

# St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church

*"A welcoming community, committed to fostering a deeper love of Jesus through faith, family, and service to others."*  
 Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston  
 December 25, 2016

*Established 1978*  
*The Nativity of the Lord*



**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98)**  
**Los confines de la tierra han contemplado la victoria de nuestro Dios. (Salmo 98)**

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 Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:00 am– 5:00 pm  
 Parish Offices will be closed December 26

### 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 & 10:30 am  
 Spanish 1:00 pm  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 Mon. - Thursday - 8:30 am - 9:30 am  
 Friday - 8:30—12:00 pm

### Sacraments

Reconciliation: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 - 9:30 am  
 Saturday 3:30 – 4:30 pm  
 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 25, 2016

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### WORSHIP



My dear Parishioners,

At this glorious time of the year, we celebrate that Our Savior was born to us out of God's great love for us. It causes me to think back on the year and of those who have been such loving people in my life.

You have shown such kindness and generosity through your donations to our parish that I wish to acknowledge you as I may.

Our little parish is blessed to have such a friend as you are and I thank you from the bottom my heart that you have helped. Our dream is to build a large community of good friends that care about living God's plan and sharing with one another.

I am so deeply grateful to each of you who contributed financially to help our church during the year, which was given in faith and love. I am grateful to every one of you for your prayers, support and patience as we have undertaken these extensive projects, especially this year with our capital campaign. Hopefully in the near future we will have a larger Church to welcome more people in our community and the space for our youth activities as well as a larger Saint Vincent De Paul to help the needy. I am also thankful to the Building Committee, Capital Campaign Cabinet, and Bazaar Committee for your passion to serve our community so that we can reach our goal. Many of you have expressed your appreciation for what we have accomplished and a sense of pride in our church home. For all of this I am most humbly grateful.

Though I could never acknowledge all who gave so much to our church, I do want to offer a couple of specific thanks. I offer my deepest appreciation to our Pastoral and Financial councils, for their expertise and energy ensuring everything we do with the highest quality and at the best cost. To the Art and Environment team, you do a wonderful job of making our Church look so beautiful and reverence all year long, especially at Easter and Christmas seasons. To all the ministries and individual parishioners who have helped with fundraising to support our capital campaign and serving the spiritual needs of our community, I will remain indebted to each of you.

Again, I cannot thank you enough for your generosity to our parish in time, talent and treasure. I have every confidence that we, and those who follow us, will enjoy the improvement we have made to our parish. May God bless you all, especially this most holy week as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

*Father Christopher Nguyen*



December 26— January 1, 2017

Monday	8:00 am	Word and Sacrament Service
Tuesday	8:00 am	
Wednesday	8:00 am	Daramir Vranic (liv) Special Intentions
Thursday	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8:00 am	Rodrigo & Ana Rodriguez (liv) - In Thanksgiving
Saturday	5:00 pm	Fr. Rawlin Enette +
Sunday	8:00 am	Parishioners of St. Matthias Parish
	10:30 am	Frank Diehl +
	1:00 pm	Antonia Mendoza + <i>Deceased + Living (liv)</i>

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.

### NEW YEAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Regular weekend schedule

**Saturday, December 31**

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 1**

English - 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,

Spanish - 1:00 p.m.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:** Mario Calixto, Eddie Parrish, Roger DeHoyos, Patty Havlin, Neil MacDonald, Anne Bradford, Jesus Escobar, Bettyann Michell, Daniel Millet, Laura Thompson, Elaine Krueger, Maria Elena Medina, Miguel Lozoya, Dorothy & Luis Pavlock, Dave Dennington, Walter Roesner, Fred Cytacki, Lisa Hernandez, Gloria Albright, Harvey Degeyter, Luz Sutton, Jonathan Sutton, Maiu Alzate, Carmen Gonzales, Wilfred Kreitz, Sally Wolfe, Felicitas Guerrero, Joseph Yaw, Melanie Garcia, Dante Ruiz, Samuel Arredondo, Trina Perez, John Norwood, Manuel Hernandez, Jason Dodson, Peggy & Jim Brewer, Rob Brady, Mark Ward, James Fayard, Liam Roth, David Nordin, Jerry McClean, Richard Nava, Raymond Tatum, Buddy Harrison, McKenzie Covert, Tom McDermott, Edwina Kaminski, Andrea Corolla Phillips, Jim Jacobs, Kimberly Copeland, Norah Ortega, Marlene & Jim Gondek, Greg Stepanek, 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 's funeral.

