“The mission of St. Matthew Catholic Church is to be a welcoming community that encounters Christ and leads others to Christ through prayer, sacraments, and charitable service.”
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- School Council President
- School Principal
- School PTC
- Altar Servers
- Catechesis-Education
- Counselors
- Commentators/Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Hospitality Ministers
- Office
- Parish Administration
- School Administration
- Senior Nutrition Center
- Society of St Vincent de Paul

### WORSHIP SERVICE
- **WEEKEND MASS**
  - Saturday 5:30 pm
  - Sunday 7:30, 9:15, 11 am, 11:15 am St. Matthew Athletic Center
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word & Eucharist**
  - 12:45 pm (**All Spanish Mass**) and 6:00 pm
- **DAILY MASS Church**
  - Mon.—Fri. 6:00, 8:15 am, 12:05 & 6:00 pm;
  - Sat., 8:15 am
- **Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration**
  - **Always Open**
- **Penance Wednesday 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday 4:00 - 5:30 pm Church**
  - **(Or you may make an appointment with one of the parish priests)**
- **Anointing of the Sick**
  - **SECOND Sunday** 2:00 pm
  - **and Also on First Friday following** 12:05 pm
- **Prayer Groups**
  - English Thursday 7:00 pm
  - Espanol Monday 8:00 pm
- **Novena to Miraculous Medal Tuesday**
  - 7:30 pm

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- Mon-Fri 8am to 7pm, Sat 9am-12N
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- Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
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Blessed Sacrament & Altar Society | 1st Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Novena of the Miraculous Medal | Tuesdays | 7:30 p.m.
ACTS Core Group | 1st Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Parish Pastoral Council | 2nd Wednesday | 7:00 p.m.
Athletic Association | 1st Thursday | 7:30 p.m. | Perpetual Adoration | Mike Robles | 579-0716
Cancer Support Group | Norma Willet | 561-0581 | Prayer Group (English) | Thursdays | 7:00 p.m.
Catholic Daughters of America | 3rd Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Refugee Ministry | 1st Monday | 478-5029
Children’s Mass | Sundays Athletic Center | 11:15 a.m. | Respect Life Ministry | Deacon. Scott Sowell | 478-5003
Choirs - ACTS | Sundays | 7:30 a.m. | School Council | 3rd Thursday | 7:00 p.m.
Adults | Wednesdays | 7:30 p.m. | SCOTS(Dolores Mc Atee) | Twice Monthly | 340-5449
Bilingual | Tuesdays | 8:00 p.m. | Scouts (Boys) | Stephen Tipps | 694-0192
Children’s | Saturdays | 4:30 p.m. | Scouts - Cubs | Charles Butcher | 437-3057
Family Folk | Sundays | 5:00 p.m. | Scouts - Venturing | Larry Grona | 696-2889
Youth | Sundays | 10:00 a.m. | Scouts -Girl | Sharon Beiter | 275-6461
Christian Meditations | Wednesdays7-8p.m. | 445-1107 | Society of St. Vincent de Paul | Tuesday-Saturday | 8:30 a.m. -
Confraternity of Our Lady of Guadalupe | 1st Sunday | 11:00 a.m. | Spanish Prayer Group | Mondays | 8:00-9:00 p.m.
Finance Council | 3rd Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | St. Matthew’s Mission Group | 2nd Tuesday 7PM | 344-7310
Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree | 1st Tuesday | 7:30 p.m. | St. Matthew’s Singles (40+) | Thursdays MFC RM 106 | 7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree | 3rd Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Transportation Ministry | 2-3 Days’ Notice | 478-5000
Legion of Mary | Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Widow/Widower | 1st & 3rd Tuesday | 7:00 p.m.
Men’s Club – Holy Name Society | 2nd Monday | 7:00 p.m. | YC 3 (Young Adults 25-40) | Beth Duarte | 478-5006

**QUICK MESSAGE-INFORMATION** dial 478-5098  
Emergency Line for Sickness/Sickness ONLY  
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Mass and Confession Schedule  
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Marriage (Contact Church 6 Months prior to Wedding Date)  
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CYO Athletic  
478-5027  
Senior Nutrition Center  
478-5017  
RCIA/Adult Confirmation  
478-5004

**SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE**  
This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today’s feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.  
The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew’s Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

**SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170).** To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, “I die the king’s good servant, but God’s first!” Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II’s closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy’s rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church’s uncompromising champion. Faced with this “new” Becket, the king’s previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ’s sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ’s church and justice for Christ’s sheep.

