

# St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

*"Welcoming community, committed to fostering a deeper love of Jesus through faith, family, and service to others."*

Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston  
December 13, 2015

Established 1978  
Third Sunday in Advent



*Rejoice in the Lord always. Philipians 4:4*  
*Alégrese siempre en el Señor. Filipenses 4:4*

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## Celebration of the Eucharist

Monday - Word & Sacrament Service,  
8:00 am  
Tuesday - Friday - Mass, 8:00 am  
Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm, English  
Sunday Masses - English 8:00 & 10:30am  
Spanish 1:00 pm  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Mon - Thurs - 8:30 am - 9:30 am  
Friday - 8:30 am - noon

## Sacraments

Reconciliation: Tues.—Fri. 8:30 - 9:30a  
Saturdays 3:30 – 4:30p  
Baptisms: Contact the parish office  
Matrimony: 6 months in advance  
Anointing of the Sick: 8am Mass 1st Fri.  
of each month or call the parish office  
First Eucharist & Confirmation:  
Call the Parish CCE office

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# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### WORSHIP

#### CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God “will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals” (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah’s words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don’t have to worry, for God’s peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as “my dancing day” and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because “the Lord is near,” as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27  
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32  
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23  
 Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
 Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
 Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



#### Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

3:30 pm Christmas Carols, Church  
 4:00 pm Children’s Mass & Nativity Play, Church  
 4:00 pm English Mass, Parish Hall  
 6:00 pm Spanish Mass, Church  
 10:30 pm Christmas Carols, Church  
 11:00 pm Mass, English, Church

#### Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

10:30 am Mass, English

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December 14—December 20

Monday	8:00 am	Word & Sacrament Service
Tuesday	8:00 am	Isabel Moreno (liv)
Wednesday	8:00 am	Andres Ramires (liv)
Thursday	8:00 am	Jovita Vasquez (liv)
Friday	8:00 am	Francisco Ibarra (liv)
Saturday	5:00 pm	S. J. Corolla +
Sunday	8:00 am	Parishioners of St. Matthias
	10:30 am	Robyn Jucas +
	1:00 pm	Family Movement
		Deceased + Living (liv)

Please contact the parish office to request a Mass Intention. Also, if you would like to furnish flowers for the altar for a special occasion or in memory of someone, please contact the parish office.

#### AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.  
 May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body  
 for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!  
 Expectant, let us live in joyful hope  
 for the revelation of the glory  
 of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!  
 To him be glory forever!  
 Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981,  
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Adoration of the  
 Blessed Sacrament is held  
 Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
 and Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

*I am here, come visit Me*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:** Nancy Bell, Rachel Dimas, Tom McDermott, Vincent Perez, Liam Sheffield, Fred Andreatta, Luz Sutton, Edwina Kaminski, Cindy Stroberg, Barbara Schempf, Joan Hardee, Mike Bahm, McKenzie Fluet, Mark Woodard, Nathan Woodard, Mary Roberts, Barbara Moore, Cindie Leathy, Charles Weathers, Mary Ann Gay, Dorothy Pavlock, Tom Pierett, Andrea Corolla Phillips, Jim Jacobs, Mary Cipolla, Hedwig Mosley, Maggie Mosley, Kimberly Copeland, Buddy Harrison, Mary Sacchieri, Lina & Roger Dehoyas, Norah Ortega, Marlene Gondek, Frank D. Krider, Jr., Greg Stepanek, Marie Parson, George & Vivian Nolan, Carolyn & Bob Foster

**Names on the prayer list will be removed after 2 months. If you want a name to continue longer, please contact the parish office.**

If a family member, a neighbor or someone you know from our parish is homebound and is in need of Holy Communion and/or prayer, please notify the office so that arrangements can be made for home or hospital visits. You may also call for assistance in leading rosaries for your deceased loved ones' funeral.



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 06, 2015

Parish Support - \$ 17,098.85

Children's Collection - \$200.22

Capital Renewal Fund - \$ 496.00

St Vincent de Paul Black Bag - \$ 5,598.42

Second collection next weekend - Faith Development

To receive a statement for 2015 showing your contributions to St. Matthias, please use your Offertory envelopes or write your envelope number/parish ID number on your check. Envelopes can be requested through the parish office.

