

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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory,
and then he will repay all according to his conduct." - Mt 16:26-27

22° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Porque el Hijo del hombre ha de venir rodeado de la gloria de su
Padre, en compañía de sus ángeles, y entonces le dará a cada uno
lo que merecen sus obras". - Mt 16, 26-27

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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 16:21-27

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan."

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear. — Father John Muir ©LPI

LIVE THE LITURGY

Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other — it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose? ©LPI

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

Mateo 16:21-27

El seguimiento de Cristo implica también llevar la cruz. Y no se refiere a esas hermosas cruces de oro fino que llevamos en el cuello. Se trata de otro tipo de cruz: la cruz de cada día, en la familia, en el hospital, en la cárcel, en la lucha por los derechos de los inmigrantes y al dar voz a quienes no pueden defenderse, por mencionar solo algunos ejemplos. El discípulo que sigue al Maestro le entrega su vida sin reservas; es decir, se niega a sí mismo para ayudar a otros. No se echa hacia atrás ante las dificultades, sino que las afronta con fe y confianza. Sigue las enseñanzas de Jesús con entereza y esperanza.

"La vida entera de Cristo fue una continua enseñanza: su silencio, sus milagros, sus gestos, su oración, su amor al hombre, su predilección por los pequeños y los pobres, la aceptación total del sacrificio en la cruz por la salvación del mundo y su resurrección son la actuación de su palabra y el cumplimiento de la revelación" (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, n. 561). "Fuera de la cruz no hay otra escala por donde subir al cielo" (Santa Rosa de Lima, cf. P. Hansen, *Vita mirabilis*, Lovaina, 1668). Según mi estilo de vida, ¿qué significa tomar mi cruz y seguir a Jesús? Porque, el peligro es el que nos advierte el Evangelio: "¿De qué le sirve al hombre ganar el mundo entero si se pierde a sí mismo? ¿Qué podrá dar para rescatarse?" (Mateo 16:26). ¡Señor, dame la alegría de seguirte! ©LPI

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

Mucha gente se siente atraída por Jesús. Curiosos por él. Inspirados por él. ¿Pero pueden llevar la cruz? Hoy, Jesús nos dice que no podemos tener uno sin el otro — es Cristo y la cruz, o nada en absoluto. ¿Cuál elegiremos?

PRACTICING CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

To Carry the Cross

Carry the cross? Absolutely. I'm happy to! Hand it over. Here's the thing: I just might...set it down for a second, from time to time. That's okay, right?

How else am I supposed to have both hands free to gesture in anger? I can't do that if I'm carrying the cross. Well, fine, then let me just shift its weight, so I can catch my breath and say what I think about this person who's got it all wrong — I'll just lean it against the wall here. No? Okay, fine, I won't put it down! I'll keep holding it. That's better, actually. Then I can use it as a weapon. What? Am I doing this "Christian" thing wrong?

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it," Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. "But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

This is not an affirmation of the paradox that if you no longer care about something, you can finally have it once and for all. It's not a judgment about the worthlessness of life in this fallen world or the futility of trying to preserve that life.

It's merely a statement about priorities.

When Peter says, "God forbid!" at the thought of suffering, God is not his priority. His own safety is.

When I say, "God forbid!" at anything that comes from the mouth of God, it's a reminder to look at my hands — because they've probably put down the cross.

How merciful is our Lord — he never takes my cross from me, even when I walk far away from it. He always lets me pick it back up. In his dear and sweet goodness, he even helps me lift its weight. And he gestures, in case I've forgotten: "This way. Follow me." ©LPI

PRACTICANDO CATOLICISMO RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Llevar la Cruz

¿Llevar la cruz? Por supuesto. ¡Encantada! Entrégamela. Mira, la cuestión es: Que pueda que...la deje un segundo, de vez en cuando. Está bien, ¿no?

¿Si no cómo se supone que tenga las dos manos libres para hacer gestos con enfado? No puedo hacer eso si llevo la cruz. Bueno, esta bien, entonces déjame cambiar su peso para poder recuperar el aliento y decir lo que pienso de esta persona que está equivocada — la apoyaré contra la pared. ¿No? Bueno, está bien, ¡no la bajare! Seguiré sosteniéndola. Eso está mejor, en realidad. Entonces puedo usarla como arma.

¿Qué? ¿Estoy haciendo mal esto de ser "cristiana"?

"Quien desee salvar su vida la perderá", nos dice Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy. "Pero quien pierda su vida por mí la encontrará."