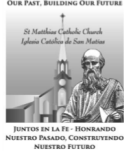


### WEEKLY COLLECTION

The totals for the December 18 collection will be included in the January 1 bulletin

Second Collection next weekend - Solemnity of Mary

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



### OUR NEW CHURCH "Together in Faith-Honoring our Past, Building Our Future"

As of December 13, 2016

Amount Pledged: \$ 2,931,363  
Amount Paid: \$ 770,003 (correction)  
Number of Donors: 501

### Good Communicators Needed!

The Capital Campaign Cabinet is looking for people who are trained in the art of communications. The cabinet has a number of opportunities requiring good written communication skills to assist in developing materials to keep the parishioners informed on the status of the campaign for our new church. This includes letters, flyers, presentations, bulletin articles, and more. Much of the work could be done at home. If you are interested in helping or for more information, please contact either Tom Condon at 281-382-8097 or the parish office at 281-356-2000.

### STEWARDSHIP

That we may continue our Christmas giving every day of the year – giving generously out of love and gratitude for the gift of Jesus.

*"And the Word became flesh" John 1:14*

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.

### Evening of Uplifting Praise and Worship

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, January 19, 2017, 7pm for a truly uplifting event conducted by the St. Matthias ACTS community in our parish hall. Our parish ACTS team will host this joyful event which will include live music, readings, and the Liturgy of the Hours evening prayer. It is open to all parishioners, their families, and friends so please plan to attend.

*PS: You do not have to have attended an ACTS retreat to attend.*

### WORD OF LIFE

"What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

— John 1:3-4, NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.



*Father Chris  
and the Parish Staff  
wish parishioners and visitors  
a blessed and joyful  
Christmas.*

*Fr. Chris Deacon Butch Prewitt  
Deacon Rafael Millet Tom Mayhew  
Marita Karger Sandra Medrano  
Mary Ann Ford Dr. Frankie Kelly  
Marlene Grauvogl Sylvia Perez  
Mary Ann Zanolff*



### Thank You for Supporting DSF

We received a letter from Cardinal DiNardo expressing his gratitude for the support from our parish for the 2016 DSF campaign. The Cardinal informed us that, thanks to your generous contributions, our parish donated \$68,239 exceeding our goal of \$65,000. St. Matthias parish will receive back half of the amount over our goal. Thank You very much for your generosity to the Archdiocesan campaign which will benefit their many service programs.



### ENGLISH BAPTISM CLASSES

The next English Baptism Classes will be held on January 15 and 22, 2017. Parents must attend these classes and the godparents are encouraged to attend also.

If you have a child you would like to Baptize, please contact the parish office by December 28, 2016.



Today we celebrate the feast of Christmas and hear how the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. Then they left glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

**Monthly needed items: boxed corn bread dressing, canned sweet potatoes, canned corn, canned green beans**

Through your gifts in November, St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to 912 friends. There were 333 children, 70 seniors, 52 disabled, and 19 veterans.

Thank you.

I want to personally thank all choirs in both communities for their participation, willingness to be challenged and improved and improving abilities to deliver beautiful music in support of our Liturgies at St. Matthias. There is a foundation now in place upon which we can all build in the area of outstanding choral music that is inspired by Catholic arrangers and composers. More to come!



Our Christmas gift to you is in the form of a concert, whose theme is all about carols from around the world. We hope that you will enjoy these tributes, and that you will be nourished by their beauty and our personal delivery. The choirs have spent many hours rehearsing in preparation for these moments.

You will note that we have also been presenting a new setting of the "Hail, Holy Queen". This contemporary composition will be heard often, and I hope that it might become our parish song of choice to the Blessed Mother. The youth will also be learning this in early 2017.