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New Year’s Masses
December 31 – January 1
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation (See below)
Tuesday, December 31, 6 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
Wednesday, January 1
8:15 a.m., 12:05 Noon and 6:00 p.m.

Happy New Year,
Fr. Dennis, Fr. Duncan, Fr. Jake, Msgr. Juan,
Deacons, Sr. Therese and Staff

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I;
New Year’s Eve
Wednesday: The Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord;
Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
World Day of Peace;
New Year’s Day
Thursday: Ss. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen
Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus;
First Friday
Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton;
First Saturday

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE
YOUR ANNUAL YEAR-END GIFT

Support St. Matthew Catholic Church using your
debit/credit card or checking or savings account

1. Visit stmatts.org and click on
DONATE in the top menu bar.

2. Select the collection(s) of
your choice.

3. Set up your donation or pay-
ment and that’s it!

GIVE ONLINE
WITH WSHARE

Contact the Customer
Support Team at
weshare@4lpi.com
or
St. Matthew Parish at
ndion@stmatts.org

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY MASSES
Regular Saturday and Sunday Schedule
Saturday, December 28th - 5:30 PM
Sunday, December 29th - 7:30, 9:15, 11:00, 11:15 AM,
12:45 (Spanish) and 6:00 PM

NEW YEAR’S MASSES
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
Tuesday, December 31st Vigil Mass - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, January 1st - 8:15 AM, 12:05 & 6:00 PM

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD MASSES
Regular Saturday and Sunday Schedule
Saturday, January 4th - 5:30 PM
Sunday, January 5th - 7:30, 9:15, 11:00, 11:15 AM,
12:45 (Spanish) and 6:00 PM
Our Parish family rejoices with you as you prepare for this life-long covenant of love. We know that these next months will be filled with many details planning for your wedding day. In order to help you prepare for your sacramental marriage, take time from your busy schedule as soon as possible to contact Judith Poston at 478-5016 for Marriage Preparation. Together may you follow the way of love as Christ loved you. (Ephesians 5:2).

A Message to those who are joining the family of marriages here at St. Matthew, Thank you for letting us be on this journey with you. The days ahead are going to be some of the best of your life and it is our privilege to be part of it.

December Marriages
Fernando and Isamar Ortega
Derrick Eldridge and Vivian Perez
Matthew Holmes and Caitlin Brotan
Taylor Page and Kathyn Dunne
Kenneth and Benita D’Souza
Juan Carlos Casas and Gabriella Saldana

MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION
Anyone seeking or have questions regarding Marriage Convalidation please, contact Deacon Oscar Vela, 210 413-1463 or 210 478-5060.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR INFANT BAPTISM
“COMPLETED” registration packet is required by due dates. Late registrations will be moved into the following month’s schedule. Registration packets are available at the Administration Office.

Class for January 13th 6:30 p.m.
Completed Registration by December 28th
Group Baptisms 1/25/20 11:00 a.m.
in the Church

Class for February 10th 6:30 p.m.
Completed Registration by January 26th
Group Baptisms 2/22/19 11:00 a.m.
in the Church

The child’s state birth certificate is required.
Please insure that all required forms are provided when packet is turned in!
Those that have taken classes at another parish must have a letter of completion.
Please contact Deacon Oscar Vela by e-mail only in the subject line please put “Baptism” deaconoscar@STMATTS.ORG

SPANISH BAPTISMAL CLASSES will be conducted in the Bride’s Room of the church on the following Dates: January 14 & 21 at 7:00 p.m. To attend, please turn in COMPETE Baptismal packets to the Administration Office and they are available at the Administration Building. If questions, please contact Deacon Lara at (210) 601-0800.
FAMILY PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR 2020

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.
How do you get closer to God?

Spend time with Him!

