

St. Matthew Catholic Church - Annual Events 2025

The building / rooms will not be reserved for any event until a "Facility Request Form" is filled out, turned into the church office as soon as possible, and approved by the Pastor.

January

- 1 W New Year: Mary, Mother of God, World Day of Peace (Holy Day of Obligation)
World Day of Peace
- 3 F First Friday Adoration and Benediction
- 4 Sa First Saturday; Anointing of the Sick
- 5 Su Epiphany of Our Lord / First Day of FF Class [Sunday]
- 8 W First Day of FF Class [Wednesday]
- 9 Sa ACTS Core Mini Retreat SJP Center
- 12 Su The Baptism of the Lord – Faith Formation Classes begin
- 12-26 Cemetery of the Innocents: Done by Pro Life Ministry and Our Youth
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 22 W Day of Penance: Anniversary of Roe Vs Wade / National Sanctity of Human Life Day
- 25 Sa *Seminario de Vida en el Espíritu (Grupo de Oración) [SJP Center]*
- 26 Su Sunday of the Word of God
- 26 to Feb. 1: Catholic Schools Week [We celebrate from Feb 3rd to Feb.9th]
- 29 W St. Don Bosco [youth group celebration]
- 31 F St. Don Bosco – feast [actual day]

February

- 1 Sa & 2 Su Presentation of Our Lord; World Day of Consecrated Life
St. Blasé Feast Day - Blessing of Throats (This weekend at all Masses)
Presentation of Babies & Blessing of Nino Jesus
- 3 to 9: **Catholic Schools Week** *celebrated*
- 4 Tu *Día de la Candelaria (Grupo de Oración) [Parish Hall - social]*
- 6 Th FF Advisory Committee meeting
- 7 F First Friday Adoration and Benediction
- 8 Sa Parents Class - SJP 8:30 AM**
- 8/9 World Marriage Day [Special blessings for the married couples]
- 11 Tu Our Lady of Lourdes: World Day of the Sick
- 15-16 Retiro Matrimonial [New Evangelization] (español) SJP**
- 17 M Ministry Head Appreciation Dinner 6:30 p.m. SJP
- 20-23 Th-S *Cursillo de Mujeres*
- 22 Sa **Dinner/Dance SJP 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.**
Pre-Matrimonial Retreat. (Spanish) 8am – 4 pm
- 24-28 M-F Clergy Annual Retreat [Communion Services]
- 27 Th Liturgy Committee Meeting

March [Spiritual Wellness Month]

- 4 Tu Altar Society set-up for Lent
- 5 W Ash Wednesday – NO Class**

7 F First Lenten Friday - Fish Fry / Way of the Cross

8 Sa Class for Sponsors – SJP 8:30 AM

8 Sa Parking Lot Sale – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. South Parking Lot - Parish Activity Committee

8/9 Sa/Su Ministries Fair – Masses in SJP

9-15 Spring Break – No Classes

13-16 Th–Su Women’s ACTS Retreat

14 F 2nd Lenten Friday – Fish Fry / Way of the Cross

16 Su 2nd Sunday of Lent / Women’s ACTS return from Retreat

19 W St. Joseph ’s Day

20-23 Th-Su *Cursillo de Hombres*

21 F 3rd Friday in Lent / Way of the Cross / Fish Fry

22 Sa Right to Life of East Texas Celebrate Life Banquet 6:30 p.m. [Holiday Inn North]

25 Tu The Annunciation of the Lord

26 W *Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting*

28 F 4th Friday in Lent – Fish Fry / Way of the Cross

Parish 26th Anniversary (1999)

29 S Liturgical Ministries Training

April

4 F 5th Friday of Lent - Fish Fry / Way of the Cross

1st Friday adoration & Benediction

5 Sa 1st Saturday; Anointing of the Sick; **Parish Work Day**

11 F 6th Friday of Lent – Fish Fry / Way of the Cross

12 S Altar Society decorate for Palm Sunday

13 Su Palm Sunday – Holy week begins

14/15 M & Tu: Lenten Confessions: 5 PM-7 PM

15 Tu Chrism Mass in Tyler

17 Th Holy Thursday – Altar Society prepare at 10:00 a.m.

18 F Good Friday (10:00 a.m. Altar Society set up for Veneration of the Cross)

19 Sa Holy Saturday (10:00 a.m. Altar Society set up for Easter Vigil Mass)

RCIA Easter Vigil Practice @ 9 a.m.

