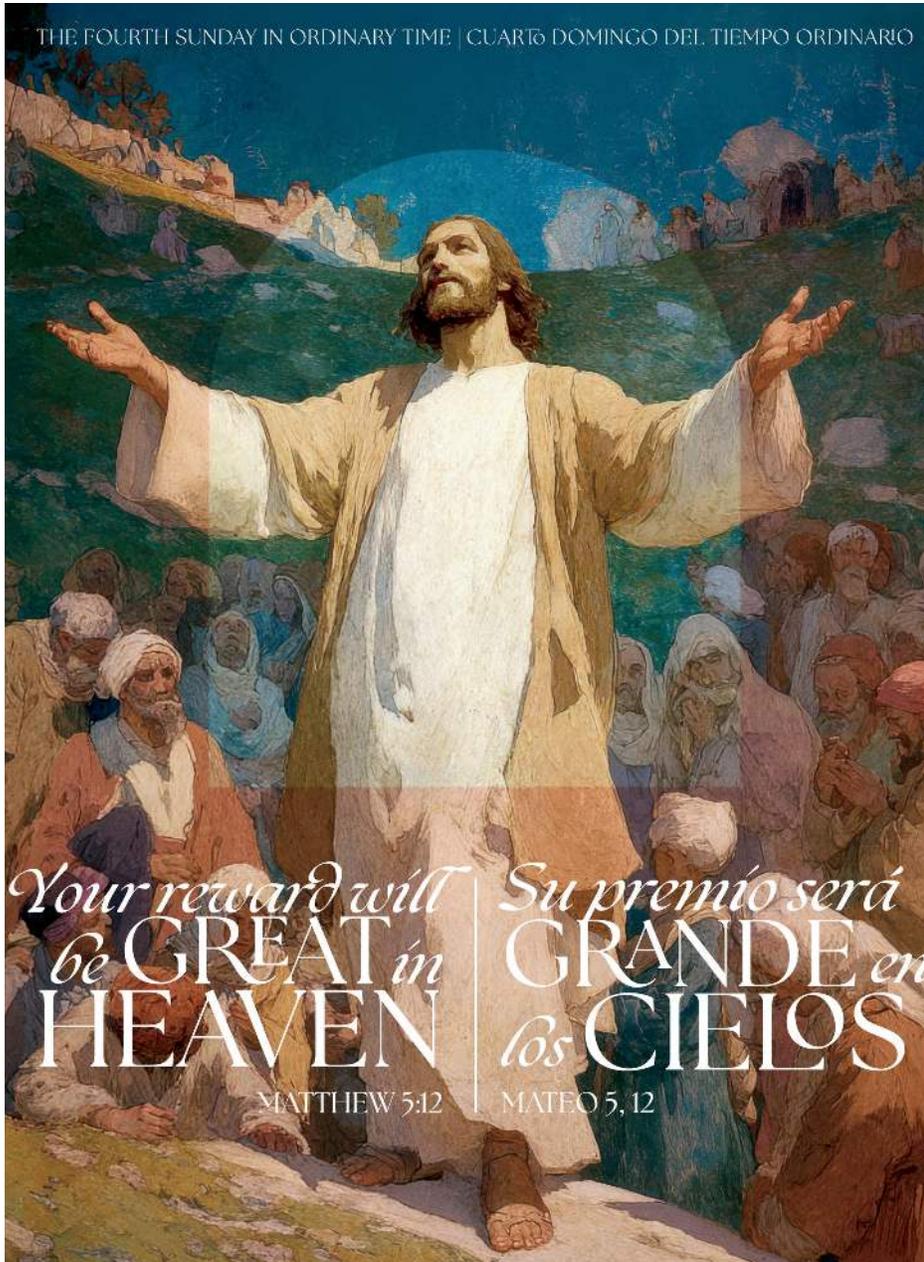


# ST. MATTHEW

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 1, 2026

**Blessed are the humble of the earth; blessed are the poor in spirit. These are the ones God has chosen to confound the strong of this world.**



### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish)  
Sunday 7:45 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Saturday | 8:00 am

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:00 pm - 3:50 pm or by appointment

#### ROSARY

Monday - Friday after 8:00 am Masses

#### ADORATION / ADORACION

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration** in English at 8:30 am  
Spanish 6:00 pm followed by 7:00 pm Mass

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month**

6:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration followed by Mass for the sick at 7:00 pm.

Primer Viernes de cada mes, comenzamos a las 6:00 pm con la Adoracion al Santisimo seguido de la Coronilla y Misa al Sagrado Corazon de Jesus 7:00 pm.