*Our deep gratitude to parishioners and guests for their support to the ongoing work of Christ at St. Matthias.*

### STEWARDSHIP

That we may take time to be grateful to God, who is the ultimate giver of all gifts.

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6-7)*

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

### End of Year Donations to St. Matthias

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Many parishioners prayerfully make their end of year gifts to our parish at this time as an act of thanks to God for these blessings. There are many different ways of contributing a gift, however, two of the easiest and most direct methods to give, are donations of cash or the transfer of appreciated stock.

As the holidays approach, consider making a gift in memory or honor of someone who has made a difference in your life this year. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, and bequests by will. For more information on how you can help make a difference to St Matthias, please contact the parish office at 281.356.2000.

### ALTAR SERVERS

The last date for Altar Server training is **December 19, 10am**. The training session is primarily optional, BUT... all servers are required to attend at least one session. If you have already attended a session, servers are welcome to attend extra sessions if they feel they could benefit from some extra practice. For more information contact Pat Hedderman, 281-259-2214.



### THE TRAVELING CRUCIFIX FOR VOCATIONS

Please be sure and sign-up in the Narthex for your family's opportunity to share in this St. Matthias community project. Let's all support an increase in vocations to religious life through our prayers.



In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

**Monthly needed items: boxed corn bread dressing, sugar, flour, and canned sweet potatoes**



### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

"That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will".

His intention for evangelization is:

"That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith".

### Works of Mercy

"The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities." -

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2447*

#### Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

#### Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant
- Consel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead

The works of mercy give shape to the Church's desire to bring mercy to the world as a response to the mercy she has so freely and generously received from Christ. Since the whole human person is the subject of God's loving mercy, both body and soul, the works of mercy are oriented towards both the physical and spiritual necessities of the human person.

In living the works of mercy, the Church shares in God's action in the world, namely, the restoration, protection and affirmation of the full dignity of the person made in the image of God. For this reason the works of mercy are patterned after the life of Jesus Christ as he ministered to each human being, body and soul, in order to restore him to fullness of life.

### WORD OF LIFE

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

— USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program Prayer Card:  
"Every Life is Worth Living"



### Feasibility Study Results Presentation

Next weekend, Dec 19-20, after the Masses, Jerry Strenk will present an update on our parish Building Committee activities including the results of the recent Feasibility Study and plans for next year to begin initial design of a new church and kick-off a capital campaign. All parishioners are invited to attend in the parish hall after each of the Masses. For those attending the 1pm Mass, please arrive early to attend the presentation starting about 11:45.

### CHRISTMAS TREES OF REMEMBRANCE

During our regular Masses on the weekend of December 19/20, all parishioners are welcome to bring a Christmas ornament in memory of passed loved ones. Ornaments may be personalized and include the name of those you want to remember. After the Prayers of the Faithful at each Mass, parishioners will be invited to hang their ornaments on Christmas trees that will be next to our Sanctuary. The ornaments will be left on the trees through the Christmas season. The ornaments will be available for pick-up from the parish office starting January 4.



### 2016 Bazaar News

Hard to believe but the 2016 bazaar is just 5 months away. Please block Sunday, May 1, on your calendars so you won't miss this fun parish event. The bazaar committee has started work to plan this year's event and still has some positions where help is needed. Please contact the parish office for more information.

While you are out shopping for Christmas, please remember to pick up something to donate to the auction. Ideas include:

- Texans, Rockets, Astros (and maybe even Cowboys) items
- Baskets of local college items
- Electronics, Toys, Movies, Yard equipment, bikes, etc.

The donated items can be delivered to the parish office. If you drop your item(s) off before the end of the year, we'll send you a donation letter for use on your taxes this year. If you have any questions, call Debbie Stachowiak at 281-356-3615.

