

## UPCOMING EVENTS / PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS: PARISH PRAYER GROUPS / GRUPOS DE ORACIÓN PARROQUIALES

- ⇒ We invite all men 18 and over to join us for The Men's Prayer Group on Saturday's starting at 7:30 am in the St. Mary's Hall. Please contact Samuel Ximenez for more information./*Invitamos a todos los hombres mayores de 18 años a unirse a nuestro Grupo de Oración para Hombres los sábados a partir de las 7:30 a. m. en el Salón St. Mary's. Para más información, comuníquese con Samuel Ximenez.*
- ⇒ We welcome Fred Leal as our new Spiritual Director. He was trained by Bishop Mike, and he is here to offer any spiritual direction. For more information, please contact Fred Leal. *Demos la bienvenida a Fred Leal como nuestro nuevo director espiritual. Fue formado por el obispo Mike y está aquí para ofrecer orientación espiritual. Para más información, contacten a Fred Leal.*
- ⇒ We invite all to join the Spanish Prayer Group "Grupo de Oracion," on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm. Contact Juan Lara for more information./*Invitamos a todos al "Grupo de Oración" en Español, los Lunes de 7-9 pm. Para mas información, contacten a Juan Lara.*
- ⇒ We invite all to join the Spanish Prayer Group "Grupo de Crecimiento Espiritual," on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm. Contact Juan Lara for more information./*Invitamos a todos al "Grupo de Crecimiento Espiritual," los Martes de 7-9 pm. Para mas información, contacten a Juan Lara.*
- ⇒ We invite all for the Communion Service and Adoration being observed on the second Tuesday of every month in the church starting at 7:00pm-8:45pm./*Invitamos a todos al servicio de comunión y adoración que se celebra el segundo martes de cada mes en la iglesia, de 7:00 a 8:45.*
- ⇒ She Shall Be Called Woman is taking place at St. Mary's (hall) on Wednesday's during the month of February, beginning at 6:30pm. Contact Patricia Bautista for more information./*El evento "She Shall Be Called Woman" se llevará a cabo en el salón de St. Mary's todos los miércoles del mes de febrero, a partir de las 6:30. Para más información, comuníquese con Patricia Bautista.*
- ⇒ We invite everyone to St. Peter's on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm-8:30pm for Adoration. Please contact Deacon Estevan for more information./*Invitamos a todos a la iglesia de San Pedro los jueves por la noche, de 7:00 a 8:30, para la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento. Para más información, póngase en contacto con el diácono Estevan.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES

- ⇒ Offertory envelopes are available. If you do not see a box with your family's name, please be patient and check back next weekend. We apologize for the delay. One time use offertory envelopes will still be available./ *Hay sobres para las ofrendas disponibles. Si no encuentra una caja con el nombre de su familia, le rogamos que tenga paciencia y vuelva a consultar el próximo fin de semana. Lamentamos la demora. También habrá sobres de un solo uso para las ofrendas.*
- ⇒ We are asking everyone to please fill out a registration form to update our records. Please indicate if you would like to receive offertory envelopes./*Les pedimos a todos que, por favor, completen un formulario de registro para actualizar nuestros datos. Indiquen si desean recibir sobres para las ofrendas.*
- ⇒ Altar Server Training Meeting : Friday February 13,2026 beginning at 6pm. We invite the youth who are interested in serving the church. Open to students in 3rd and 12th grade, who have already made their first communion./*Reunión de capacitación para monaguillos: Viernes 13 de febrero de 2026, a partir de las 6:00. Invitamos a los jóvenes interesados en servir a la iglesia. Abierto a estudiantes de 3.º a 12.º grado que ya hayan recibido su primera comunión.*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 7TH AND 8TH, 2026

QUINTO DOMINGO ORDINARIO  
7 Y 8 DE FEBRERO DE 2026



## St. Mary's Catholic Church

Founded 1933 / Fundada en 1933

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Through prayer and worship, we are dedicated to serving the pastoral and spiritual needs of our parish, forming a welcoming sanctuary for all and continue the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ to evangelize and Proclaim the Word to build up our Church community with loving care, and to help bring others closer to God.

**DECLARACIÓN DE MISSION:** A través de la oración y la adoración, nos dedicamos a servir las necesidades pastorales y espirituales de nuestra parroquia, formando un santuario acogedor para todos y continuando la misión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo de evangelizar y proclamar la Palabra para edificar nuestra comunidad de la Iglesia con cuidado amoroso y ayudar a acercar a otros a Dios.