### OUR CLERGY

**Rev. Leonard Dim, Pastor**  
**Rev. Valentine Umoh, Parochial Vicar**  
**Msgr. Thomas Skindeleski**  
**Deacon Andy Plucinski**  
**Deacon George White**  
**Deacon Dony Antony**  
**Deacon Drew Navarro**

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## OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M., 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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Program	Coordinator	Language	Date	Hour	Location
Adult Choir	Eric Keiper	English	Every other Thursday	6:45-8:00 P.M.	
Council of Catholic Women	Joanne Capasso	English	2nd Saturday of every month	8:30 A.M.	Parish Center
Grief Share Support Group	Joanne Capasso	English	Wednesday	10:00-12:Noon	Parish Center
Loving Hands Crocheting &	Joyce Costello	English	Tuesday	10:00 A.M.	Parish Center
Baptismal Registration	Consuelo	English/Spanish	Monday to Friday	8:00 AM-12:Noon 1:00 P.M.-4:00	Parish Office
Baptism Classes	Deacon Dony	English	By Appointment	Call the Office	
Baptism Classes	Ivan & Alexandra Munoz Martin	Spanish	Por Cita	Call the Office	
OCIA	Natalia Brugal	Spanish	Jueves	7:00 P.M.	Clase
Liturgia de la Hora	Dr. Felix Rodriguez	Spanish	Jueves	6:00 P.M.	
OCIA	Fr. Valentine Jamie Wooley	English	Sunday 8/24/25 to 4/5/2026	6:00 P.M.	Office conference room
Bible Study	Fr. Valentine Umoh	English	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	TBA
Feeding the Hungry	Biddy Labutka	English/Spanish	Monday	8:00 A.M.	Parish Center & Kitchen
Knights of Columbus	Paul Turner	English	2nd Monday of every month	7:30 P.M.	Parish Center
Legion of Mary	Valencia M. Delva	French	Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Legion of Mary
Legión de Maria	Dania Fernandez	Spanish	Jueves	7:00 P.M.	Salón Parroquial
Grupo de Oracion	Feliciano	Spanish	Miercoles	7:00 P.M.	En el Templo
Children Choir	Clare Ramos	English	Saturday	9:00 A.M.	Classroom 1
Spanish Choir	Alex & Nora Tacoa	Spanish	2		

## Mass Intentions for the Week of:

Feb. 1-8, 2026

\*RIP Rest in Peace - \* S/I Special Intentions

All intentions will only have the first and last names of the person for whom the Mass is offered.

### Mon, Feb. 2

8:00 A.M. RIP/ Antonet Stachkunas  
S/I Barry Stamey

### TUE, Feb. 3

8:00 A.M. RIP/ Monina Perez  
RIP/ Cathryn White

### WED, FEB. 4

8:00 A.M. RIP/ Richard Buttafuoco  
S/I Alberto Ruiz

### THUR, Feb. 5

8:00 A.M. RIP/ Robert Leary  
RIP/ Richard Hoatling

### FRI, Feb. 6

8:00 A.M. S/I Jeannie Lopez  
S/I Annabelle Bonnet  
7:00 P.M. RIP/ Por el eterno descanso de  
Jose Lopez.  
S/I Por mis hijos y nietos

### SAT, Feb. 7

8:00 A.M. S/I Evelyn Santiestevan  
S/I Lisa & Ted Vargas  
4:00 P.M. RIP/ Larry Gallagher  
RIP/ Ann Kuzmech  
RIP/ Mallone Family  
7:00 P.M. S/I Felipe Lopez  
RIP/ Enrique Tacoa

### SUN, Feb. 8

7:45 A.M. RIP/ Marshall Weissend  
RIP/ Martin Andrews  
9:00 A.M. S/I Diani Santoro  
S/I Sister Antoinette Jasques  
10:30 A.M. RIP/ Ruben Pagan  
RIP/ Maria del Carmen Geldres  
RIP/ Milagros Cuevas  
12:00 Noon RIP/ Arthur Benson  
RIP/ Raul Sanchez



## Knights of Columbus

Silver Rose  
Prayer Service



Rosary for the protection of the Sanctity of life  
to Our Lady of Guadalupe

At: St. Matthew Catholic Church

On: Monday, February 23, 2026

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Contact: Ray Abair or Felix A. Rodriguez  
(leave message at Parish Office)

**READING I**  
**ZEPHANIAH 2:3; 3:12 -13**

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth,  
who have observed his law;  
seek justice, seek humility;  
perhaps you may be sheltered  
on the day of the LORD's anger.  
But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a  
people humble and lowly,  
who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD:  
the remnant of Israel.  
They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor  
shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful  
tongue; they shall pasture and couch their  
flocks with none to disturb them.

