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February 8, 2026

Happy
Valentine's
Day

February 14

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

1st Friday Adoration in English at 8:30 am
Spanish 6:00 pm followed by 7:00 pm Mass

2nd and 4th Friday of the month

6:00 pm, 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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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			

**Mass Intentions for the Week of:
Feb. 8**

***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. 9

8:00 A.M. S/I Matthew Stachkumas
S/I Elizabeth McMenemy

TUE, Feb. 10

8:00 A.M. RIP/ All Souls in Purgatory
RIP/ Janet Marie Strom

WED, FEB. 11

8:00 A.M. S/I Feliciano Figueroa
S/I Kevin Bonnet

THUR, Feb. 12

8:00 A.M. S/I Eleanor Strickland
RIP/ Rock Samson
S/I Georgina Read

FRI, Feb. 13

8:00 A.M. S/I Yolande Jacques & Family
RIP/ Souls in Purgatory
7:00 P.M. S/I Kevin Blandon
S/I Matthew Blandon

SAT, Feb. 14

8:00 A.M. RIP/ Roberto Parilla
RIP/ Maria de Los Angeles
4:00 P.M. RIP/ Frank & Augusta Stiano
RIP/ Edward & Dorothy
RIP/ Frank Nucci
RIP/ Teresa Dinero
7:00 P.M. S/I Felipe Lopez
RIP/ Hector Santis

SUN, Feb. 15

7:45 A.M. RIP/ Theresa Stabile
RIP/ Lillian Corona
9:00 A.M. S/I Diane Santoro
S/I Dennis Bergeron
10:30 A.M. S/I Vinod Family
RIP/ Ortenzio (Sonny) Albanese
S/I Stefanie De Bernardo
12:00 Noon S/I Vanessa Torres Laing



February 17 The Seven Holy Founder of the Servite Order

Feb. 21 Sat Saint Peter Damian Bishop, Doctor of the Church



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. Rodriquez
(leave message at Parish Office)

READING I
Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:
Share your bread with the hungry,
shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe
the naked when you see them, and do not turn
your back on your own. Then your light shall
break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall
quickly be healed; your vindication shall go
before you,
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear
guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will
answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say:
Here I am!
If you remove from your midst
oppression, false accusation and malicious
speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry
and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for
you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become
for you like midday.

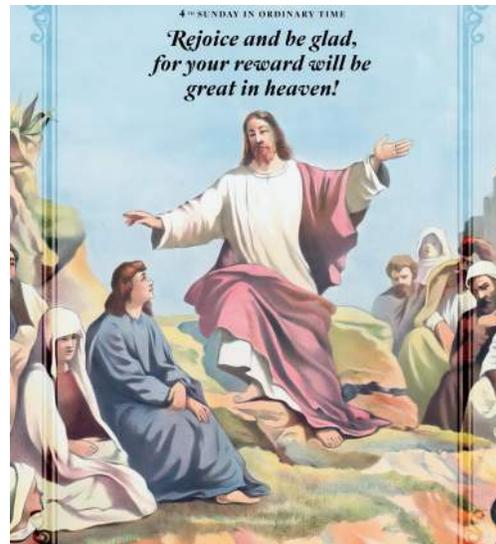
READING II
1 CORINTHIANS 2: 1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come
with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I
resolved to know nothing while I was with you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
I came to you in weakness and fear and much
trembling, and my message and my
proclamation were not with persuasive words of
wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and
power, so that your faith might rest not on
human wisdom but on the power of God.

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GOSPEL
Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples:
"You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be
seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but
to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor
do they light a lamp and then put it under a
bushel basket;
it is set on a lampstand where it gives light to all
in the house. Just so, your light must shine
before others, that they may see your good
deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."



**Save
THE
Date**

LENT RETREAT
MARCH 14, 2026
10:00 A.M.



Msgr. Tom's Musings: WHAT DO WE THINK ABOUT THE BEATITUDES?

Last Sunday, because of the video by Bishop Barbarito for the upcoming Annual Diocesan Services appeal, understandably we were unable to deliver a homily on the beautiful Gospel of the Beatitudes. So, let me share a few of my thoughts with you as part of this week's weekly musings.

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up the mountain, sat down, and began to teach. That detail matters. Mountains in Scripture are places of encounter—where God speaks heart-to-heart with His people, e.g., the 10 Commandments on Mount Sinai, the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, the Crucifixion on Mt. Calvary, etc. These mounts are his pulpit. This time, on this mount, what Jesus offers there is not a list of rules, not a moral checklist, but a vision of life in the Kingdom of God. And it all began with a surprising word: "Blessed."

