamos, como sus apóstoles: “Señor, auméntanos la fe” (Lucas 17:5). Confiar en Dios es un proceso de toda la vida, pero Él no defrauda y calma toda tempestad, por muy dura que sea. ¡Gracias Señor, por estar siempre conmigo! ©LPI

LIVE THE LITURGY

“What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light.” We all hear God’s voice whispering in our hearts. Discipleship means speaking those words out loud. We all feel the Spirit sing into our souls. Discipleship means that we dance to the tune. ©LP



VIVIR LA LITURGIA

“Lo que te digo en la oscuridad, háblalo en la luz.” Todos escuchamos la voz de Dios susurrando en nuestro corazón. El discipulado significa decir esas palabras en voz alta. Todos sentimos el Espíritu cantar en nuestras almas. El discipulado significa bailar al ritmo de la melodía. ©LP

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Fear No One

In the 1883 painting "Mass in a Connemara Cabin," a small congregation of shabbily dressed faithful is huddled together in a sparsely appointed room. A priest extends his hand over them in blessing. One woman presses her forehead to the ground in prayer.

This painting, created in 1883 by Aloysius O'Kelley, depicts a "station Mass," offered for the community in a private home. Though this practice originated in the period of the Penal Laws, when Catholic worship was illegal in Ireland, it persisted even after the "emancipation" of Catholics in the 19th century.

I have used quotation marks around the word "emancipation" because we must never forget that just because something is made legal does not mean it is made popular. And it certainly is not made safe.

In the moments that pass immediately after this scene concludes, the altar candles will be extinguished and the faithful will disperse, carrying the Body and Blood of Christ into a world suspicious of him, suspicious of them.

And yet here they are, kneeling. Foreheads pressed to the floor.

This painting sits on my family's prayer table as a call to reflection. I make my living writing Catholic things for Catholic publications. The people who read what I write are bound to agree with me — they're usually reading my words in a church. I must confess that in my personal life, I am far less bold. I fear controversy. I dread giving offense. I buckle beneath the weight of discipleship.

It doesn't matter that most Americans identify as "Christians" — the world we face when we leave Mass is every bit as resentful of true Catholic teaching as the world that lies beyond O'Kelley's Connemara cottage. And while I do not fear those who can kill my body, I do fear those who can kill my reputation.

"Mass in a Connemara Cabin" illustrates how my ancestors worshiped: in secret, in shadow.

I worship in the daylight.

Which of us acknowledges Christ more fully? More courageously?

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PRACTICANDO CATOLICISMO RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

No Temas a Nadie

En la pintura de 1883 "Misa en una cabaña de Connemara", una pequeña congregación de fieles vestidos de forma descuidada se agrupa en una sala con poca decoración. Un sacerdote extiende la mano sobre ellos en señal de bendición. Una mujer apoya la frente en el suelo en señal de oración.

Esta pintura, creada en 1883 por Aloysius O'Kelley, representa una "misa de estación", ofrecida para la comunidad en una casa particular. Aunque esta práctica se originó en la época de las Leyes Penales, cuando el culto católico era ilegal en Irlanda, persistió incluso después de la "emancipación" de los católicos en el siglo XIX.

He puesto comillas alrededor de la palabra "emancipación" porque nunca debemos olvidar que el hecho de que algo se legalice no significa que se haga popular. Y desde luego no se hace seguro.

En los momentos que transcurren inmediatamente después de que termine esta escena, las velas del altar se apagarán y los fieles se dispersarán, llevando el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo a un mundo que desconfía de él, que desconfía de ellos.

Y, sin embargo, aquí están, arrodillados. Con las frentes pegadas al suelo.

Esta pintura está sobre la mesa de oración de mi familia como un llamado a la reflexión. Me gano la vida escribiendo cosas católicas para publicaciones católicas. Las personas que leen lo que escribo seguramente están de acuerdo conmigo: normalmente están leyendo mis palabras en una iglesia. Debo confesar que en mi vida personal soy mucho menos atrevida. Temo la controversia. Me da miedo ofender. Me derrumbo bajo el peso del discipulado.