### LAY MINISTERS - December 19/20

#### 5:00 p.m.

**Mass Coordinator:** C. Yost  
**Acolytes:** M. Zanoff, S. Zanoff, Volunteer  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, M. Olszweski, P. Berger, T. Berger, P. Yost, C. Yost, K. Lieber  
**Lectors:** G. Zanoff  
**Ushers:** J. Scott, J. Yoars  
**Greeters:** J. Scott, Volunteer  
**Rosary:** M.A. Zanoff

#### 8:00 a.m.

**Mass Coordinator:** Mike Sullivan  
**Acolytes:** C. Brown, K. Brown, N. Brown  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, D. Hoffart, E. Jauma, R. Jauma, A. Meyers, S. Sorrells, M. Sullivan, M. Hoffart, P. Taake  
**Lectors:** P. Hummel, L. Cardenas  
**Ushers:** M.A. Bearb, R. Bearb, T. Davis, R. Davis  
**Greeters:** M.A. Bearb, R. Bearb  
**Rosary:** T. Davis

#### 10:30 a.m.

**Mass Coordinator:** R. Grauvogl  
**Acolytes:** J. McCaleb, P. McCaleb, K. Nigliazzo  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, D. Trahan, M. Lloyd, B. Lloyd, M. Atkinson, L. Denison, S. Broerman, J. Strenk, R. Grauvogl  
**Lectors:** D. Vassigh, S. Wroblecki  
**Ushers:** G. McDaniels, J. Mitchell, T. Denison, J. Denison  
**Greeters:** D. Strenk, J. Strenk  
**Rosary:** L. Denison

### MEETINGS, ETC.

Sun., Dec. 13	8:00 am 8:00 am 9:05 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 11:35 am 1:00 pm 2:15 pm	KCs BBQ brisket pick-up Mass, English RCIA, St Mary Rm (13/14) Elementary CCE Mass, English Reflection on the Liturgy, St Mary Rm (13/14) Elementary CCE Mass, Spanish English Class, St Jerome Rm (17)
Mon., Dec. 14	8:00 am 8:30 am 6:30 pm  7:00 pm  7:00 pm	Word & Sacrament Service Adoration Boy Scouts, St Francis Xavier Rm (5), St Catherine Laboure Rm (7), St Philip Neri Rm (11) Spanish Prayer Group, Parish Hall, St Therese of Lisieux Rm (8) English Class, St Mary Rm (13/14)
Tues., Dec. 15	8:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm  7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass, English Adoration & Confessions Legion of Mary, St Mary Rm (13/14) English Prayer Group, St. Mary Rm (13/14) Family Movement Prep. Class #8, St Josemaria Escriva Rm, (2) RCIA, St Philip Neri Rm (9/11) Basic Faith Formation, Parish Hall, St Mary Rm (13/14) Men's Club Meeting, Spanish Prayer Group Meeting, St Francis of Assisi Rm (6), St Therese of Lisieux Rm (8)
Wed., Dec. 16	8:00 am 8:30 am 4:40 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:45 pm	Mass Adoration & Confessions Minions, St Mary Rm (13/14) TEEN Meal, Parish Hall TEEN Posadas, Parish Hall TEEN Rosary, Church
Thurs., Dec. 17	8:00 am 8:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Adoration & Confessions RCIA Inquiry, Rm (9/11) English Class, St Mary Rm (13/14) Posadas, Parish Hall
Fri., Dec. 18	8:00 am 8:30 am 7:00 pm	Mass Adoration & Confession Posadas, Parish Hall
Sat., Dec. 19	10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 3:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Altar Servers Training, Church Christmas Cheer Project, Parish Hall Wedding, Church Confessions Mass, English Posadas, Parish Hall
Sun., Dec. 20	8:00 am 8:00 am 9:00 am 9:05 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 11:35 am 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass, English RCIA, St Mary Rm (13/14) Feasibility Study Results, Parish Hall Elementary CCE Mass, English Feasibility Study Results, Parish Hall Reflection on the Liturgy, St Mary Rm (13/14) Elementary CCE Mass, Spanish Posadas, Parish Hall



### Attention all Men of St. Matthias!

Please join us this Tuesday, December 15th for our monthly Men's Club Meeting. Bennie Bronikowski will be serving his Blue Ribbon Chili so please come and enjoy. We will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Those who attend the meeting your name will be in the pot for our jackpot drawing. For more information, contact Bobby Holub, 281-543-8672.