In our world, we usually define "blessed" differently than Jesus. We associate it with success, comfort, strength, popularity, or wealth. But Jesus turns all of that upside down! He calls blessed the poor in spirit, the meek, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted. In other words, Jesus blesses the very people the world often overlooks or dismisses.

The poor in spirit know they can't save themselves; so, they make room for God. In a culture that prizes self-sufficiency, Jesus reminds us that humility is the doorway to the Kingdom. And Jesus does not say that suffering itself is good—but He promises that God draws close to those who grieve. And mourning can soften the heart—it teaches compassion. God meets us most deeply not in our strength, but in our weakness, our vulnerability.

What about the meek? What or who do you think the meek are that Jesus espouses?

Meekness is not weakness. It's strength under control. It's choosing gentleness over domination, patience over retaliation. In a loud and aggressive world, meekness is a quiet but powerful witness to Christ.

The beatitudes actually describe the heart of God Himself: merciful, pure and desiring to make peace. For us to be a peacemaker is not simply avoiding conflict, but to actively heal divisions—within families, communities, and even within our own hearts. They ask us to consider what is it in life that we truly desire. Do we long for justice, truth, and goodness—or are we satisfied with comfort and convenience? God promises fulfillment to those who ache for what is right. Living the Gospel beatitudes may place us at odds with the values of our world. But Jesus assures us that no suffering endured for love is ever wasted.

The Beatitudes are not just ideals to admire. To live the Beatitudes is to follow Jesus closely, because in the Kingdom of God, blessing is not about having more—but about becoming more like Christ.

MENU

Fish
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Drink
1 Cookie

**FISH
FRY**

\$15

Per Person

EVERY FRIDAY
4:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

FROM FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 27,
2026

UPCOMING EVENTS



February, 2026

Fish Fry - Feb. 20 thru Mar. 27

March, 2026

21 - Spanish Lenten Retreat

April, 2026

2,3,4 - Pascual Tridium

4 - 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 - Nuestra Senora de Providencia

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 February

First Reconciliation – Second-Year First

Holy Communion Students

 Saturday, **February 28, 2026**

 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

First-Year Confirmation Retreat

 Saturday, **March 14, 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.

Invitation for Generous Sponsorship

We warmly invite parishioners to support **St. Matthew** through sponsorship of **Altar Bread**, **Altar Wine**, and **Flowers**. Your generosity helps offset the ongoing costs associated with these essential elements of our liturgical celebrations.

Having multiple sponsors each month throughout the year would be a great blessing to our parish community. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact the parish office for more information.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and continued support.

Parroquia San Mateo, Pastoral Hispana

EL VINEDO DE RAQUEL

Retiro

para sanar el trauma del aborto

el fin de semana de abril 10-12, 2026

para más informacion

Puede hacer una llamada confidencial a Emily Babilonia

561-254-1728



ADORACION

Primer Viernes del mes

Ingles a las 8:30 am

Espanol a las 6:00 pm

Misa a las 7:00 pm



RETIRO DE CUARESMA

Marzo 21, 2026



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

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

Pancake Breakfast Sponsors:

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

Thank You!

ST. MATTHEW *Gift shop*

VISIT US INSIDE THE PARISH
CENTER!

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

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
English: 8:30 AM
Spanish: 6:00 PM, followed by Mass at 7:00 PM
Special Adoration & Mass for the Sick
February 13
Adoration: 6:00 PM
Mass for the Sick: 7:00 PM

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

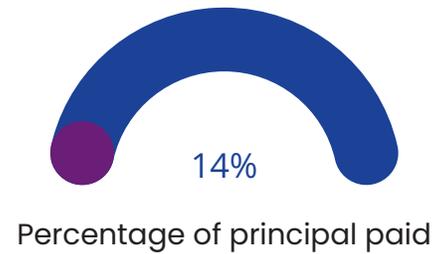
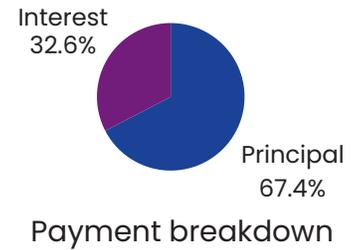
Combined principal and interest from Nov 2023 to Nov 2025

Remaining Balance
\$1,286,600

As of December 2025

Projected Payoff
January 2037

If we continue at the same pace



Total collection for February 1, 2026

1st Collection: \$10,935.30

2nd Collection: \$8,157.00

The second collection on February 8, 2026 is designated for Mortgage Reduction.

Capital Campaign Contributions as of
January 9, 2026: \$141,468

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



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