No importa que la mayoría de los estadounidenses se identifiquen como "cristianos" — el mundo al que nos enfrentamos al salir de misa está tan resentido con la verdadera enseñanza católica como el mundo que hay más allá de la casa de O'Kelley en Connemara. Y aunque no temo a quienes pueden matar mi cuerpo, sí temo a quienes pueden destruir mi reputación.

"Misa en una cabaña de Connemara" ilustra cómo mis antepasados adoraban: en secreto, en sombra.

Yo Adoro a plena luz del día.

¿Quién de nosotros reconoce a Cristo más plenamente?
¿Con más valentía? ©L.Pi



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.

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<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://oldrcdlc.org/parishes-1>
- D. <https://oldrcdlc.org/catholicschools>

**DEAR FRIENDS OF THE
PARISH OF SAINT THOMAS
AQUINAS!**

**This summer will be full of fun
at our parish! You can't miss
the following activities:**

Treasure Hunt 2
Saturday, June 20th 10 am to 12 pm

Recreational Week Tuesday, July 7,
Wednesday, July 8, and Thursday, July
9 from 9 am to 12 pm.

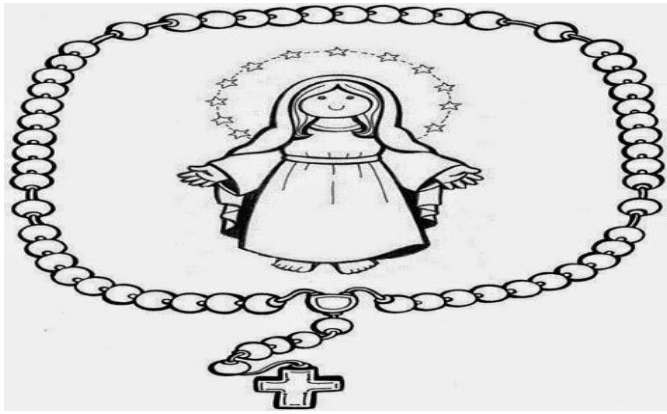
Family Movie Night Thursday,
August 13th pm

**Come and join the fun with your
friends and family! Don't miss out on
these exciting summer activities at
the Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas!**



ROSARY WITH THE GUADALUPANAS

The Guadalupanas invite you and your family to come pray the rosary and flower offering this coming Tuesday June 23 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 23 de junio a las 6:00pm.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE VELA DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENT

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



SECOND COLLECTION SEGUNDA COLLECTA

The second collection for June 28 of 2026 will be for Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your support!!

La Segunda collecta del día 28 de junio del 2026 será para fondos de mantenimiento. ¡¡Gracias por su apoyo!

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.

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.

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

This Week

Sunday: June 21 Father's Day

Tuesday: June 22

6:00pm Rosary w/ the Guadalupanas

OBSERVANCES/ CONMEMORACIONES

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Monday: St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;
Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More

Wednesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



SUNDAY READINGS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

First Reading (Jer 20:13)

"Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!"

Canten y alaben al Señor, porque el ha salvado la vida de su
pobre porque el ha salvado la vida de su pobre de la mano
de los malvados.

Psalm (Ps 69)

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Escuchame, Señor, porque eres bueno.

Second Reading (Rom 5:15)

But the gift is not like the transgression.
For if by the transgression of the one the many died,
how much more did the grace of God
and the gracious gift of the one-man Jesus Christ
overflow for the many.

Con el don no sucede como con el delito, porque si por el
delito de uno solo murieron todos, cuanto mas la gracia de
Dios y el don otorgado por la gracia de un solo hombre,
Jesucristo, se han desbordado sobre todos!

Gospel (Mt 10:27)

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops."

Lo que les digo de noche, repítanlo en pleno día, y lo que les
digo al oído, pregónenlo desde las azoteas.