20 Su Easter Sunday

27 Su Divine Mercy Sunday

Children’s Day / *Dia del Nino (Siervos de Cristo)*

26/27 Sell Raffle Tickets for Mother’s Day Basket (Catholic Daughters)

May Month of Mother Mary

1 Th St. Joseph the Worker

2 F First Friday / Adoration

Rehearsal First Communion – Church 5 pm.

3 Sa First Communion Day

3/4 Sell Raffle Tickets for Mother’s Day Basket (Catholic Daughters)

7 W *Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting*

9 F Rehearsal for Confirmands: 5 PM; church .

10 Sa Confirmation Day

- 11 Su Mother's Day / (*Siervos de Cristo*) in (SJP) 2pm - 6pm
 Good Shepherd Sunday / World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 CDA present Mother's Day Basket to the winner
- 13 Tu Our Lady of Fatima
- 14 & 18 W & Su - Crowning of Mary
- 15-18 *Cursillos de Mujeres*
- 17 Sa Mother – Son Dance SJP Center
- 21 W Catechists Appreciation Dinner
- 24/25 Sa & Su - Graduation at the 1:00 & 6:00 p.m. Mass / Senior Celebration 7 p.m. SJP
- 26 M Memorial Day: Mass @ 9 am
- 29 Th Liturgy Committee Meeting
- 31 Sa The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

June (Month Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

- 1 Su The Ascension of the Lord
- 6 F First Friday / Adoration and Benediction
- 7 Sa & 8 Su *Retiro de Sanacion [Grupo de Oracion y New Evangelisacion] SJP Center*
Vigilia de Pentecostés – Noche de alabanza

8 Su The Pentecost

- 15 Su The Trinity Sunday
 Father's Day / *Father's Day Celebration [Servidoras de Guadalupe - SJP] 2pm - 5pm*
- 20-22 Steubenville Youth Conference
- 21 Sa Eucharistic Procession after the 5:00 p.m. Mass
- 22 Su Corpus Christi / Benediction after all Masses
 Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- 24 Tu Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 27 F Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- 28 Sa Immaculate Heart of Mary
 Daddy – Daughter Dance SJP Center
Pre-Matrimonial Class (Spanish) 8 am – 4 pm; Marriage Prep. Class (English)
- 29 Su Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles.

July

- 4 F Independence Day (Mass @ 9:00 a.m.) First Friday / No adoration
- 5 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the sick
- 7-9 M-W: Altar Servers Camp [3 full day] 8:30 AM – 4 PM?
- 10-13 Th -Su TEEN ACTS**
- 19 Sa *Noche de Alabanza y Concierto (Grupo de Oración) Church*
- 26 Sa Sts. Joachim & Ann, Parents of Mary.
- 27 Su Teen ACTS Reunion
- 30 W *Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting*

August

- 1 F First Friday Adoration
- 2 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick
Catechetical Conference – 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bishop Gorman School in Tyler
- 4 M St. John Marie Vianney (Patron of Priests)
Clergy Appreciation Dinner 6:30 p.m. SJP
- 6 W Faith Formation Advisory
- 13 W Catechists Meeting
- 14-17 *Cursillos de Hombres*
- 15 F Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary – Holy Day of Obligation
- 16 Sa Ice Cream Social SJP Center Parish Activity Committee
High School - Kick-off Lake Party
- 20 & 24 Parents Meeting
- 27 W New Catechists Orientation 6:30 pm