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

The greatest gift our Church gives us is the Holy Eucharist. It is called the “source and summit” of our faith. It is Jesus Himself, here with us, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. We are closest to God when we worthily and devoutly receive Holy Communion. “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him.” (John 6:56).

In Eucharistic Adoration the Holy Eucharist is displayed on the altar so that we can honor, worship and adore Him or, in other words, spend time with Him!

What is “Adoration”? Adoration is the kind of honor and love which we give to God alone. We can honor and love people but we adore only God.

When the Holy Eucharist is “exposed” on the altar it cannot be left alone. Faithful people must be there in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Most Adoration chapels keep an hourly schedule of adorers who commit to being there at a particular day and time every week. Some chapels are especially blessed to be “Perpetual” meaning that it is open all day, every day – even late at night!

Making this commitment is a great gift you give to your parish, your family and even yourself. You are helping to keep the chapel open and available for others who wish to come.

Some will say “I can pray anywhere.” That is true. God will hear you no matter where you are. But that is sort of like calling someone on the phone. Going to adoration is like visiting someone you love in person, seeing them with your own eyes and hearing them with your own ears!

Some will say “I will come when I can”. When people want to stay close they will set aside time to be together on a regular basis. That is what is what committing to an hour is all about – staying close to Jesus!

St. Matthew’s Blessed Sacrament Chapel is one of those places blessed with Perpetual Adoration. We keep an hourly schedule covering all 168 hours of the week. It takes a lot of faithful people to keep that schedule covered. Please join us!

Sign up today! Call Mike at 210-579-0716 (voice only).
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction is a ministry of deep listening. The Spiritual Director and seeker listen and become attuned to the Holy Spirit in every aspect of life. If you have a committed prayer life and seek to discover God’s presence in your life, you might consider spiritual direction. The following are formed spiritual directors in our parish:

1) YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER SD IF:
2) YOU HAVE A COMMITTED PRAYER LIFE (OR ARE SEARCHING FOR WHAT THAT MEANS),
3) YOU DESIRE TO DISCOVER HOW GOD IS PRESENT IN YOUR ORDINARY LIFE, AND YOU ARE ABLE TO HONOR A MONTHLY APPOINTMENT TO HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION TO GOD’S VOICE.

Ana Bernal- 210-823-7742- Bilingual
Sr. Vera Butler, PBVM- (504) 638-7745
Beth Duarte- 210-478-5006
Fr. Jake Empereur, S.J.- (210) 478-5026
Tina Guerra- 210-912-7526- Bilingual
Frineé Sabella- (210) 827-3112- Bilingual
Annette Smith- (210) 823-5832

Carol Stehling- (210) 275-8495
Deacon Oscar Vela- (210) 478-5013
Pepe Villagomez- (210) 241-1990- Bilingual
Cecilia von Bertab- 210-492-0407- Bilingual
Jim Dreyer - 210 - 387-5221
Keith Smith - 210-912-8547

As we come to year end, I want to personally thank the parishioners of St. Matthew for the encouragement, support and generosity you have shown. Our various ministries are thriving, the parish has also welcomed an average of 35 new families each month. Our new Athletic Center is complete and has been a wonderful addition to the parish and school. Also, the new roadway connection, which opened one year ago, has greatly helped ease access to our facilities. We have met a lot of goals and our display wall in our Athletic Center is one way we have recognized all those who have made our Building the Future Project possible. Our new goal is to reduce our debt of $3.8 million for the project. As we head into the final weeks of 2019, please consider a year-end tax-deductible gift to Building the Future, which will be used exclusively to reduce this debt. May God bless you as we anticipate the beauty and solemnity of the Christmas Season.

-Fr. Dennis
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
December 20, 2019 - January 6, 2020 our administrative office will BE CLOSED. Please do not drop-off items at our office during this entire time period. They will remain outside and will be subject to theft and the weather. Merry Christmas and thank you for all your support throughout the year.

We Need You!