Finally, it is time to formally begin a teen choir. This choir will rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:15-6:30 p.m. and will follow the calendar of RE. Those students enrolled in RE who are interested in singing praises to our Father are invited to join. Our rehearsals will focus on learning music conceived for Youth and composed in a contemporary style. I will be choosing most of the music from a hymnal called "Spirit and Song". In the future, I hope that we can purchase these books specifically for the use of RE.

As many of you know, I am instrumentally trained and dedicated to instrumental performance. If you are enrolled in band and/or orchestra, then please join me in an organizational meeting to be held on Saturday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m. in the rehearsal room for music (room adjacent to the Parish Hall).

It is a blessing to serve you. Thank you for what are now sixth months of music making with the St. Matthias singers, Parishioners, and Clergy.  
Peace, Dr. Frankie

### LAY MINISTERS - Dec. 31/Jan. 1

#### 5:00 p.m.

**Mass Coordinator:** P. Berger

**Acolytes:** M. Beuershausen, S. Zanoff, S. Skweres

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, B. Kurten, B. Jackson, M. Olszweski, P. Souriall, T. Berger, P. Souriall

**Lectors:** C. Yost, P. Yost

**Ushers:** L. Herzog, J. Jackson

**Greeters:** P. Ratcliff, D. Ratcliff

**Rosary:** M.A. Zanoff

#### 8:00 a.m.

**Mass Coordinator:** J. Okopinski

**Acolytes:** J. Kreitz, M. Nguyen, P. Hoffart

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, M. Hoffart, D. Hoffart, P. Taake, L. Cardenas, P. Hummel, A. Meyers, M. Sullivan, J. Okopinski

**Lectors:** D. Hoffart, S. Hoffart

**Ushers:** M.A. Bearb, R. Bearb, G. Glowski, B. Holland

**Greeters:** M.A. Bearb, R. Bearb

**Rosary:** S. Smith

#### 10:30 a.m.

**Mass Coordinator:** R. Tamborello

**Acolytes:** O. Daskalos, J. McCaleb, P. McCaleb

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon/Inst. Acolyte, D. Trahan, B. Lloyd, M. Lloyd, S. Tamborello, R. Tamborello, J. Strenk, M. Galindo, C. McCorquodale

**Lectors:** J. Chojnacki, G. Trahan

**Ushers:** T. Mayhew, R. McCorquodale, J. Oates, C. Stroberg

**Greeters:** J. Chojnacki, P. Chojnacki

**Rosary:** K. Oates

### MEETINGS, ETC.

Sun., Dec. 25	9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>Christmas Day</b> Mass, English Mass, Bilingual
Mon., Dec. 26	8:00 am 8:30 am	Parish Offices Closed Word & Sacrament Service Adoration
Tues. Dec. 27	8:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass, English Adoration and Confessions Legion of Mary, St Mary Rm (13/14) Spanish Choir Practice, Church
Wed., Dec. 28	8:00 am 8:30 am	Mass Adoration and Confessions
Thurs. Dec. 29	8:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass Adoration and Confessions AMSIF, Parish hall, classrooms English Choir Practice, Church
Fri., Dec. 30	8:00 am 8:30 am 3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Adoration and Confessions Quinceanera, Church Hispanic Prayer Group, Parish Hall
Sat., Dec. 31	3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Confessions, Church Mass, English
Sun., Jan. 1	8:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Mass, English Mass, English Mass, Spanish

### Parish Offices Will be Closed

Monday, December 26th

### Parish Christmas Wish List

If you are looking for a small way that you can give something back to our parish over Christmas, below is a list of items that are needed in our kitchen. Ideas include: large and medium cooking pots and pans, cooking and serving utensils, cutting boards and knives, knife sharpener, kitchen drawer organizers, can openers, a basic Mr. Coffee maker for the parish office, or other items you can think of that would be helpful to have around our parish kitchen. These are good things to be on the lookout for during the after Christmas sales. God Bless.

### Dec 2, "Kids Night Out" Refunds

If you paid in advance to participate in the December 2 "Kids Night Out" event which was cancelled, please stop by the parish CCE office to pick-up your refund by December 30.