**READING II**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31**

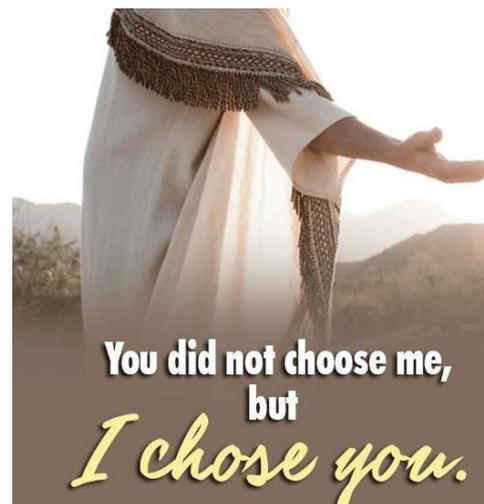
Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters.  
Not many of you were wise by human standards,  
not many were powerful, not many were of  
noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the  
world to shame the wise,  
and God chose the weak of the world to shame  
the strong, and God chose the lowly and  
despised of the world,  
those who count for nothing,  
to reduce to nothing those who are something,  
so that no human being might boast before God.  
It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus,  
who became for us wisdom from God,  
as well as RIGHTEOUSNESS, SANCTIFICATION,  
and redemption,  
so that, as it is written,  
"Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."



**GOSPEL**  
**MATTHEW 5:1-12A**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the  
mountain, and after he had sat down, his  
disciples came to him. He began to teach them,  
saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the  
land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed  
are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God. Blessed are the  
peacemakers, for they will be called children of  
God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for  
the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they  
insult you and persecute you and utter every  
kind of evil against you falsely because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great  
in heaven."

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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on **February 13** and **February 27**, at **6:00PM**.  
Come spend quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and rest in the presence  
of our Lord.

## **Msgr. Tom's Musings: OUR CATHOLIC V.P. PROMOTES HUMAN LIFE**

Addressing thousands of marchers gathered for the 53rd Annual March for Life on January 23, Vice President JD Vance spoke on the miracle of human life and encouraged pro-lifers to continue building a culture that protects it. He repeatedly expressed gratitude — for his family, for the pro-life movement, and for the dedicated marchers who turned out despite the cold. The Vice President, a rather recent convert to Catholicism, described the movement as one rooted in hope and joy, pointing to the composition of the numerous people who were attending this march. He said the current administration stands firmly with the pro-life movement, recognizing both the moral stakes of the cause and the sacrifices made by those who have sustained it for decades.

Throughout his remarks, Vance returned repeatedly to the theme of this year's march — that life is a gift. He boldly remarked: "I'm grateful for this movement, for the truth that is on our side," and he rejected modern cultural narratives that portray marriage and children as burdens or obstacles to freedom, calling such ideas a distortion of reality.

"Family life and sacrifice are not just the source of a great joy, but part of God's design for men and women — a design that extends outward from the family to our neighborhoods, to our communities, and to the United States of America itself."

Also, the Vice President placed the abortion debate in a broader historical context, arguing that when a society treats children as disposable, it ultimately reveals a civilization's moral decline. "The March for Life is not just about a political issue. As important as all this politics stuff is, it is about whether we will remain a civilization under God, or whether we ultimately return to the paganism that dominated the past." Cultures that normalize the killing of children mark a return to paganism rather than progress. "The mark of barbarism is that we treat babies like inconveniences to be discarded rather than the blessings to cherish that they are." Reflecting on the Supreme Court's 2022 decision in *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health*, he opined it "put a definitive end to the tyranny of judicial rule on the question of human life." With that legal battle settled, the focus has shifted to persuading fellow citizens that we must build up that culture of life.

Vance also outlined pro-life policy actions taken by the administration, such as ending prosecutions tied to prayer outside abortion facilities, restoring conscience protections for healthcare workers, defending faith-based adoption, and new efforts reinstating bans to block U.S. funding for foreign organizations that promote abortion or "radical gender ideologies," and the decision by the administration to launch investigations into Planned Parenthood affiliates' loan fraud of millions of dollars that were unlawfully received. "If we want to convince more Americans to choose life, we must also choose policies that make family life possible." A society that claims to value life, he argued, must remove the economic pressures that discourage marriage, parenthood, and stable family life. "We want Americans — every American — from all walks of life, to have happy, healthy children".... "We want them to raise those kids with confidence that their kids are going to do well and grow up in safety and prosperity."