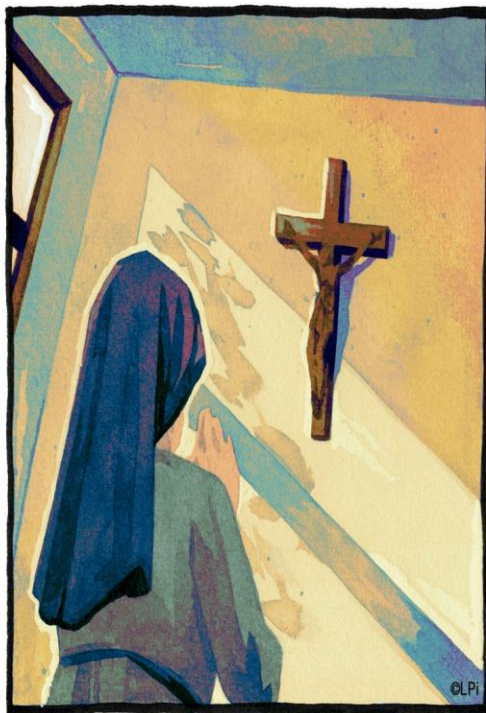
Esto no es una afirmación de la paradoja de que, si algo ya no te importa, por fin puedes tenerlo de una vez por todas. No es un juicio sobre la inutilidad de la vida en este mundo caído ni sobre la inutilidad de intentar preservar esa vida.

Es simplemente una declaración sobre prioridades.

Cuando Pedro dice: "¡Dios no lo quiera!" ante la idea del sufrimiento, Dios no es su prioridad. Su propia seguridad lo es.

Cuando digo, "¡Dios no lo quiera!" ante cualquier cosa que salga de la boca de Dios, es un recordatorio de mirar mis manos — porque probablemente han dejado la cruz.

Qué misericordioso es nuestro Señor — nunca me quita mi cruz, ni siquiera cuando me alejo mucho de ella. Siempre me deja retomarla. En su dulce y querida bondad, incluso me ayuda a levantar su peso. Y hace un gesto, por si se me olvida: "Por aquí. Sígueme." ©LPI



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Priest Vestments

Why do priests wear vestments? Do they have a special meaning?

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ. ©LPi



¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Vestimentas Sacerdotales

¿Por qué los sacerdotes llevan vestimentas? ¿Tienen un significado especial?

Las vestimentas son prendas que se usan para un propósito específico. Los sacerdotes bromean diciendo que cubren mil defectos. Pero nuestra propia forma de vestir suele corresponder a lo que hacemos. Nos vestimos para ocasiones especiales y para invitados especiales. Llevamos cierta ropa para el golf, para actividades al aire libre, y hace años incluso teníamos nuestra ropa "mejor de domingo" que llevábamos solo para la iglesia. Las vestimentas son muy parecidas, y cada una tiene un significado. El alba es un recuerdo de la vestimenta bautismal. La estola es un símbolo del ministerio ordenado y la autoridad dentro de la Iglesia. La casulla nos recuerda que estamos en una peregrinación de fe, atravesando esta vida hacia el cielo.

Los sacerdotes llevan vestimentas por dos razones básicas. Primero, llaman la atención sobre la importancia y solemnidad del acto de adoración. El color de las vestimentas indica la estación del año o la fiesta que se celebra. En segundo lugar, las vestimentas llaman la atención sobre lo que hace el sacerdote, más que sobre quién es. En la celebración de la Misa, el foco está en lo que hacemos juntos, en nuestra unidad común y en el misterio y la persona de Cristo. ©LPi



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

1st Reading

Jeremiah wrestles with an inner struggle to proclaim the word of the Lord that comes to him. Who helps you work through distress or anxiety?

2nd Reading

Paul challenges believers not to conform to the present age but be transformed by the renewal of their minds. What in our "present age" needs to be avoided?

Gospel Reading

Peter does not want to accept Jesus' destiny as the Messiah who suffers greatly and dies. How do you process difficult news or information? ©LPI

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

Pregunta de la 1ª Lectura

Jeremías contienda con una lucha interna para proclamar la palabra del Señor que le llega. ¿Quién te ayuda a superar la angustia o la ansiedad?

Pregunta de la 2ª Lectura

Pablo desafía a los creyentes a no conformarse con la época presente, sino a transformarse con la renovación de sus mentes. ¿Qué hay que evitar en nuestra "época actual"?