### Thrive Men's Conference

Prince of Peace is hosting Thrive—it's very first men's conference—on February 11, 2017 for all men in the northwest Houston area. Thrive is a day of reflection, fellowship, and worship focusing on what unites men in faith and brotherhood. There will be three keynote speakers during the day, and we'll end with Vigil Mass at Prince of Peace. For more info and registration visit [www.pophouston.org/thrive](http://www.pophouston.org/thrive)

### Find a Church While Away from Home...

If you plan to be away from home over the Christmas break and unable to attend St. Matthias for Mass, take a look at **MASSTIMES.ORG**. Allow this site to use your current location and it will display a map with Catholic churches in the area and the times of their Masses and other services.

## FORMATION

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
Marlene Grauvogl at 281-356-2000 x 14  
E-mail: mgrauvogl@st-matthias.net

*A God who became so small could only be  
Mercy and Love.*

*-St. Theresa*

*The gift of Love*

*The gift of Peace*

*The gift of Happiness*

*May all these be yours at Christmas.*

### IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES

January 8 - Sunday elementary classes resume  
January 11 - Wednesday T.E.E.N. classes resume  
January 26 - Session One for First Reconciliation -  
7pm-8:30pm

### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- Parents need to be working with the children at home and have the first 3 chapters completed by session one.
- A copy of the child's baptismal certificate is needed in the RE office.
- Practice prayers with your children.
- At least one parent and child attend session one on January 26.

### UPCOMING VIRTUS WORKSHOPS

Virtus workshops will be held at the following neighboring parishes. You must register online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) in order to attend one of these workshops. These classes are in English only.

St. Mary Magdalene – Monday, January 9 at 6:00pm  
St. Simon & Jude – Thursday, January 12 at 9:00am  
St. Martha, Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30pm  
Christ the Redeemer, Saturday, February 18 at 9:30am

**Bayou Awakening Retreat** for young adults ages 18-25. March 10-12, 2017 at Cameron Retreat Center- 2403 Holcombe Blvd. Houston TX 77021. The mission of Awakening is to bring young adults to a personal encounter with Christ, provide an opportunity for spiritual renewal and to connect young adults to the Catholic Church and a safe community. Sponsored by the Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry. \$55 per person. Registrations at [www.bayouawakening.org](http://www.bayouawakening.org) or by mail. Information 713-741-8778.

**OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY**  
Sylvia Perez at 281- 356-2000 x 12  
E-mail: sperez@st-matthias.net

### CONFIRMATION NEWS!

The third Confirmation Class is Sunday, January 8, 2017, from 2:30-5:00 p.m. We will all attend Adoration in the church, then class. All must attend (Candidates, Parents, & Sponsors)

### HIGH SCHOOL - N.E.T. RETREAT (NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM)

WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M. -9:00 P.M.

PLACE: ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HALL

WHO CAN ATTEND: **ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** & all 1<sup>st</sup> year students as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

COST: \$100.00 person before January 11, 2017 - (All Fees Are Non-refundable) (After January 11, 2017 – Cost becomes \$115.00) (Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner)

For non - parishioners \$130.00 (Non-refundable)

NO EARLY RELEASE . YOU MUST STAY FOR MASS AND AFTER MASS FOR DINNER! (If you leave early you will have to make another retreat!)

**ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THIS RETREAT IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THEIR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS RETREAT, IT IS THE CANDIDATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO LOCATE A CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT ANOTHER PARISH PRIOR TO THE END OF MARCH 2017 .**

### 2017 Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally

Keynote Speaker - Chris Padgett

All youth in grades (6th -8th)

When: Feb. 25, 2017 Time: 10:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Where: St. Simon and Jude Woodlands, TX

**Regular Registration Deadline - Jan. 21, 2017—\$60.00**

**After that date-\$75.00 Last day to register—Feb. 4, 2017**

**ALL FEES NON-REFUNDABLE**

Archdiocesan Junior High Rally is an annual day for Younger Adolescents (grades 6th -8th) to gather together as community to pray, share, learn and celebrate with the larger archdiocesan family their Catholic faith. This high energy one-day event provides early adolescents from throughout the Archdiocese exposure to top keynote presenters, workshops, hands-on activities, and liturgy which is designed to build their own sense of Catholic community, evangelization and deeper relationship with Christ.

