

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

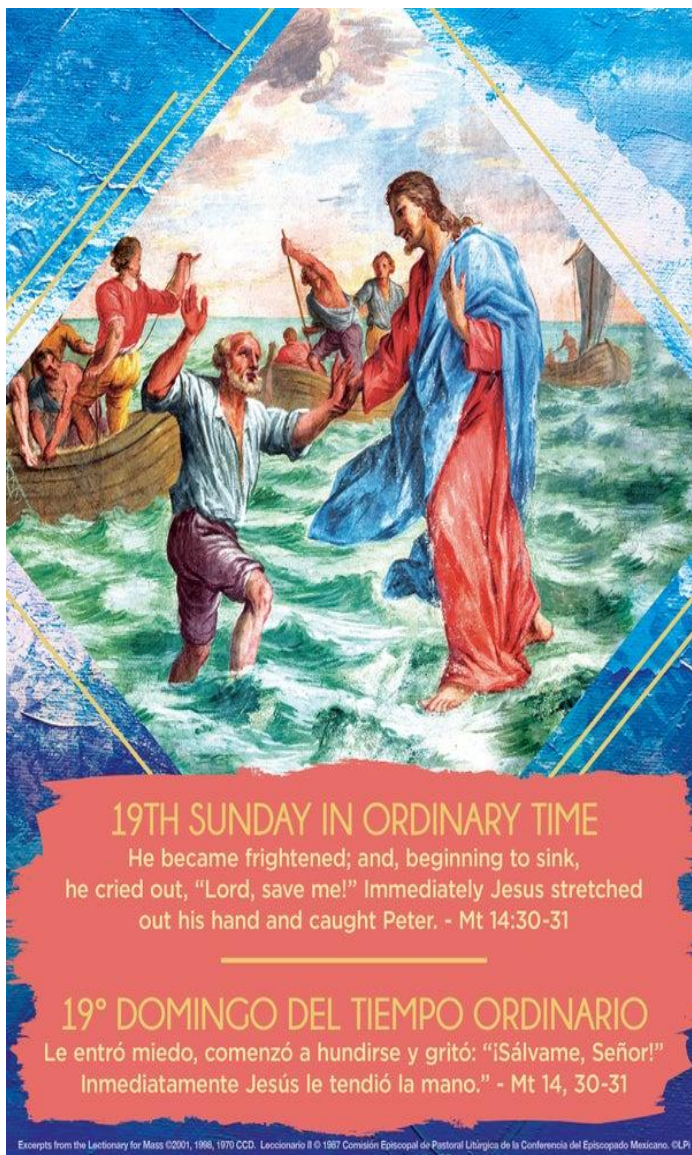
Mon. & Wed. English

Martes y Viernes Español

Thursday/Jueves

Liturgy of the Word &
Adoration

Liturgia de la Palabra y
Adoración



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

19° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Le entró miedo, comenzó a hundirse y gritó: "¡Sálvame, Señor!" Inmediatamente Jesús le tendió la mano." - Mt 14, 30-31

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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 14:22-33

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, "Lord, save me." Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders. John Muir. ©LPI



MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

Mateo 14:22-33

No sé si alguna vez en tu vida has tenido miedo a algo o a alguien, y te has dado cuenta de que el miedo paraliza: no te deja avanzar, incluso te ciega y no te permite ver. Muchas veces, las causas del miedo son falsas y solo sirven para amedrentar a la persona y dejarla sin esperanza. El miedo también nos quita la paz y nos impide hacer planes para el futuro. El Papa León XIV afirma que: "Cuanto más hermoso es el plan, mayor es la esperanza", sabiendo que "el futuro está en manos de Aquel que ofrece la mayor esperanza". El santo cardenal John Henry Newman, canonizado por el Papa Francisco en octubre de 2019, escribió lo siguiente: "A través de las tinieblas que me rodean, condúceme tú, siempre más adelante. La noche es oscura y estoy lejos del hogar: condúceme tú, siempre más adelante. Guía mis pasos; un solo paso cada vez es bastante para mí. Deseaba escoger y ver mi camino, pero ahora, condúceme tú, siempre adelante".