Acknowledging frustrations among some who are concerned that progress has been too slow, the Vice President urged the marchers to reflect on how far recently the movement has come. "Take heart...., but don't lose sight of why we march! So long as you are out there marching for life, I hope you know that the Vice President of the United States will march with you. God bless you all!"

# Grieving the death of a spouse?

*Or do you know someone who is?*

Date: Saturday, January 31, 2026

Time: 10am - 12Noon

Place: St. Matthew Church Center

Doors open at 9:30am for registration and light refreshments.

Hope you can join us!

Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.

**Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.**

GRIEF SHARE

# LOSS OF A SPOUSE



## **February, 2026**

Fish Fry -Feb 20 thru March 27

## **March, 2026**

21 - Spanish Lenten Retreat

## **April, 2026**

2,3,4 - Pascual Tridium

4th Easter Egg Hunt

17 - Rock and Roll Party

## **May, 2026**

9- First Communion

10- Mother's Day

31- Confirmation

## **June, 2026**

7- Corpus Christi

21- Father's Day

## **August 2026**

15- Women Retreat (Spanish)

## **September, 2026**

20 - Parish Picnic

## **October 2026**

4- Blessing of the Animals

## **November 2026**

14- Craft and Tag Sale

19-Our Lady of Guadalupe

25- Blessing of the Food

## **December 2026**

5- Advent women Retreat

12 -Our Lady of Guadalupe 5:A.M

12- Our Lady of Guadalupe 7: P.M.

19-Christmas Festival

20- Handle Messiah

# ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart, in choosing to do wrong and failing to do good. I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy

## CCD Schedule for January/February

First Reconciliation – Second-Year First Holy Communion Students  
JUN 17 Saturday, February 28, 2026  
🕒 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

First-Year Confirmation Retreat  
JUL 17 Saturday, March 17, 2026  
🕒 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Sunday	February 1, 8, 22
Monday	February 2, 9, 23
Tuesday	February 3, 10, 24
Wednesday	February 4, 11, 25

No classes – **February 15 - 18**

Please keep the children in our CCD program in your prayers, especially those who will be receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion this year.



**Saint John Paul II**, in his apostolic exhortation on the The Role of the Family in the Modern World, urged “**families, become what you are.**” He explained this by saying:

"spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross; they are for one another and for the children **witnesses** to the salvation in which the sacrament makes them sharers. Of this salvation event, marriage, like every sacrament, is a memorial, actuation and prophecy. As a memorial, the sacrament gives them the grace and duty of commemorating the great works of God and of bearing witness to them before their children. As actuation, it gives them the grace and duty of putting into practice in the present, towards each other and their children, the demands of a love which forgives and redeems. As prophecy, it gives them the grace and duty of living and bearing witness to the hope of the future encounter with Christ."

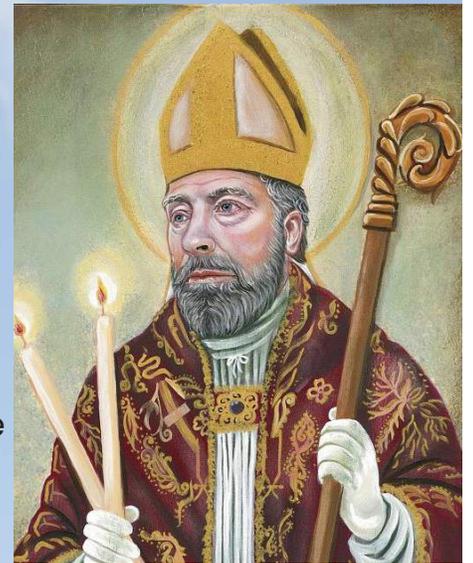


- Saint John Paul II reminds families that they are called not just to exist, but to **live out their true identity in Christ.**
- Marriage is a **living witness** to Christ’s saving love, made visible in daily family life.
- In the home, spouses and parents become the **first teachers of faith** to their children.
- Family life makes God’s love present through **forgiveness, sacrifice, and self-giving love.**
- The Christian family is a sign of **hope**, pointing toward our future encounter with Christ.
- By living their vocation faithfully, families strengthen both the **Church and society.**

# Parroquia San Mateo, Pastoral Hispana

San Blas, Obispo y Mártir

San Blas (o Blaise), obispo de Sebastea en Armenia (actual Sivas, Turquía), es venerado como mártir del siglo IV, probablemente durante la persecución de Licinio alrededor del año 316. Su historia, transmitida principalmente a través de actos legendarios del siglo VIII o posterior, lo presenta como un pastor compasivo que curó enfermos y animales, invocando su intercesión especialmente por dolencias de garganta. Aunque carece de evidencia histórica temprana, la tradición litúrgica de la Iglesia lo honra el 3 de febrero.<sup>1 2 3</sup>