Throughout the day, youth and adults deepen their faith by participating in a wide variety of fun and faith-filled activities which focus on instructions of faith, community building and moral teaching of the Church. Participants are also exposed to a variety of Catholic service organizations and hand-on service projects in the Grand Midway. Each year a new theme is selected which focuses on issues that affect the Junior High youth.

Parents and Guardians needed to transport youth to and from Pearland, TX.

Contact Sylvia Perez for more information. 281-356-200 x 12

## COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Declaración de la Misión Parroquial

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

Mis queridos Feligreses,

En esta gloriosa época del año, celebramos que Nuestro Salvador nos nació del gran amor de Dios por nosotros. Me hace pensar en el año y de aquellos que han sido tan amorosos en mi vida. Usted ha mostrado tanta amabilidad y generosidad a través de sus donaciones a nuestra parroquia que deseo reconocerlos como puedo.

Nuestra pequeña parroquia es bendecida por tener un amigo como usted y se lo agradezco desde el fondo de mi corazón que usted ha ayudado. Nuestro sueño es construir una gran comunidad de buenos amigos que se preocupan por vivir el plan de Dios y compartir los unos con los otros.

Estoy profundamente agradecido a cada uno de ustedes que contribuyeron financieramente para ayudar a nuestra iglesia durante el año, que fue dado en fe y amor. Estoy agradecido a cada uno de ustedes por sus oraciones, apoyo y paciencia, ya que hemos emprendido estos extensos proyectos, especialmente este año con nuestra Campaña Capital. Esperemos que en un futuro tendremos una Iglesia más grande para dar la bienvenida a más gente en nuestra comunidad y el espacio para nuestras actividades juveniles, así como un lugar para San Vicente de Paúl para ayudar a los necesitados. También estoy agradecido con el Comité de Planificación, Gabinete de Campaña Capital y el Comité de Bazar por su pasión en servir a nuestra comunidad para que podamos alcanzar nuestro objetivo. Muchos de ustedes han expresado su aprecio por lo que hemos logrado y un sentido de orgullo en el hogar de nuestra iglesia. Por todo esto estoy muy humildemente agradecido.

A pesar de que nunca podría reconocer a todos los que dieron tanto a nuestra iglesia, quiero ofrecer un par de agradecimientos específicos. Ofrezco mi más profundo agradecimiento a nuestros Consejos Pastoral y de Finanzas, por su experiencia y energía, asegurando todo lo que hacemos con la más alta calidad y al mejor costo. Para el Equipo de Arte y Ambiente, ustedes hicieron un trabajo maravilloso haciendo que nuestra Iglesia se vea tan hermosa y reverencia durante todo el año, especialmente en las temporadas de Pascua y Navidad. A todos los ministerios y parroquianos individuales que han ayudado con la recaudación de fondos para apoyar nuestra Campaña Capital y servir a las necesidades espirituales de nuestra comunidad, Me quedaré en deuda con cada uno de ustedes.

De nuevo, no puedo agradecerle lo suficiente por su generosidad a nuestra parroquia en tiempo, talento y tesoro. Tengo toda la confianza de que nosotros, y los que nos siguen, disfrutaremos el mejoramiento que hemos hecho a nuestra parroquia. Que Dios los bendiga a todos, especialmente esta semana santísima al celebrar el nacimiento de Cristo.

Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo,

*Padre Christopher Nguyen*

### Gracias por apoyar a DSF

Recibimos una carta del Cardenal DiNardo expresando su agradecimiento por el apoyo de nuestra parroquia para la Campaña de DSF 2016. El Cardenal nos informó que, gracias a sus generosas contribuciones, nuestra parroquia donó \$68,239 más que nuestra meta de \$65,000. La parroquia de San Matías recibirá la mitad de la cantidad sobre nuestra meta. Muchas gracias por su generosidad a la Campaña Arquidiocesana que beneficiará sus muchos programas de servicio

### MINISTROS PARA EL DOMINGO 1 DE ENERO DE 2017

**Lectores:** 1ra. Lectura: Gloria Garcia

2da. Lectura: Agustín Rodríguez

**Ministros:** G. Silva 1b, C. Silva 1c, J. Sayón 2b, A. Sayón 2c, Á. Ramirez 3b, I. Ramirez 3c, E. Osorio 4c, A. Navarro 5c, Y. Merino 6c