## FORMATION

### OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Marlene Grauvogl at 281-356-2000 x 14  
E-mail: mgrauvogl@st-matthias.net

### FAITH FORMATION TIMES Elementary Faith Formation meet on Sundays...

Session 1 – 9:05 – 10:20 a.m.

Session 2 – 11:35-12:50 p.m.

**Wednesday T.E.E.N. 6:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m.**

### REMINDERS FOR WEDNESDAY

- **6-6:30** - Food and fellowship. This is an important and necessary time of the night. The students have time to break bread together and socialize.
- **6:30-7:05** – PROCLAIM – This is the main teaching of the night. It is important that they are present for that.
- **7:10-7:35** – Small group discussion – opportunity for discussions with teens.
- **7:45-8:45** – Mass – Parents are encouraged to join their students for Mass. CCE is **NOT** over until 8:45. If there is a problem with your student staying for Mass, please call the RE office.

**ATTENDANCE** - The students can pick their nametags up in the hallway outside the parish hall. At 6:30 the nametags and sign in sheets will be picked up and they can check in at the parish hall doorway with the adult standing there.



### LOOKING FOR CHILDREN

Would your child like to be part of the annual Nativity play? There are still a few parts to be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

The rehearsal date and time will be announced at a later date. You will need to come to rehearsal in order to participate in the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve.

Please stop by the RE office or call to be part of the play. Also adults are needed to help children get dressed, help at practice, make costumes, etc.

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The **last day** of class for this year will be, **Wednesday, December 16 & Sunday, December 20**. Classes will resume on **Wednesday, January 6 and Sunday, January 10**. Please mark your calendars. Have a restful and enjoyable holiday season.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

A few reminders....

- A copy of your child's baptismal certificate is needed in the RE office as soon as possible. Your child cannot make his/her sacraments if the baptismal certificate is not received.
- Set aside time to work with your child at home in the First Reconciliation book. The parent and child should be involved. They need to be done with the first book by the end of February.
- Help them learn and memorize their prayers.
- Mark your calendar for **Session 1 – January 21 from 7-8:30pm**. The child and at least one parent must attend.

### OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Sylvia Perez at 281- 356-2000 x 12  
E-mail: sperez@st-matthias.net

### LAS POSADAS!

Our first night of the Las Posadas will be held on Wednesday, December 16th @ 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.



**Our (S.M.T.A.Y.) Youth will host the first night of Las Posadas. Please invite your family in friends to this wonderful experience and tradition.**

Join in this beautiful candlelight procession as we accompany Mary & Joseph in their quest for lodging in Bethlehem (around the Church grounds). Praying and singing traditional posada songs and Christmas carols, we will culminate our journey with a feast in the large hall. A wonderful family outing and a great way to prepare for Christmas. We will start in the parish hall, Monday, December 16th @6:30pm. Our (S.M.T.A.Y.) Youth will host the first night of Las Posadas please invite your family in friends to this wonderful experience and tradition. *Las Posadas* are in fact, a *novenario* – nine days of religious observance based on the nine months that Mary carried Jesus in her womb. The *posadas* re-enact Mary and Joseph's cold and difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter; in Spanish, the word means "lodging".

Traditionally, a party is held each night in a neighborhood home. At dusk, guests gather outside the house with children dressed as shepherds, angels and sometimes, Mary & Joseph. An angel leads the procession, followed by Mary & Joseph or by guests carrying their images. The adults follow, carrying lighted candles.

The "pilgrims" sing a song asking for shelter, and the hosts reply, finally opening the doors to the guests and offering hot ponche, fried rosette cookies, known as *buñuelos*, steaming hot tamales and other festive foods.

The party ends with a piñata in the shape of the Christmas star. The last posada, held on December 24th, is followed by the midnight Mass, a tradition that lives on in countless Mexican towns and cities.