El pasaje del Evangelio que nos narra lo sucedido a los discípulos en el lago, aquella noche, es muy parecido a lo que vivimos en el día a día de nuestra vida. La barca era golpeada por las olas y el viento era fuerte. En medio de todos esos acontecimientos aparece

Jesús caminando sobre las aguas, y ellos, asustados, creen ver un fantasma. El miedo los paraliza y gritan aterrados. Enseguida, Jesús les dice: "Ánimo, no teman, que soy yo" (Mateo 14:27). ¡Señor, nos falta fe como a Pedro! Danos tu mano y sálvanos. ©LPI

LIVE THE LITURGY

In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us — and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

En medio de las mayores tormentas de la vida, Jesús viene a nosotros, pero puede que no le reconozcamos. Podemos ponerlo a prueba. Al hacerlo, Él nos pondrá a prueba — y probablemente, fracasaremos. Pero cuando flaqueamos, su mano salvadora está ahí. ©LP

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Looking for God

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us?

The first thing the Apostles scream is "Ghost!" when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

"Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck," reads Psalm 69. "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? "Save me, God." Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

It's never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched. ©LPI



PRACTICANDO CATOLICISMO RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Buscando a Dios

¿Qué pensamos cuando vemos a Jesús venir a salvarnos?

Lo primero que gritan los Apóstoles es "¡Fantasma!" cuando ven a Jesús caminando hacia ellos sobre el agua. Eso siempre me hace reír. Después de todo lo que han presenciado hasta ahora como compañeros del Mesías, ven a alguien caminando sobre el agua y aun así reaccionan como extras en un mal episodio de Scooby-Doo.

Siempre somos más rápidos en creer algo malo que en algo bueno. Podemos creer fácilmente los chismes y los rumores sobre un amigo, pero tememos que nos tomen por tontos cuando se trata de fe. Preferimos parecer cínicos que tontos.

"Sálvame, Dios, porque las aguas han llegado a mi cuello", dice el Salmo 69. "Mis ojos fallan de buscar a mi Dios."

Pienso en mi vida, en todas las formas en que Dios me ha salvado de deslizarme bajo la superficie. Rara vez se me ocurría, en medio de todo eso, que me estaban rescatando. De hecho, normalmente pensaba que me estaban reteniendo bajo el agua. ¿Oí Su voz guiándome, o solo escuché mi propia desesperación? "Sálvame, Dios." ¿Le estaba buscando o tenía los ojos cerrados por el miedo? "Mis ojos fallan de buscar a mi Dios."

Es hasta después de los hechos — a veces años después, o décadas — cuando vemos las cosas con claridad. Que veamos a Cristo en la situación, acercándose a nosotros, con la mano extendida.

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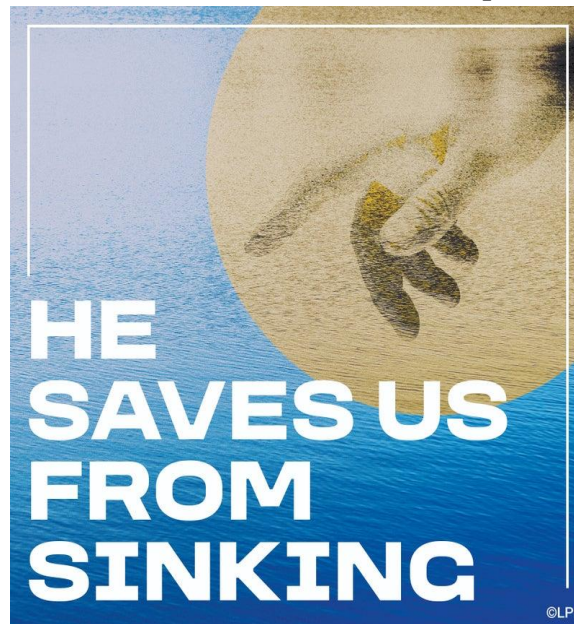
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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Jesus Is Light of the World

Why do we call Jesus “the light of the world”? In cultures around the world, light and darkness are chief symbols of good and evil, order and chaos, clarity and confusion, hope and despair. These symbols tap into something essential about the nature of things. God has given us the created world as a gift. His first work, as we see in Genesis 1, is to create light, giving meaning and insight to the abyss. It is in the light that the rest of creation comes to be. A gathering darkness emerges in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve hide, shrouding themselves from the sun’s rays and the gaze of God. While God offers a promise of salvation and establishes a covenant with His people, the sense of fog and dim understanding still remains. The Hebrew people repeatedly betray the promises they have made to God, and all around them the nations actively worship idols.