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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 21 2026

READINGS/ LECTURAS

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: **Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17



Saturday, June 20

4:00pm +For the Parishioners

Sunday, June 21

8:30am +Jesus Maria Reveles by Dolores Acosta

+Luis Mora by Martha Mora

+John R. Batoon by Laura Batoon

+Margie Chavez's health, by Family

10:00am +Luis Arrieta by Family

+Neto Arrieta by Family

+Gilbert Hernandez by Family

+Mavel Carrillo by Family

+Juan Luis Castañeda by Family

12:00pm + Catalina Sandoval by Carmen Macias

+Armando Palacios by Carmen Macias

+Maria Elena Mendoza by Carmen Macias

+Richard Rubio by Family & Friends

+Larry Bujanda by Lupe Bujanda

Monday, June 22

5:30pm

Tuesday, June 23

5:30pm +Ruby Angelica Apodaca by mom & dad

Wednesday, June 24

5:30pm

Thursday, June 25

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

Friday; June 26

5:30pm +Michael Samaniego by Tinajero Family

+Leticia Robles by Rosalinda Dobbler

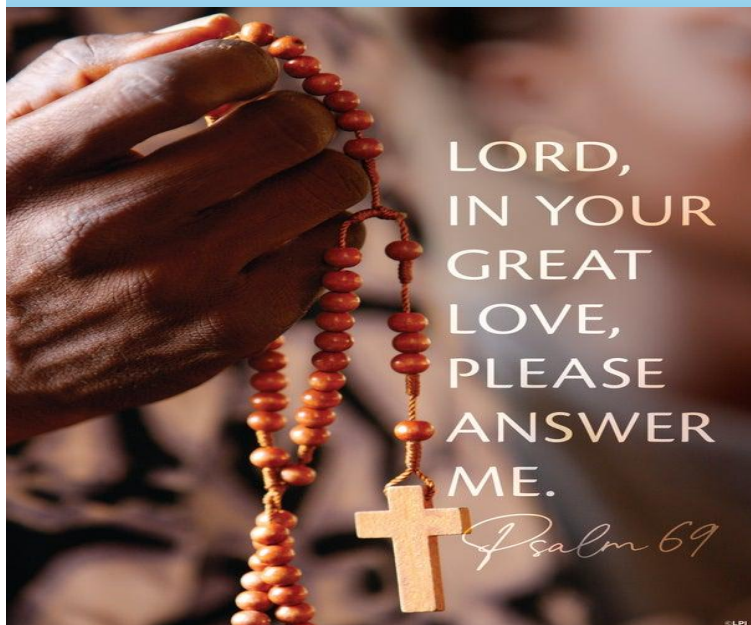
+Alicia Duran by Rosalinda Dobbler

CELEBRATE

Father's Day

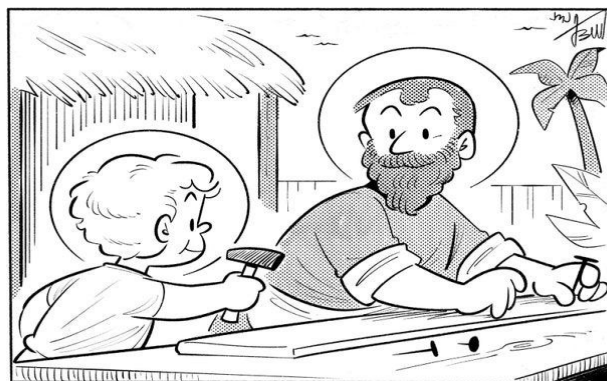


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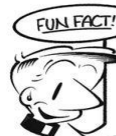
LORD,
IN YOUR
GREAT
LOVE,
PLEASE
ANSWER
ME.

Psalm 69



the FAITHFUL FUNNIES

Happy Father's Day!



Let's thank God for the fathers and father figures who care for their families and help build loving homes. St. Joseph, pray for us, and especially for our fathers!

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JESUS**

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