### JR. HIGH RETREAT –NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET) " Why Catholic"

**When:** Friday, January 15, 2016

**Where:** St. Anne's, Tomball, in the Gym

**Time:** 4:00 pm. – 10:00 p.m.

All Jr. High Youth are invited to attend

**COST:** \$35.00 PER PERSON (Non-Refundable)

Includes: Snacks, Dinner + T-Shirt

**After January 6, 2016, Registration becomes \$50.00**

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 13, 2016

All Fees are Non-Refundable.



### MINIONS-4-CHRIST

Minions-4-Christ, St. Matthias' youngest youth group, has begun again!! Our next meeting is Dec. 16.

All meetings are from 4:40 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

All new members from 1st through 6th grade are welcome.

For more information, please contact Denise McCaleb, 512-228-4736.

## COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Declaración de la Misión Parroquial

*"Una comunidad acogedora, comprometida a fomentar un amor más profundo por Jesús, por medio de la Fé, la familia y el servicio a los demás."*

### CELEBRA

Este domingo, Dios canta y se regocija por nosotros. Leemos hoy en Sofonías que Dios "se llenará de júbilo por tu causa, como en los días de fiesta" (Sofonías 3:18). Sabemos mucho de cantar en festivales. Ya nuestros oídos resuenan con los cantos y villancicos que anticipan la época navideña.

Pablo nos recuerda la fuente de este doble regocijo: Dios, tu poderoso salvador, está en medio de ti (en palabras de Sofonías). Por ser así, nos dice Pablo, podemos alegrarnos y estar en paz. No tenemos que inquietarnos, porque la paz de Dios custodiará nuestros corazones y pensamientos.

Un villancico antiguo representa la Navidad como "el día de mi baile" y nos urge a tomar parte en el baile. ¿Por qué todo el regocijo? Porque "el Señor está cerca" nos recuerda Pablo (Filipenses 4:5). Entonces apunta a la otra razón para el baile: el amanecer de la promesa de paz, la paz que sobrepasa toda inteligencia, y que ya está al alcance de la mano.

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### Arbolitos de Navidad en Conmemoración

Durante las misas regulares el fin de semana de 19 al 20 de diciembre, todos los feligreses son bienvenidos a traer un adorno de Navidad en memoria de sus seres queridos. Los adornos pueden ser personalizados e incluir el nombre de las personas que desea recordar. Después de las Oraciones de los Fieles en cada misa, los feligreses serán invitados a colgar sus adornos en los Arbolitos de Navidad que estarán al lado de nuestro Santuario. Los adornos se dejarán en el arbolito durante la temporada de Navideña. Los adornos estarán disponibles para recogerlos en la oficina parroquial a partir del 4 de enero.



### Horario Navideño

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#### Diciembre 24 —Vispera de Navidad

- 3:30 pm: Cantos Navideños (Villancicos)
- 4:00 pm: Misa de Niños (en la Iglesia) en Inglés
- 4:00 pm: Misa regular (en el salón parroquial) en Inglés

#### **\*\*6:00 pm: Misa en Español (en la Iglesia)**

- 10:30 pm: Cantos Navideños (Villancicos)
- 11:00 pm: Misa de Noche Buena en Inglés



#### Diciembre 25 — Solemnidad de la Natividad del Señor

\*10:30 am: Misa de Navidad en Inglés (**Día de Obligación**)

\*\*\*Incienso será usado en las misas en la Iglesia, pero no en el salón parroquial\*\*\*

**La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el 24 y 25 de diciembre 2015.**

### MINISTROS PARA EL DOMINGO 20 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2015

**Lectores:** 1ra. Lectura: Agustín Rodríguez  
2da. Lectura: Flor Zacaula  
**Ministros:** Á. Ramírez 1b, I. Ramírez 1c, G. Espino 2b, A. Navarro 2c, M. Rodríguez 3b, A. Puebla 3c, J. Aguirre 4c, E. Merino 5c, Y. Merino 6c  
**Monaguillos:** C. Chávez, V. Don, V. Pacheco  
**Ujieres:** M. Estrada, M. Valdez, J. Aguirre, M. Torres.  
**Ofertorio:** Jorge y Maribel Franco  
**Hospitalidad:** José y Oralia Aguirre  
**Visita de la Virgen Peregrina a la familia:** Jorge y Maribel Franco  
**Coordinador de la Misa:** Ángel e Isabel Ramírez  
**Intención de la Misa de Hoy:** Manuel Ibarra