Pregunta del Evangelio

Pedro no quiere aceptar el destino de Jesús como el Mesías que sufre mucho y muere. ¿Cómo procesas noticias o información difícil? ©LPI



PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer for Vocations

Dear God,

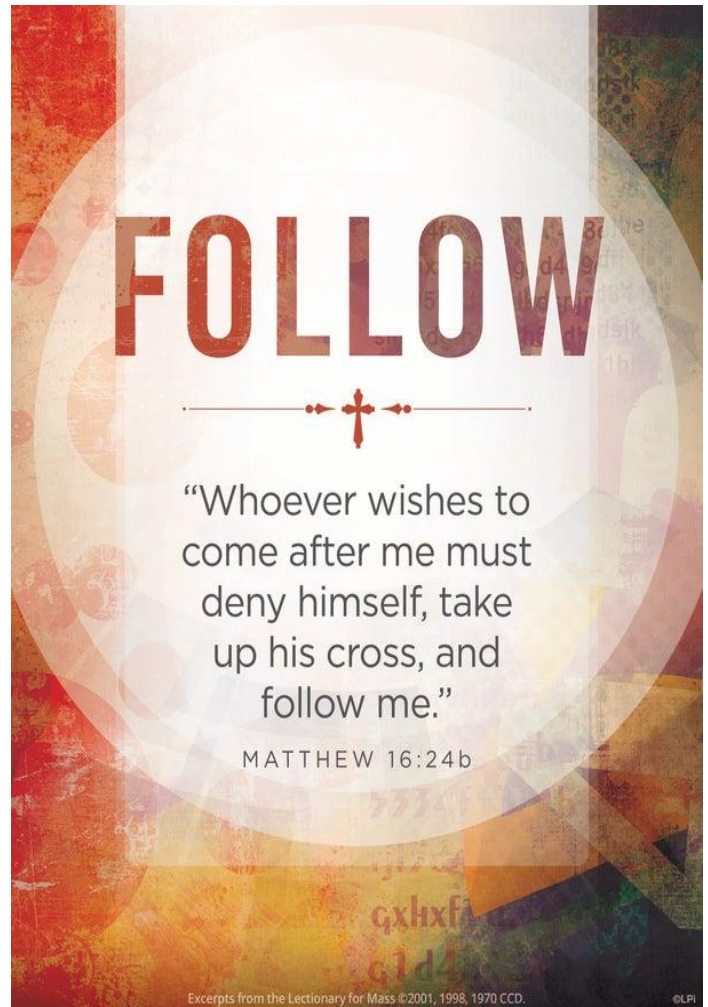
Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call! Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever closer to You. Amen. ©LPI

ORACIÓN – PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODOS

Oración por las Vocaciones

Querido mío,

¡Danos el valor y la fuerza para responder cuando Tú llames! Danos claridad y confianza para escuchar tus suaves invitaciones. Danos el amor para responder y el valor para dar los pasos que nos acerquen cada vez más a Ti. Amén. ©LPI



EL PASO CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

LORD, POUR OUT YOUR SPIRIT! Joel, 3

Friday, Oct 9, 7pm-10pm
Saturday, Oct 10, 9am-10pm

Region XIX Head Start Ctr, 11670 Chito Samaniego
Testimonies, Teaching, Mass and Healing Service
Prayer and Praise with Music by ZION!

Mrs. Andi Oney of Hope and Purpose Ministries
Fr. Wilbert Colas and Bishop Mark Seitz

Tickets: \$35, \$60 per couple
At Open Arms, 8210 N. Loop
Call 915-217-0853 to reserve with credit card
Also available at Holy Spirit Christian Store,
Madonna Shop

CONFERENCIA CARISMATICA CATOLICA DE EL PASO

¡SEÑOR, DERRAMA TU tu Espíritu! (Joel 3)