September

- 1 M Labor Day (Mass at 9:00 a.m.)
- 3 W Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Wednesdays) resumes / First day of the FF Classes
- 5 F First Friday / Adoration
- 6 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick at 5 pm Mass.
- 7 Su First Day of Sunday FF Classes
- 8 M Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 14 Su *Mexican Independence Day Celebration (Hispanic Ministries – SJP)*
The Exaltation of the Cross
- 17 W Blue Mass [Honoring the First Responders]
- 20 Sa *Pre-Matrimonial Retreat (Spanish) 8 am – 4 pm.*
- 21 Su Parish Picnic / Feast of St. Matthew the Apostles (Parish Patron Saint)
Outdoor Mass (organized by Parish Activity Committee)
- 23-25 W-F Clergy Convocation in Tyler
- 25 Th Liturgy Committee Meeting
- 27 Sa St. Vincent de Paul
- 27-28 F-Su *Retiro Familiar (Grupo de Oración) [SJP Center] (Set-up 27th)*
- 28 Su Catechetical Sunday - Commissioning Sunday

October (Month of Rosary) Family Rosary / Clergy Appreciation Month

- 01 W *Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting*
- 03 F First Friday / Adoration
- 04 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick
Altar Servers Training
- 4 Sa Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) at the Brookshire Center in Tyler
- 5 Su Respect Life Sunday: Life Chain Longview
- 11 Sa America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally
- 13 M 5th Annual Diocesan Sanctity of Life Banquet?
- 16-19 *Cursillo de Mujeres*

18 Sa Parents Class 8:30 a.m. SJP
 [Parish Fund-raiser] RAFFLE
 19 Su World Mission Sunday / Blood Drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
 23-26 Th-Su ACTS MEN'S RETREAT
 26 Su Men's ACTS Reception @ SJP

November All Souls Month

1 S All Saints Day [Not a Day of Obligation]
 First Saturday / Anointing of the Sick
 2 Su All Souls Day
 3-8 National Vocations Awareness Week
 6 Th FF Advisory Committee
 8 Sa Taste of St. Matthew SJP Center
 9 Su Day Light Saving time ends
 9 Su Stewardship Sunday
 11 Tu Veterans Day
 14 F Altar Society Autumn Decorations
 14 F CDA / KC Bingo Fundraiser
 15 Sa RCIA – Advent retreat – Parish hall (9 am – 12:30pm)
 17 M Choir Appreciation Dinner
 19 W *Hispanic Pastoral Ministries Meeting*
 20-23 *Cursillos de Hombres*
 22 S Altar Servers Party SJP Center
Noche de Alabanza y Concierto (Grupo de Oración) Church;
 23 Su Christ the King
 27 Th Thanksgiving Day
 28 F Altar Society Advent Preparation
 29 Sa Angel Tree set-up in foyer
 30 Su 1st Sunday in Advent
Convivio de Acción de Gracias de Cursillos – Casa Betania?

December

1 M Advent Confessions 5 pm - 7 pm
 2 Tu Advent Confessions 5 pm – 7 pm
 3 W St. Francis Xavier
 4 Th Longview Christmas Parade
 5 F First Friday / Adoration
 6 Sa First Saturday / Anointing of the sick;
 7 Su 2nd Sunday of Advent
 8 M Solemnity of Immaculate Conception – Day of Obligation
 9 Tu San Diego
 12 F *Our Lady of Guadalupe (Actual Day)*
 13 Sa *Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations [Hispanic Ministries] SJP & Church*
 14 Su Third Sunday of Advent (Rose Color)

- 14 Su FF - Last Sunday class before Christmas - Children's Christmas Party
- 16-24 Tu-W *Posadas (all Spanish Ministries)*
- 17 W Last Wed. class before Christmas - Children's Christmas Party
- 19 F Altar Society decorates church for Christmas
- 20 Sa Parish Work Day; Free Food Distribution.
- 21 Su Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 23 Tu Altar Society Poinsettia placement
- 24 W Christmas Eve Masses
- 25 Th Christmas Day Masses
- 28 Su The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Special recognition for families.
Holy Innocents Day: Mass for Infants and babies. Special blessing for Infants & babies
- 31 Th New Year's Eve.