### ORACIÓN PARA EL ADVIENTO

Que el Dios de paz nos haga totalmente santos.  
Que conserve nuestro espíritu sin mancha,  
cuerpo y alma,  
hasta la llegada de nuestro Señor, Jesucristo.  
El que nos invita es siempre fiel —Dios nuestro Padre.  
Vivamos en esperanza gozosa  
de la revelación de la gloria  
de nuestro Dios y Salvador, Jesucristo.  
Que sea glorificado por siempre.  
Ven Señor Jesús. Que tu gracia esté en todos nosotros.

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### Intenciones de Oración del Papa para el mes de Diciembre de 2015



La intención general del Apostolado: "Para que todos experimentemos la misericordia de Dios, que no se cansa jamás de perdonar".

Su intención evangelizadora es: "Para que las familias, de modo particular las que sufren, encuentren en el nacimiento de Jesús un signo de segura esperanza".

### LAS POSADAS

Desde el día 16 al 24 de diciembre estaremos celebrando Las Posadas a las 7:00pm aquí en San Matías e invitamos a toda la comunidad a participar, todos son bienvenidos, rezaremos el rosario, pediremos posada, tendremos convivio y sobre todo compartiremos juntos como una sola familia.

#### A TODOS LOS MINISTERIOS DE SAN MATÍAS

Miércoles	Dic. 16	Sylvia Pérez y el Grupo de Jóvenes
Jueves	Dic. 17	Cruz y María Rosa Hernández
Viernes	Dic. 18	Grupo de Oración
Sábado	Dic. 19	Grupo de Guadalupano
Domingo	Dic. 20	Caballeros de Colón e Hijas Católicas
Lunes	Dic. 21	Benito & María Gloria García
Martes	Dic. 22	Tacos Wadley
Miércoles	Dic. 23	Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico
Jueves	Dic. 24	Comunidad de San Matías

(donde todos traen algo para compartir con los demás)



## Donaciones de Fin de Año a San Matías

A medida que el final del año se acerca, empezamos a reflexionar sobre las muchas bendiciones que han sido derramado sobre nosotros. Muchos feligreses hacen con oración su donación de final de año a nuestra parroquia en este momento como un acto de agradecimiento a Dios por estas bendiciones. Hay muchas maneras diferentes de contribuir un regalo, sin embargo, dos de los métodos más fáciles y directos para dar, son donaciones de dinero en efectivo o la transferencia de acciones apreciadas.

A medida que se acerca los días festivos, considere hacer una donación en memoria de un ser querido que ha hecho una diferencia en su vida este año. Usted también puede hacer otros regalos ventajosos económicamente tales como bienes raíces, seguros de vida y legados por testamento. Para obtener más información sobre cómo puede ayudar a hacer una diferencia en San Matías, por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 281-356-2000.

**Oficina de Educación Religiosa**  
**Marlene Grauvogl al 281-356-2000 ext. 14**  
**Correo Electrónico: mgrauvogl@st-matthias.net**

