

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



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

18º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Pronunció una bendición, partió los panes y se los dio a los discípulos para que los distribuyeran a la gente. Todos comieron hasta saciarse. - Mt 14, 19

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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

Matthew 14:13-21

In his song, “Lose Yourself,” the artist Eminem raps, “the mood all changed.”

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today’s Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, “When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.” Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John’s death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple’s life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies,
draw me into Your quiet strength.
In that hidden place with You and
the Father, turn my heartbreak into
the bread of love for the world.
Amen.

John Muir. ©LPI



LIVE THE LITURGY

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn’t create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

Mateo 14:13-21

Cuando Jesús se entera de la muerte de Juan el Bautista, decide embarcarse él solo y retirarse a lejos. Sintió un profundo dolor por aquella muerte injusta. Sin embargo, el Evangelio nos narra que la gente salió de los pueblos y se fueron a pie por la orilla para esperarlo cuando Él llegara. El texto nos sigue narrando que Jesús sintió misericordia por todas aquellas personas y las acogió, curó y atendió, porque Él no quiere que nadie pase necesidad. Al llegar la tarde, sus discípulos querían que despidiera a la gente para que fueran a buscar alimento. A esto Jesús responde: “No tienen por qué irse; denles ustedes de comer” (Mateo 14:16). A raíz de esta pregunta surge el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes.

“Vivir la comunión con Cristo es algo muy distinto de permanecer pasivos y ajenos a la vida cotidiana; por el contrario, nos introduce cada vez más en la relación con los hombres y mujeres de nuestro tiempo, para ofrecerles un signo concreto de la misericordia y de la atención de Cristo. Mientras nos nutre de Cristo, la Eucaristía que celebramos nos transforma poco a poco también a nosotros en Cuerpo de Cristo y en alimento espiritual para los hermanos. Jesús

quiere llegar a todos, para llevar a todos el amor de Dios” (Papa Francisco, 17-08-2016). ¿Qué nos dice Jesús hoy, a ti y a mí? ¿Qué debemos hacer para atender las necesidades de los demás? El reto es confiar en la Palabra de Dios y poner nuestros propios panes y peces al servicio de quien lo necesite. ©LPI

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Cuando Jesús multiplicó los panes y los peces, no creó solo lo necesario — había restos que podían guardarse y compartir de nuevo. Dios es generoso en concedernos Su gracia. Siempre da lo suficiente para compartir. ©LPI

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Miracles We Don't See

"Why aren't there miracles anymore?"

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

"His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle. ©L.Pi

PRACTICANDO CATOLICISMO RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Eligiendo el Cielo

"¿Por qué ya no hay milagros?"

He oído a gente decir esto más de una vez. Normalmente, es alguien que cree en Cristo, pero no es católico, porque los católicos entienden que los milagros ocurren en cada Misa, por no hablar de los otros milagros que la Iglesia reconoce. Pero incluso algunos católicos a menudo se preguntan por qué ha pasado tanto tiempo desde que Dios nos dio un buen espectáculo. Un buen baile solar en el cielo. Una buena y llamativa razón para creer.

No sé cómo se veía cuando se multiplicaron los panes y los peces. Creo que ocurrió, y lo he vislumbrado a menudo, pero simplemente no puedo imaginarlo. ¿Parpadearon todos y había un montón enorme de comida? ¿Simplemente seguían encontrando más? ¿Era todo el mismo tipo de pan, o Jesús lo mezcló?

Creo que el Evangelio es deliberadamente vago en esto para poner a prueba la paciencia de personas patológicamente curiosas como yo. No es importante saber como se veía. Si esos detalles importaran, se explicarían en las Escrituras.

Cuantas veces nos encontramos insatisfechos con las respuestas que Dios nos da.

Me pregunto si eso era lo que Cristo pensaba cuando saboreaba esos últimos minutos de soledad en el barco, donde había ido a estar solo tras escuchar la devastadora noticia de la ejecución de su primo. ¿Se imaginaba la multitud que se congregaba en la orilla? ¿Estaba contemplando sus enormes expectativas hacia Dios — para él — y anticipando su decepción cuando no se pudieran conceder todos los deseos?

Quizá. Pero eso no es lo que dice la Escritura.

"Sintió compasión de ellos", nos dicen. Pienso en él mirándolos a todos, tan cansados, inseguros y hambrientos. Compasión — eso era lo que sentía. No resentimiento, agotamiento o frustración. Compasión. Y su precioso corazón se conmovió.