## EL VINEDO DE RAQUEL

Retiro

para sanar el trauma del aborto

el fin de semana de abril 10-12, 2026

para más información

Puede hacer una llamada confidencial a Emily Babilonia

561-254-1728

RETIRO DE CUARESMA

Marzo 21, 2026



# St. Matthew Catholic Church

## Total collection for January 25, 2026

**1st Collection: \$11,225.00**

**2nd Collection: \$7,061.00**

**The second collection on February 1, 2026 is designated for Mortgage Reduction.**

Pancake Breakfast Sponsors:

- February is sponsored in memory of Lou Mango.
- March is sponsored by Dorys Guzman

Thank You!



Coffee and donuts provided by parishioners Dr. Kevin McCaffrey and Dr. Stacey McCaffrey

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**VISIT US INSIDE THE PARISH CENTER!**

**Stop by after Mass and take a look at our new arrivals.**



Every Thursday -in the Parish Center  
Doors open at 5:30 P.M.  
**Games begin 6:30 P.M.**

# Parish Loan Journey: 2023–2025 Overview

**Starting Balance**  
**\$1,505,849**

Loan balance at the beginning of November 2023

**Principal Reduced**  
**\$219,249**

Amount of the original debt already paid down

**Interest Paid**  
**\$102,356**

Total interest paid to date

**Total Paid So Far**  
**\$325,423**

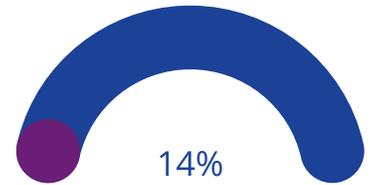
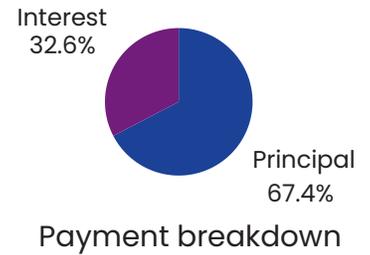
Combined principal and interest from Nov 2023 to Nov 2025

**Remaining Balance**  
**\$1,286,600**

As of December 2025

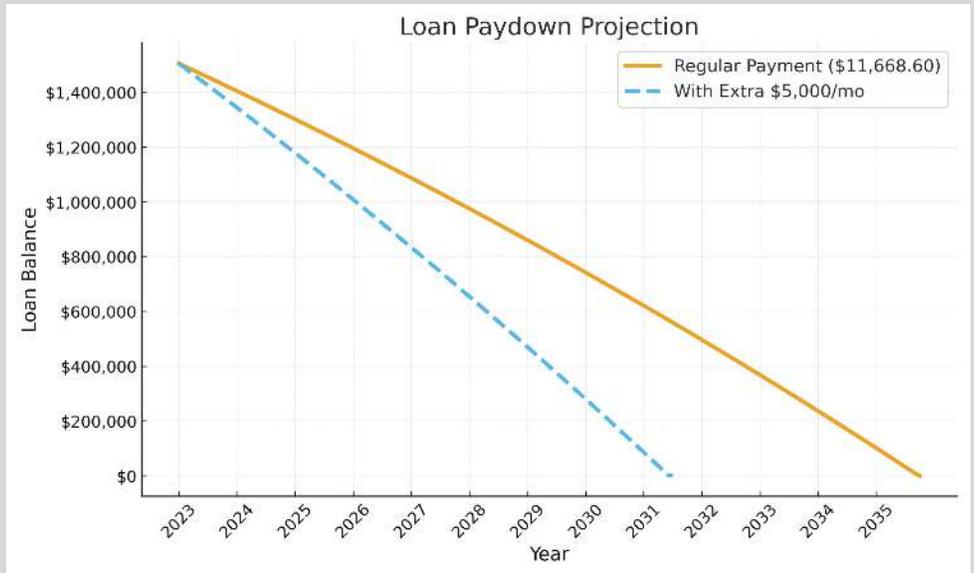
**Projected Payoff**  
**January 2037**

If we continue at the same pace



Percentage of principal paid

Paying only the monthly mortgage of \$11,668.60 means the loan will take about 11 and a half years to be paid off.



Capital Campaign Contributions as of

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Thank you for your continued support in helping us pay down the debt. Fr. Leonard



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