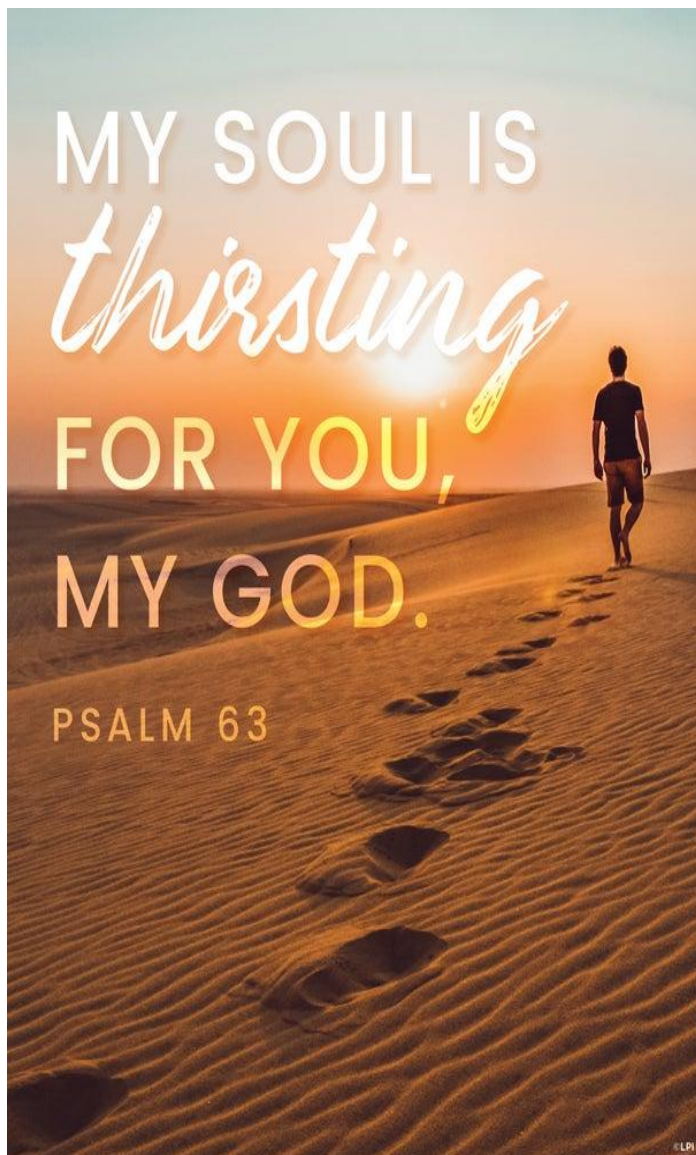
Viernes 9 de octubre, de 7:00 p. m. a 10:00 p. m.
Sábado 10 de octubre, de 9:00 a. m. a 10:00 p. m.

Centro Region XIX Head Start, 11670 Chito Samaniego
Testimonios, enseñanza, Santa Misa y servicio de sanación

Oración y alabanza con música a cargo de ZION

Sra. Andi Oney (Hope and Purpose Ministries)
P. Wilbert Colas y Obispo Mark Seitz

Entradas: \$35; \$60 por pareja
A la venta en Open Arms, 8210 N. Loop
Llame al 915-217-0853 para reservar con tarjeta de crédito
También disponibles en Holy Spirit Christian Store y Madonna Shop



BLESSED SACRAMENT CANDLE VELA DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENT

This week the Blessed Sacrament perpetual candle is lit in prayers for:

Esta semana la vela perpetua al Santísimo se enciende en oración por:

**OUR COUNTRY'S
HEALTH/
LA SALUD DE
NUESTRO PAÍS**



This Week

Sunday, August 2

10:00am Confirmation Virtus Class (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, September 01

11:30am +Javier Diaz Funeral Mass

6:30pm Liturgy Meeting

Wednesday, September 02

5:30pm Women's Retreat Leadership Meeting (Vatican II)

6:00pm ESPERE (Guadalupe Room)

Saturday, September 05

9:00am Baptism Class
SVP

OBSERVANCES/ CONMEMORACIONES

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church

SUNDAY READINGS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

First Reading (Jer 20:9)

I say to myself, I will not mention him,
I will speak in his name no more.
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

He llegado a decirme: "Ya no me acordare del Señor ni
hablaré más en su nombre."
Pero había en mí como un fuego ardiente, encerrado en
mis huesos.

Psalms (Ps 63)

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.

Second Reading (Rom 12:1)

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.

Por la misericordia que Dios les ha manifestado, los
exhorto que se ofrezcan ustedes mismos como una
ofrenda viva, santa y agradable a Dios, porque en esto
consiste el verdadero culto.

Gospel: (Mt 16:25)

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Pues el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que
pierda su vida por mí, la encontrará.

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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 30 2026
READINGS/ LECTURAS

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5



Saturday, August 29

4:00pm +Henry Cano by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pedregon
+Maria Cano by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pedregon
+Mary Hernandez by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Pedregon
+Jesus Muro (14th Anniv) by Maria Betts
+Romelia Samaniego by Sal Samaniego

Sunday, August 30

8:30am +Elsa I. Serna by Non Rivera
+Stella Martinez by Richard Martinez
+Sherrie Mc Grane by Joetta Montgomery
+Felix Apodaca (51st Wedd Anniv) by Norma Apodaca
+Sofia Rascon Romero (1st Anniv) by Romero Family

10:00am For the Parishioners

12:00pm +Maria Montoya (56th Anniv) Cruz Montoya
+Jesus & +Enriqueta Tarango by Perez Family
Felisa Perez (Happy Birthday) by Perez Family
Nita Nava, Healing by Comadre Ida Briones

Monday, August 31

5:30pm

Tuesday, September 01

5:30pm

Wednesday, September 02

5:30pm Molly Garcia (70th B-day) by Norma Apodaca

Thursday, September 03

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

Friday, September 04

5:30pm



REMEMBER
in your prayers

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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/dioceseofelpaso> 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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