### Mass Times / Horarios de Misa

**Saturday / Sábado 4:00 p.m. English**

**Sunday / Domingo 7:45 a.m. Español**

**Sunday / Domingo 11:30 a.m. English**

### Confessions/ Confesiones

Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:50pm

### Weekday Mass/Misa de entre Semana

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

**Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes 8:00 a.m.**

**Holy Hour Friday after mass**

**Hora Santa Viernes después de la misa**

### Confessions/ Confesiones:

Friday from 8:30am to 9:15am

### **Fr. Kishore Bathula, Pastor**

### **Deacon Estevan Bautista**

**Office Staff:** Mary Turrin—Bookkeeper

**Maddie Casares— Office Administrator**  
**Maria Gonzalez—Volunteer Bulletin Editor**

### **Office Hours/ Horas de Oficina:**

**Mon / Lun 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Tue & Thurs / Mar y Jue 10a.m.- 5:00 p.m.**

**12:30p.m-1:30p.m (Lunch)**

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- ◇ **THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** the Sacrament is administered upon request to those seriously ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery. To arrange a pastoral visit please call the parish office.
- ◇ **HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:** Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the office when someone is ill and unable to come to church. Prayers may be requested for the sick and the elderly. Call the office when someone is in the hospital. **CONFESSIONS:** Any time by request. **NEWCOMERS:** We are happy to have you. Please approach the pastor right after the mass.
- ◇ **FUNERALS:** The family of the deceased should consult the pastor by calling the parish office, concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the undertaker, the normal setting of the funeral Mass is the Church.

**PARISH MINISTRY COORDINATORS/  
COORDINADORAS DEL MINISTERIO PARROQUIAL**

- ⇒ **LITURGY / LITURGIA:** Patricia Bautista, 817-657-2128
- ⇒ **DRE:** Sylvia Cruz, 210-415-1364
- ⇒ **BAPTISM / MATRIMONY / QUINCEANERA:** Dn. Estevan Bautista, 817-300-1145
- ⇒ **OCIA:** Diana Bonelli, 210-336-2638
- ⇒ **CEMETERY / CEMENTERIO:** Flo Uriegas, Cookie White, Carmen Barbola, 830-399-2142
- ⇒ **PASTORAL COUNCIL / CONSEJO PASTORAL:** Ricardo Abundes, 956-459-4395
- ⇒ **FINANCIAL COUNCIL / CONSEJO FINANCIERO:**

**PRAYER GROUPS / GRUPOS DE ORACIÓN**

- ⇒ **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP:** Deacon Estevan Bautista, 817-300-1145
- ⇒ **WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP:** Patricia Bautista, 817-657-2128
- ⇒ **GRUPO DE ORACIÓN:** Juan Lara
- ⇒ **DANZA CORAZON DE MARIA (MATACHINES):** Imelda Cruz, 210-473-0350
- ⇒ **WEEKDAY MASS AND DEVOTIONS:** Mary Frances Anderson, 210-286-4110

**Weekend Collection/  
Colección Semanal:**

**JANUARY 31ST AND FEBRUARY 1ST:**

- Saturday at 4pm - \$1313.00**
- Second collection- \$218.00**
- Sunday at 7:45am- \$487.00**
- Second collection- \$209.00**
- Sunday 11:30am- \$977.00**
- Second collection- \$205.00**

- \* Thank you for your continued support and generosity!
- \* Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS / LECTURAS DE ESTE DOMINGO**

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 58:7-10*

In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 112:4-9*

The just person will be a light in the darkness.

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 5:13-16*

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK / LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**9 Mon Weekday** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 / Mk 6:53-56 (329)

**10 Tue Saint Scholastica, Virgin Memorial** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 / Mk 7:1-13 (330)

**11 Wed Weekday [Our Lady of Lourdes]** 1 Kgs 10:1-10 / Mk 7:14-23 (331) 17

**12 Thu Weekday** 1 Kgs 11:4-13 / Mk 7:24-30 (332)

**13 Fri Weekday** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 / Mk 7:31-37 (333)

**14 Sat Memorial Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 / Mk 8:1-10 (334)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SAT	2/07 4PM	+William Barbola +Eduardo and +Teodora Arguello For the health of Raul Cotto and Anna Mendiola
SUN	02/08 7:45AM	+Luis Alaquinez Por la salud de Josie Cruz
SUN	2/08 11:30AM	+Milfred Fey +Diane Reyes Alaniz +Steve Scanlon and Parents
MON	2/09 8AM	+Aurelia Rodriguez
WED	2/011 8AM	+Father Mike Mushalla
FRI	2/13 8AM	For the Health of Momma Carmen
SAT	2/14 4PM	+William Barbola +Eloy Reyes For the health of Raul Cotto and Anna Mendiola
SUN	2/15 7:45AM	+Maria Lopez
SUN	2/15 11:30AM	+Diane Reyes Alaniz

**Sanctuary Lamp / Lámpara del Santuario**

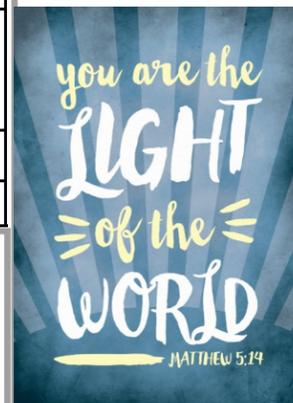


*For the family of +Juan & +Carolina Martinez*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."*