**Monaguillos:** A. Camargo, V. Don, L. Guevara, V. Garcia

**Ujieres:** M. García, M. Tadeo, Á. Rodríguez, A. Campos, J. Adame, J. Moreno, B. Navarro

**Ofertorio:** Virginia Flores

**Visita de la Virgen Peregrina a la familia:** Virginia Flores

**Coordinador de la Misa:** Agustín y Magdalena Rodríguez

**Rosario:** Juana Aguirre

**Intención de la Misa de Hoy:** Domingo y Amparo Suarez †



*El Padre Chris  
y el Personal de la Parroquia  
les desea a nuestros feligreses y visitantes  
una bendita y alegre  
Feliz Navidad*

*Padre Chris      Diácono Butch      Diácono Rafael  
Gerente Tomas      Marita      Mary Ann      Marlene  
Sandra      Sylvia      Directora de Música Frankie*



### La oficina parroquial estará cerrada

**mañana lunes, 26 de diciembre**



**Bautismo**

### PRÓXIMA CLASES DE BAUTIZO

**Enero 23 & 24, 2017 a su hijo(a) en San Matías, los padres tendrán que tomar las platicas en SAN MATÍAS solamente y no en OTRA PARROQUIAL ¡Favor de llamar a la oficina para registrarse!**

**PADRES:** Si los papás no están casados por la Iglesia se les pide que llamen a la oficina para programar una cita con el Sacerdote antes de que puedan asistir a la clase de bautizo. La cita debe ser mínimo 2 semanas antes de la clase de bautizo y solo entre semana durante horario de oficina de Martes a Viernes 2017

**(Se asiste a ambas fechas) (Pre Registro es requerido)**

**El Sacramento de Bautizo será celebrado el 11 de Febrero a las 10:30am**

**Si desea bautizar** s antes de las 4:00pm.

**PADRINOS:** Deben ser católicos practicantes (poder comulgar). Si son casados deben ser casados por la Iglesia Católica o si son solteros deben estar bautizados y confirmados. **NOTA:** Parejas viviendo en común o casados solo por lo civil sin haber sido bendecidas por el Matrimonio Católico, NO pueden ser padrinos.

**¡RECUERDE!** Se recomienda que la familia esté registrada en la Parroquia de San Matías.



## Eventos de la Oficina de Evangelización y Catequesis

**Concierto "Canto y Predicación con Carlos Seoane"** La oficina de Evangelización y Catequesis con la Casa Pasionista Holy Name y la parroquia de San Jerónimo Houston? invitan a todos al concierto de Alabanza GRATUITO que tendremos el Viernes 27 de Enero, 2017. Estará con nosotros Carlos Seoane desde Argentina, autor del disco "Cartas" con canciones inspiradas en textos de San Pablo para la editorial San Pablo en ocasión del año paulino, entre otros discos. Ha realizado giras dando conciertos y talleres de formación para músicos en Argentina, España, Estados Unidos, México, El Salvador, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Bolivia, Chile, Uruguay y Paraguay. Para mayor información visita [www.archgh.org/OEC/Qados](http://www.archgh.org/OEC/Qados)

**Retiro Qados ¡Libranos del Mal...humor!** La Oficina de Evangelización y Catequesis con la Casa Pasionista Holy Name le complace invitarlo a nuestro retiro "Libranos del Mal...humor" con el Cantautor Carlos Seoane de Argentina, sábado 28 de Enero, 2017. En esta ocasión hemos invitado a Carlos Seoane para que comparta la espiritualidad de la música, el buen humor que debe irradiar en todos los católicos. El Retiro tiene cupo limitado para 65 personas y tiene un costo de \$50 dólares por persona que incluye refrigerios por la mañana, almuerzo, material y Misa. ¡No se aceptan niños! Esto también cuenta como horas de crédito para aquellos que necesitan horas para certificarse. El retiro se llevará a cabo en la casa Pasionista Holy Name. Para mayor información hable con Adrián Herrera al 713.741.8799 o [aherrera@archgh.org](mailto:aherrera@archgh.org). Para inscribirse, puede hacerlo en línea pagando con tarjeta de Crédito: [www.archgh.org/OEC/Qados](http://www.archgh.org/OEC/Qados)