### Formación de Fe - Primaria se reúnen los domingos (PreK - 5º grado)

Sesión 1 – 9:05 – 10:20 am en Inglés

Sesión 2 – 11:35 – 12:50pm en Español

### Formación de Fe los Miércoles (T.E.E.N) 6:30pm-8:45pm. (6º - 12º)

## Recordatorio para los Miércoles

- **6:30** - Comida y compañerismo. Este es un momento importante y necesario de la noche. Los estudiantes tienen tiempo para el pan juntos y socializar.
- **6:30-7:05** – PROCLAMACION – Esta es la enseñanza principal de la noche. Es importante que estén presentes para eso.
- **7:10-7:35** – Discusión en grupos pequeños – oportunidad para conversar con los adolescentes.
- **7:45 – 8:45** – Misa – Se anima a los padres a unirse a sus estudiantes para la Misa. La doctrina **NO** se termina hasta las 8:45pm. Si hay un problema con su estudiante quedándose para la Misa, por favor llame a la oficina de educación religiosa.
- **ASISTENCIA** - Los estudiantes pueden recoger sus etiquetas de nombre en el pasillo fuera del salón parroquial. A las 6:30pm las etiquetas de nombre de los estudiantes y las hojas de registración serán recogidos y podrán registrarse en la puerta del salón parroquial con un adulto.



## EN BUSCA DE NIÑOS

¿Le gustaría que su hijo/a sea parte del desfile Navideño? Estamos en necesidad de participantes, partes son asignadas por orden de llegada. La fecha y el horario del ensayo se anunciara más adelante. Usted tendrá que venir a los ensayos con el fin de participar en la obra Navideña en la víspera de Navidad.

Por favor pase por la oficina de educación religiosa o llame para ser parte del desfile (obra). También, necesitamos adultos para ayudar a los niños vestirse, ayudar en el ensayo, hacer disfraces, etc.

## PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN

Algunos recordatorios....

- Se necesita una copia de la fe de bautizo de su hijo/a en la oficina de educación religiosa lo antes posible. Su hijo no podrá hacer sus sacramentos si no se recibe la fe de bautismo.
- Dedique tiempo para trabajar con su hijo/a en casa en su primer libro de la Reconciliación. El padre y el niño deben participar. Necesitan terminar con el primer libro a finales de febrero.
- Ayúdelos a aprender y memorizar sus oraciones.
- Marque su calendario para la **1 Sesión – Enero 21 de 7 a 8:30pm**. El niño y al menos un padre deben asistir.

**VACACIONES DE NAVIDAD** - El último día de clases para este año será, **Miércoles, 16 de diciembre y domingo, 20 de diciembre**. Las clases resumen el **Miércoles, 06 de enero y el domingo, 10 de enero**. Por favor marque su calendario. Que esta temporada Navideña les traiga felicidad.

**Oficina de Ministerio Juvenil**  
**Sylvia Perez al 281-356-2000 ext. 12**  
**Correo Electrónico: sperez@st-matthias.net**

## ¡LAS POSADAS!

Nuestra primera noche de Las Posadas se celebrará el **Miércoles, 16 de diciembre** a las 6:30 pm en el salón parroquial



Nuestros jóvenes patrocinaran la primera noche de Las Posadas. Por favor invite a su familia y amigos a esta maravillosa experiencia y tradición.

## ¡NUEVO – ESTE OTOÑO!

### Misa Familiar - Domingos a las 2:30pm

¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Misa Familiar de Jóvenes se lleva a cabo una vez al mes. Nuestra próxima clase de confirmación será el **10 de Enero**, a las 2:30pm. Los candidatos, padres, o guardián, y padrinos deben asistir a Misa, y después a Clase de Formación de Confirmación. La Misa es parte de la preparación de Confirmación.

### Misa Familiar de Jóvenes 2015-2016

Enero 10, 2016                      Marzo 6, 2016

Febrero 14, 2016                      Abril 10, 2016

Mayo 15, 2016

Por favor no olvide de traer el acta de bautizo del candidato y padres, también no olviden de entregar el formulario de patrocinador.

## Retiro para Jóvenes de 6º a 8º Grados –

**NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET)** “Por que ser Católico”

**Cuando:** Viernes, Enero 15, 2016

**Donde:** Santa Ana, Tomball, en el Gimnasio

**Horario:** 4:00 pm. – 10:00 p.m.

Todos los jóvenes de 6º a 8º grados están invitados asistir

**COSTO:** \$35.00 por persona (No-Reembolsable)

Incluye: Bocadillo, Cena + Camiseta

**Después de Enero 6, 2016, Registración aumentara a \$50.00**

Fecha Limite de Registración: Miércoles, Enero 13, 2016

Todos los honorarios son no reembolsable