Our hospice has a number of ways that you can make a special difference!
You can choose to help out in our office with tasks and projects that support our nurses, social workers and chaplains

OR

you can work with our patients and families with:
Visits, Companionship, Reading, Errands, Playing Music,
Playing Cards or Games, Visiting with your Pet, Scrapbooking, Movies and More,

YOU CAN SERVE ANOTHER IN YOUR COMMUNITY
IN A WAY THAT CANNOT BE MEASURED BUT THAT WILL FOREVER
BE REMEMBERED AND APPRECIATED.

If you are interested in volunteering, meet Molly Shealy, Volunteer Services Coordinator in the Guadalupe Foyer after all Masses on January 11-12 or call her at 210-319-8995
San Antonio
Right To Life Rally

The San Antonio Right To Life Foundation, the oldest ProLife Group in San Antonio, will once again, after three years, hold its Annual Rally to commemorate the unborn.

Sunday January 26, 2020 2pm-3pm
Milam Park - 500 W. Commerce St.
San Antonio, 78207
For information call Mary Thomas at: (210) 601-9719
Or Kay Delaney at (210) 342-5334

ST. MATTHEW SINGLES MINISTRY
New Year’s Eve Gala
Dinner Dance -Complimentary Champagne
12:00 AM
At the St. Matthew McDonald Center
10703 Wurzbach Road
December 31, 2019
Dinner 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Dance 8:00 PM – 12:30 AM
Music by the Great Daniel Monserrat Band
Ballroom Dancing Music and Special Requests
For Tickets and Reservations Call:
Gloria
(210) 422-0055
Estella
(210) 349-3921
Margarita
(210) 558-7532
St. Matthew Main Office - (210) 478-5000
$35 per Person/Table of 8 - $280
Come Celebrate!
2020
Door Prizes
Benefit the St. Matthew Building Fund
LISTEN TO JOURNEYS OF HOPE: Your Spiritual Passport to Sacred Destinations Worldwide
Come on a journey with Deacon Tom & Mary Jane Fox as they walk in the footsteps of Jesus, the Virgin Mary, the Apostles, and the Saints. They will also lead you on pilgrimages to local destinations related to the history of the Catholic Church in San Antonio. TUNE-IN: Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 pm on Guadalupe Radio Network, 89.7 FM-KJMA or you can listen by visiting www.PilgrimCenterofHope.org scroll over the OUTREACH tab, select Journeys of Hope, then scroll down the JOH page to Explore Past Journeys. Listen to past episodes in the View Episodes Archives or select one of the Podcast choices.

2020 CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE: Early-bird Registration Now Open! All Men Invited!
WHEN: Saturday, March 28, from 7:30am to 4:15pm @ St. Matthew Church Athletic Center, 10703 Wurzbach Rd., 78230 Go to CMCSanAntonio.com to register or call 210-521-3377.

2020 Catholic Women’s Conference – New Date! New Venue!
Pilgrim Center of Hope’s “Come to Me” Catholic Women’s Conference will be held May 29th & 30th at the St. Matthew Athletic Center. Add the dates for this restoring “Spa for the Soul” to your calendar and be sure to join the mailing list at CWCSanAntonio.com for updates and registration specials!

On the Way ¡Andale! Campaign
In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn, we are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to create a “perfect” Christmas day. (Catholic Stewardship Consultants) But as Paul says in his letter to the Romans, “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 1:7

We must remember that this is the time of Peace and Joy. Spend time with Jesus this Christmas and prayerfully consider making a pledge to the On the Way - ¡Andale! Campaign – it will give you peace and joy.

Merry Christmas and Have a wonderful New Year!

Make a Gift at www.ontheway-andale.org
Today’s readings focus on the family. What is expected of us as family members and the lengths we will go to protect those within our family circle. By focusing on the needs and well-being of our families, we put the focus on God. When we honor, cherish and care for our loved ones, we do the same for God; for God is in every person in our lives.

As a family, discuss the following:
- Why do you think Joseph listened and obeyed without complaining or questioning?
- Is it hard or easy for you to obey?
- When it is easier, what makes it easy?
- Tell your other family members the best three things you see in them.
- How is your family like the Holy Family?
- Write a prayer of thanksgiving for your family. Post it on your refrigerator so you can pray it often.
- With the whole Church we are a family, because of our baptism. Together, how can we change the world?

Source: www.teachingcatholickids.com
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