## Noticias y Eventos del Ministerio de Vida Familiar

Desea obtener alguna ayuda para saber cómo educar a sus hijos? La oficina del Ministerio de Vida Familiar cuenta con un selecto grupo de 8 profesionales alrededor de la Arquidiócesis que pueden proveer estos servicios a padres que desean obtener ayuda en la crianza de sus hijos. Estos programas están diseñados para ofrecer formación y para guiar a los padres en diversas situaciones. Para mayor información por favor comuníquese al 713-741-8739 o al 713-741-8711.

¿Está interesado (a) en hablar con alguien sobre su relación matrimonial? Podemos ayudarle si está atravesando por algún reto en su relación de pareja. Ofrecemos sesiones de enriquecimiento matrimonial, consultoría y mentoría. Para mayor información por favor comuníquese al 713- 741-8711.

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

*Un Dios que se hizo tan pequeño solo podía ser Misericordia y Amor.*  
-Santa Teresa

*El regalo de la Amor*  
*El regalo de la Paz*  
*El regalo de la Felicidad*  
*Que todo esto sea suyo en Navidad*

## Fechas Importantes en Enero

- 8 de enero – Las clases de Domingo resumen
- 11 de enero – Las clases de Miércoles resumen
- 26 de enero – Primera Sesión de la Primera Reconciliación a las 7 a 8:30pm

## Información de Sacramental

- Los padres tienen que trabajar con los niños en casa y tener los primeros 3 capítulos completados para la primera sesión.
- Se necesita una copia del certificado de bautismo del niño en la oficina de educación religiosa.
- Practique las oraciones con sus niños.
- Al menos un padre y el niño/a asisten a la Primera sesión el 26 de enero

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



## Noticias de Confirmación

La tercera clase de Confirmación será el Domingo, 8 de enero 2017 de 2:30pm a 5:00pm. Todos asistiremos a Adoración en la iglesia, luego a clase. Todos deben asistir Candidatos, Padres y Patrocinadores

## Clases de Confirmación 2017

Enero 08, 2017	Marzo 05, 2017
Febrero 12, 2017	Abril 09, 2017

## La Santa Familia

Dios nos da el ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia para mostrarnos el camino. ¡Jesús vino al mundo a través de una familia! Nos muestra el valor y la belleza de las relaciones familiares. La Sagrada Familia no se libra de las dificultades y dificultades que a veces enfrentamos en nuestras propias familias. María y José viajaron por circunstancias difíciles al final del embarazo de María. No había lugar donde quedarse cuando Jesús nació. María tuvo que dar a luz fuera rodeada de animales. Después de su nacimiento, los padres de Jesús tuvieron que huir a Egipto para mantenerlo a salvo. Cuando tenía 12 años, María y José perdieron a Jesús en un viaje familiar, y María estuvo presente a través de la crucifixión de su Hijo. Dios entiende cualquier juicio, cualquier dificultad que enfrentamos en nuestra propia familia, y Él está con nosotros.



## RETIRO N.E.T. (NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM)

**Cuando:** Enero 21, 2017 **Día:** Sábado **Horario:** 9:00am a 9:00pm  
**Donde:** En el salón parroquial de San Matías  
Todos los jóvenes de 9º a 12º grados están invitados asistir  
**¡Todos los candidatos de 1º y 2º año de Confirmación deben asistir!**  
**Costo:** \$100 per estudiante antes del 11 de enero de 2017  
Todas las tarifas no son reembolsables  
Incluye: Desayuno, Almuerzo y Cena

¡Ningún candidato de confirmación podrá salir temprano del retiro. Tendrá que quedarse para la misa y después para la cena! ¡Si el candidato sale temprano tendrá que ir a otro retiro!

Para los que no son feligreses de San Matías el costo es \$130.00  
**(No reembolsable)**

Todos los candidatos de confirmación deben asistir a este retiro para completar su preparación de Confirmación. Si el candidato de confirmación no puede asistir a este retiro, es la responsabilidad del candidato de localizar un Retiro de Confirmación en otra parroquia antes del fin de marzo de 2017.