The promise of God is not in vain, however. In John 1, we see a depiction of Christ as primordial goodness, order, clarity, and hope. “The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world ... this life was the light of the human race” (John 1: 9, 4). Think of the last sunrise you witnessed (if you could wake up for it!). As you watched the lavender brighten to rose edged with gold, did your heart swell? Did you recall the goodness of the world? Did you feel rekindled hope? Such is the role of Christ in the soul. Such is his coming Incarnate in our world. ©LPI



¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Jesús es la Luz del Mundo

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

Elijah finds the Lord not in the wind, earthquake or fire, but in a light, silent sound. When or where do you hear God's voice?

2nd Reading

Paul grieves over the unbelief of his fellow Jews. How can you help family members or friends who do not believe in Jesus?

Gospel Reading

Peter musters the courage to step out onto the water when Jesus calls him. What are some fears the Lord could help you face? ©LPI

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

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura

Elías encuentra al Señor no en el viento, el terremoto o el fuego, sino en un sonido ligero y silencioso. ¿Cuándo o dónde oyes la voz de Dios?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura

Pablo lamenta la incredulidad de sus compañeros judíos. ¿Cómo puedes ayudar a familiares o amigos que no creen en Jesús?

Pregunta del Evangelio

Pedro reúne el valor para salir al agua cuando Jesús le llama. ¿Cuáles son algunos temores que el Señor podría ayudarte a enfrentar?

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection for August 16 of 2026 will be for our brothers and sisters from. Venezuela Thank you for your support!!

SEGUNDA COLLECTA

La Segunda collecta del día 16 de agosto del 2026 será para nuestros hermanos en Venezuela¡¡Gracias por su apoyo!!

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer in Faith in Trial

Dear God,

In this time of difficulty, be with me. When I don't feel Your presence or hear Your voice, sustain me. When I don't see the path ahead, guide me. When I don't know the next step, support me. In every day and in every moment, be my strength. Amen.

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ORACIÓN – PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODOS

Bendición de la Provisión de Dios

Oración en la Fe en la Prueba

Querido Dios,

En estos momentos difíciles, acompáñame.

Cuando no sienta Tu presencia ni escuche Tu voz, sostenme.

Cuando no vea el camino que tengo delante, guíame.

Cuando no sepa cuál es el siguiente paso, apóyame.

En cada día y en cada momento, sé mi fortaleza.

Amén.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE VELA DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENT

This week the Blessed Sacrament perpetual candle is lit in honor of:

Esta semana la vela perpetua al Santísimo estará encendida en honor de:

**Ramon & Maria
Sariñana**



Month of May 2026
Fiscal Year Beginning July 2025

Income		May 31, 2026	Fiscal Year 25-26
	Sunday & Holiday Collections	\$31,551.55	\$361,328.10
	Building Fund	\$6,653.26	\$68,472.51
	Other Contributions		\$993.00
	Fees	\$260.00	\$2,075.00
	Projects	\$1,188.12	\$26,193.10
	Religious Education	\$90.00	\$12,845.00
	Total Income	\$39,742.93	\$471,906.71
Expenses	Admin, Salaries, Supplies, etc	\$21,694.09	\$255,500.31
	Plant and Maintenance	\$7,821.49	\$110,178.88
	Religious Education	\$2,640.32	\$43,094.28
	Liturgical	\$3,011.00	\$33,862.72
	Total Expenses	\$35,166.90	\$442,636.19
Income -Expense		\$4,576.03	\$29,270.52

Notes:

This Report Reflects parish Income and Expenses. The First column of amounts is for May 2026; the second column is for our Fiscal Year which begin July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2026