Qué milagro. Sin detalles, sin explicaciones. Sin sol danzante. Pero qué milagro. ©L.Pi

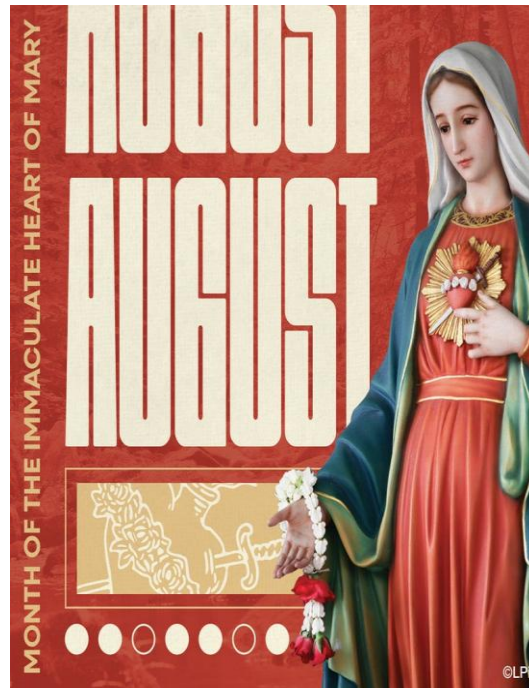
WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Mary, Mother Of God

If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' human nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary Theotokos. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God. ©LPi



¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

María, Madre de Dios

Si Dios es eterno e infinito, ¿cómo puede tener madre? ¿Por qué no llamamos a María simplemente la madre de Jesús?

El título de "María, Madre de Dios" puede ser confuso. No estamos insinuando que María existiera desde la eternidad ni que ella misma sea divina. No estamos promoviendo algún tipo de superpoderes marianos. La Iglesia ha luchado por este título a lo largo de los siglos por una razón sencilla: la identidad de Cristo está en juego.

A medida que la Iglesia crecía en los primeros siglos, los teólogos luchaban por entender qué significaba que Jesús fuera tanto Dios como hombre. Comenzaron a salir a la luz muchas distorsiones de su identidad. Una de ellas fue propagada por un hombre llamado Nestorio. Nestorio y sus seguidores negaron que la naturaleza humana de Jesús y su naturaleza divina fueran inseparables. Siguiendo esa lógica, María

solo podría haber concebido la naturaleza humana de Jesús. Pero la gente no da a luz a una "naturaleza". Dan a luz a una persona completa. Para Jesús, toda su persona es tanto humana como divina. En el año 431 d.C., el Concilio de Éfeso denunció a Nestorio. Los obispos afirmaron que Jesús es tanto plenamente humano como plenamente divino y proclamaron a María la Teótokos. Traduciendo el griego al inglés, eso significa "portadora de Dios". Ten en cuenta que esto no es "generadora de Dios" ni

"creadora de Dios". María llevo a Jesús, Dios y hombre, en su vientre y le dio a luz. Ella es madre de la persona en su totalidad, de todo Jesús, y por tanto Madre de Dios. ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - INVITE PARISHIONERS TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading

Isaiah speaks of the Lord's invitation to all to join in His feast of rich food and drink without cost. To whom can you show generosity to this week?

2nd Reading

Paul is convinced that nothing in this life can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. When do you feel closest to God?

Gospel Reading

Moved with pity for the crowds, Jesus healed the sick among them and fed thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Can you think of a time when someone showed compassion toward you? ©LPI

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA - INVITAR A PARROQUIANOS A REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura

Isaías habla de la invitación del Señor a todos para que participen en su banquete de abundante comida y bebida sin costo. ¿A quién puedes mostrar generosidad esta semana?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura

Pablo está convencido de que nada en esta vida puede separarnos del amor de Dios en Cristo Jesús nuestro Señor. ¿Cuándo te sientes más cerca de Dios?

Pregunta del Evangelio

Conmovido con compasión por las multitudes, Jesús sanó a los enfermos entre ellos y alimentó a miles con solo cinco panes y dos peces. ¿Recuerdas alguna vez que alguien mostrara compasión hacia ti?



PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing of God's Provision

Dear God,

Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name. Amen. ©LPI

ORACIÓN – PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODOS

Bendición de la Provisión de Dios

Querido Dios,

Gracias por las formas en que siempre has provisto en el pasado, y estate con nosotros también en estos días. Bendice a nuestra comunidad — cada familia, cada hogar, cada persona confiada al cuidado de nuestra parroquia. Provee nuestras necesidades — corporales, emocionales, financieras, mentales y espirituales — en tu nombre santo y sagrado. Amén.

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:
+Christopher, +Lily &
+Ben Ramirez



SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection for August 09 of 2026 will be for our brothers and sisters from. St. Vincent de Paul Thank you for your support!!



SEGUNDA COLLECTA

La Segunda collecta del dia 0 de agosto del 2026 será para nuestros hermanos de San Vicente de Paul. ¡¡Gracias por su apoyo!!

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





ONE HEART AND ONE SOUL

COUPLES RETREAT

SATURDAY

19TH

OF

SEPTEMBER

“So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Matthew 19: 6

- Dynamics
- Teaching
- Prayer

Schedule

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

\$40 Cost per couple

Meals included

Registration open

915 – 592 – 1313



For more information

Location

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
10970 Bywood Dr, 79936
El Paso, TX

This Week

Monday; August 03

10:00am Renacer Ministry

Tuesday; August 04

12-3pm Office closed for staff meeting

6:30pm Liturgy Meeting

Saturday; August 08

9:00am Retiro de alabanza y oracion

10:00am Baptisms

12:30pm Expocision del Santisimo

OBSERVANCES/ CONMEMORACIONES

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. Cajetan, Priest

Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest

SUNDAY READINGS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

First Reading (Is 55:1)

Thus says the LORD:

All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!

Todos ustedes, los que tienen sed, vengan por agua.

Psalm (Ps 145)

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Abres, Señor, tu mano y nos sacias de favores.

Second Reading (Rom 8:38-39)

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pues estoy convencido de que ni la muerte ni la vida, ni los
ángeles ni los demonios ni el presente ni el futuro, ni los
poderes de este mundo, ni lo alto ni lo bajo, ni creatura
alguna podrá apartarnos del amor que nos ha manifestado
Dios en Cristo Jesús.

Gospel: (Mt 14:19)

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to
heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds.

Tomo los cinco panes y los dos pescados y mirando al cielo,
pronuncio una bendición, partio los panes y se los dio a los
los discípulos para que los distribuyeran a la gente.

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 02 2026

READINGS/ LECTURAS

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20



Saturday, August 01

4:00pm Jose M. Huerta Jr. Health
+Sra. Guadalupe Lozano
+Ana Maria Gutiérrez by Susie Gutiérrez
+David Lara by Wife
+Ernest Rivera by Edna Gurrola & Fam

Sunday, August 02

8:30am +Armando Gallegos by Celia Gallegos
Gabriel Garcia & Family by Mrs Guevara
Miguel Perez & Family by Mrs Guevara
Arielle Gella & Family by Mrs. Guevara
+Armando Lechuga by Family

10:00am For the Parishioners

12:00pm +Carlos Marquez by Daughters
+Armando Fierro by Family
+Alonso Fierro by Family
Respect for life by Grace Martinez
+Margie Ann Chavez by Husband

Monday, August 03

5:30pm Natalie Esparza (Thanksgiving) by Norma Apodaca

Tuesday, August 04

5:30pm +Leticia Robles
+Alicia Duran
+Blas Perez
+Octavio Posada
+Ricardo Villareal

Wednesday, August 05

5:30pm +Robert Narro by Gloria Narro
+Héctor Hernandezb y Gloria Narro
+Margie Ann Chavez by Husband

Thursday, August 06

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

Friday, August 07

5:30pm Ricardo Villareal (Health)
Carlos Dobler (Health)



RETIRO De alabanza y oración.

*"¡Qué bien se está aquí, Señor!"
Mateo 17:4*

Sábado Agosto 8
9 am a 2 pm



Tendremos Adoración Eucarística



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Traer algo para compartir.

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Renacer

MINISTRY FOR ADULTS



SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

*Accompanied, loved and
renewed by His grace*



You're Invited!

Join us for our next gathering!

It will be a time of prayer, formation, fellowship and joy.



DATE

MONDAY,
AUGUST 3, 2026



TIME

10:00 AM
TO 12:00 PM



LOCATION

MONTECASINO ROOM
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS
CHURCH

Come and share with us.

We look forward to seeing you!

*"Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous
right hand."
Isaiah 41:10*



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