**Matthew 5:16**



**Dear parishioners ...** Building on the message of the Beatitudes, Jesus turns to the familiar images of salt and light to describe what it means to live as his disciples. Today, we barely think twice about either. Salt sits unnoticed on our tables, and light is available at the flip of a switch. Yet in the world of Jesus, both were precious and essential. Salt preserved food, enhanced flavor, and even served healing purposes. Light, long before electricity, meant safety, direction, and life itself once the sun went down. And yet, despite our familiarity with these words from Matthew's Gospel, their power has not faded. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world remains a striking summary of our mission as Christians and as Church. It is not a private calling, but a public one—meant to shape how we live, how we treat others, and how we engage the world around us. From this call flows our commitment to social justice and compassionate action. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy give this mission flesh and bones. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the grieving, forgive injuries, and stand with those who suffer, we allow God's light to shine through us. We add flavor to a world grown bland by indifference and help preserve human dignity where it is threatened. When these acts are lived not in isolation but together, as a community of faith, the Church becomes what Jesus describes—a city set on a hill, impossible to hide. In choosing to live as salt and light, we make visible the transforming presence of God in the world.

*With love Fr. Kishore Bathula....*



The Archdiocese of San Antonio promotes *National Marriage Week*. Thank you, Pastors, for recognizing and celebrating marriage at your parish.

The observances of *National Marriage Week* (Feb. 7-14) and *World Marriage Day* (Sunday, Feb. 8) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "Man and Woman He Created Them: Together with Purpose".

*Celebrate Married Couples*

Find resources for the celebration of marriage on the ForYourMarriage website, or on the National Marriage Week website. USCCB, For Your Marriage website: [yourmarriage.org](http://yourmarriage.org).

Encuentre recursos para la celebración del matrimonio en el sitio web ForYourMarriage o en el sitio web de la Semana Nacional del Matrimonio. USCCB, Por Tu Matri-

**Queridos feligreses...** Basándose en el mensaje de las Bienaventuranzas, Jesús recurre a las imágenes de la sal y la luz para describir lo que significa vivir como sus discípulos. Hoy en día, apenas les prestamos atención. La sal permanece inadvertida en nuestras mesas, y la luz está disponible con solo pulsar un interruptor. Sin embargo, en la época de Jesús, ambas eran preciosas y esenciales. La sal conservaba los alimentos, realzaba su sabor e incluso tenía propiedades curativas. La luz, mucho antes de la electricidad, significaba seguridad, orientación y la vida misma una vez que se ponía el sol. Y, a pesar de nuestra familiaridad con estas palabras del Evangelio de Mateo, su poder no ha disminuido. El llamado de Jesús a ser sal de la tierra y luz del mundo sigue siendo un resumen impactante de nuestra misión como cristianos y como Iglesia. No es un llamado privado, sino público, destinado a moldear nuestra forma de vivir, de tratar a los demás y de interactuar con el mundo que nos rodea. De este llamado surge nuestro compromiso con la justicia social y la acción compasiva. Las Obras de Misericordia corporales y espirituales dan cuerpo a esta misión. Cuando alimentamos al hambriento, vestimos al desnudo, consolamos al afligido, perdonamos las ofensas y acompañamos a quienes sufren, permitimos que la luz de Dios brille a través de nosotros. Aportamos sabor a un mundo que se ha vuelto insípido por la indiferencia y ayudamos a preservar la dignidad humana allí donde está amenazada. Cuando estos actos se viven no de forma aislada, sino en comunidad de fe, la Iglesia se convierte en lo que Jesús describe: una ciudad edificada sobre una colina, imposible de ocultar. Al elegir vivir como sal y luz, hacemos visible la presencia transformadora de Dios en el mundo.

*Con amor Padre Kishore Bathula....*

**Lent 2026 Schedule**

**Lent Schedule (Calendario de Cuaresma):**

◇ **Ash Wednesday (Miércoles de Ceniza):**

**St. Mary's:** Mass and Distribution of Ashes (*Misa y distribución de ceniza*)

**February 18:**

7 am (Spanish) *Misa y distribución de ceniza*

8 am (English) Mass and Distribution of Ashes

6:30 pm (Bilingual) Mass and Distribution of Ashes (*Misa y distribución de ceniza*); at **St. Peter's.**

◇ **Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis):**

**St. Mary's:** Friday's after 8 am Mass and at 6:30 pm (Bilingual);

*Todos los Viernes después de la misa de 8 am y a las 6:30 pm*

◇ **Lenten Mission Confessions (Confesiones durante la Cuaresma):**

March 19 at **St. Peter's**

March 20 at **St. Mary's**

from 6:00pm-8:30pm

6:00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*Exposición del Santísimo*)

Confessions will end at 8:30pm (*Confesiones terminaran a las 8:30pm*)



**Candles will be available after Holy Thursday**

**\$4.00 Donation**

**Las velas estarán disponibles después del Jueves Santo**