Month of June 2026
Fiscal Year Beginning July 2025

Income		June 30, 2026	Fiscal Year 25-26
	Sunday & Holiday Collections	\$35,606.70	\$396,934.80
	Building Fund	\$7,326.50	\$75,799.01
	Other Contributions	\$380.00	\$1,373.00
	Fees	\$190.00	\$2,265.00
	Projects	\$291.25	\$26,484.35
	Religious Education	\$1,335.00	\$14,180.00
	Total Income	\$45,129.45	\$517,036.16
Expenses	Admin, Salaries, Supplies, etc	\$22,002.32	\$277,502.63
	Plant and Maintenance	\$8,273.85	\$118,452.73
	Religious Education	\$3,318.81	\$46,413.09
	Liturgical	\$2,653.48	\$36,516.20
	Total Expenses	\$36,248.46	\$478,884.65
Income -Expense		\$8,880.99	\$38,151.51

Notes:

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This Week

Monday; August 10

6:30 pm Catechist Meeting (Guadalupe Room)

Wednesday; August 12

10:00 am Bereavement Ministry Meeting

5:30 pm Women's Retreat Team (Guadalupe Room)

Thursday; August 13

6:00 pm Movie Night – Marcelino Pan y Vino (Parish Hall)

Saturday; August 15

9:00 am Marriage Prep Team Meeting

9:30 am Baptism Liturgy by Deacon Corella

Sunday; August 16

10:00 am Religious Formation Classes Begin

OBSERVANCES/ CONMEMORACIONES

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Clare, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Thursday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Friday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Saturday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SUNDAY READINGS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

First Reading (1 Kgs 19:11)

Then the LORD said to him,
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;
the LORD will be passing by."

El Señor le dijo: "Sal de la cueva y quédate en el monte
para ver al Señor, porque el Señor va a pasar

Psalm (Ps 85)

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
Muestranos, Señor, tu misericordia

Second Reading (Rom 9-1)

I speak the truth in Christ; I do not lie;
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit
in bearing me witness.

Les hablo con toda la verdad en Cristo; no miento. Mi
conciencia me atestigua, con la luz del Espíritu Santo.

Gospel: (Mt 14:31)

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter,
and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Inmediatamente Jesús le tendió la mano, lo sostuvo y le
dijo: "Hombre de poca fe, ¿porque dudaste?"

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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 09 2026 READINGS/ LECTURAS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-3

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-1

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



Saturday, August 08

4:00pm +Ramon Enriquez Sr. by Daughters
+Eve Barron by Grant Family
+James Matthew Sierra 11th Anniversary
+David Lara by Wife

Sunday, August 09

8:30am +Luis Morales Sr. by Gilbert & Irene Martinez
+Gilberto Martinez by Gilbert & Irene Martinez
+Maggie Enriquez by Gilbert & Irene Martinez
+Margie Ann Chavez by husband
Respect for life by Grace Martinez
10:00am +Aaron Colmenero by Martha & Juan Colmenero
+Esperanza Moreno by Sons
+Anastasio Flores
+For all the deceased members of the Flores Family
Kennedy & Hinojosa Fathers by Family

12:00pm For the Parishioners

Monday, August 10

5:30pm

Tuesday, August 11

5:30pm +Jose De Jesus Costa by Maria Costa
Roberto Apodaca Bday by Parents
Thanksgiving by Gloria Hernandez

Wednesday, August 12

5:30pm +Margie Ann Chavez by Husband

Thursday, August 13

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

Friday; August 14

5:30pm +Jorge Portillo by Rosa Portillo

UN SOLO CORAZÓN Y UNA SOLA ALMA

RETRO DE PAREJAS

SABADO

19 DE
SEPTIEMBRE

"Asique yo no son dos, sino
uno sola carne. Portanto, lo
que Dios ha unido, que no lo
separe el hombre".

Mateo 19, 6"

- Dinamicas
- Enseñanza
- Oración

Horario

9:00 am a 5:00 pm

\$40

Costo por
pareja

Alimentacion incluida



Para más información

Lugar

Inscripciones abiertas

915 - 592 - 1313

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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. 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

MOVIE NIGHT

Date: Thursday, August 13

Time: 6:00 pm

We hope to see you there!

