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August 30, 2026 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Romans 12:1-2 / Matthew 16:21-27

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” MATTHEW 16:24

OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday-Friday / Lunes-Viernes

9:00 AM—5:00 PM

(Open during Lunch / Abierto durante el almuerzo)

LITURGY OF THE WORD / LITURGIA DA LA PALABRA

Monday / Lunes

6:30 AM (Bilingual / Bilingüe)

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISA

Tuesday - Friday / Martes - Viernes

6:30 AM (Bilingüe)

Saturday / Sábado

5:00 PM (English / Ingles)

Sunday / Domingo

7:00 AM (English / Ingles)

8:30 AM (Spanish / Español)

10:30 AM (English / Ingles)

12:30 PM (English / Ingles)

RECONCILIATION / RECONCILIACIÓN

Saturday / Sábado

4:00 PM—4:30 PM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL /

SOCIEDAD DE SAN VICENTE PABLO

If you are in need of assistance and you live in the St. Stephen boundaries, please call the parish office and we will attempt to help you. *Si necesita ayuda y vive dentro de los límites de San Esteban, llame a la oficina parroquial e intentaremos ayudarle.*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT / ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO

**Monday - Friday / Lunes - Viernes 7:00 –7:30 AM
and / y**

**3rd Wednesday of the month / 3er miércoles del mes
7:00 – 8:00 PM**

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO *War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself....Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one's own dominion.*

ADDRESS TO DIPLOMATIC CORE, ROME, JANUARY 9, 2026

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*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)***MASS INTENTIONS AND MASS SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY	AUG 29	5:00 PM MASS ENG	† Luis Barrio † Ventura Moreno † Manuel Castañeda † Florencia Castañeda	<i>Saturday</i> <i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i> 1 Cor 1:26–31 Mk 6:
SUNDAY	AUG 30	7:00 AM MASS ENG	† Ramon Subia † Raul Guillen † Yolanda Guillen † Raul Guillen Jr.	<i>Sunday</i> August 30 <i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 20:7–9 Rom 12:1–2 Mt 16:21–27 17–29
		8:30 AM MASS SPAN	Mass for the People	
		10:30 AM MASS ENG	† Patricia Guillen † Rosa Maria Cisneros † Guadalupe T. Candelaria † Lorenzo G. Candelaria	
		12:30 PM MASS ENG	† Rosario Guijaro † Gloria Maria Gutierrez † Mario Morales † Josephina Grajeda	
MONDAY	AUG 31	6:30 AM LITURGY OF THE WORD BILINGUAL 7:00 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	Feliz 47º Aniversario a —Arnaldo y Marisela Gutierrez Health: Gilbert De La Rosa	<i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 2:1–5 Lk 4:16–30
TUESDAY	SEPT 1	6:30 AM LITURGY OF THE WORD BILINGUAL 7:00 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	† Martin Barron † Sean Hollingsworth Happy Birthday: Camila Valdez In Thanksgiving: Sacred Heart of Jesus	<i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 2:10b–16 Lk 4:31–37
WEDNESDAY	SEPT 2	6:30 AM LITURGY OF THE WORD BILINGUAL 7:00 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	Happy Birthday: Marisela Salinas In Thanksgiving: St. Joseph Health: Gilbert De La Rosa	<i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 3:1–9 Lk 4:38–44
THURSDAY	SEPT 3	6:30 AM LITURGY OF THE WORD BILINGUAL 7:00 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	Happy Birthday: Jorge Salinas In Thanksgiving: Our Lady of Guadalupe	<i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i> 1 Cor 3:18–23 Lk 5:1–11
FRIDAY	SEPT 4	6:30 AM LITURGY OF THE WORD BILINGUAL 7:00 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	† Virgilio Hernandez † Stephen Cataldi In Thanksgiving: Divine Mercy Special Intention: All Souls in Purgatory	<i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 4:1–5 Lk 5:33–39

**I Just Told You!
MIGUEL DULICK**

Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—"Get behind me, Satan!" (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—"Come after me" (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not *too* far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same "trigger" word: "Whoever wishes to *come after* me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The cross! That's how the controversy started, when Peter "took Jesus aside" (literally, "collared" him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.) How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don't even want to admit I'm a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God," and "Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God" (Romans 12:1–2). Everything for Jesus.

Reflection: *What cross are you carrying? Can you unite it with Jesus' cross and offer it as prayer?*

**¡Te lo acabo de decir!
MIGUEL DULICK**

¿Te sorprendería saber que Jesús usa el mismo verbo griego para perseguir a Pedro lejos—"¡Ponte detrás de mí, Satanás!" (Mateo 16:23) que solía llamarlo en primer lugar—"Ven tras mí" (Mateo 4:19)? Lástima que traductor que debe asignar significados opuestos ¡A la misma palabra! Jesús cambió el de Simón nombre a Peter cuando lo llamó, y ahora lo cambia a Satanás para su degradación. Pero, Por muy dura que sea la reprimenda, tal vez podríamos decir Jesús sí quiere a Pedro detrás de él, pero no *demasiado* muy atrás. De hecho, inmediatamente después de repartir con Pedro, Jesús emite un llamado general, usando el la misma palabra "detonante": "Quien quiera *venir después* de mí debe negarse, tomar su cruz, y síganme." ¡La cruz! Así es como surge la controversia empezaron, cuando Pedro "llevó a Jesús aparte" (literalmente, lo "collarinó") para prohibir siquiera la idea de alguna Pasión o cualquier cruz. (Véase Mateo 16:22.) ¿Cómo estoy tan tentado como Peter estuvo a evitarlo ¿Alguna conversación sobre una cruz? Ni siquiera quiero admitir Soy un pecador, mucho menos que haya una cruz Para mí. Pablo, en su carta a los romanos, ha Algunos consejos para todos los que pensamos como Satanás: "Ofrezcan sus cuerpos como sacrificio viviente, santo y complaciendo a Dios," y "No Conformarte a esta edad, pero transformarse con la renovación de tu mente, para que puedas discernir cuál es la voluntad de Dios" (Romanos 12:1–2). Todo para Jesús.

Reflexión: *¿Qué cruz llevas? ¿Puedes unir la con la cruz de Jesús y ofrecerla como oración?*

OUR PARISH NEWS

✠ **2026 Car Raffle Fund Raiser:** we are raffling a 2026 Lexus NX 350 AWD CROSSOVER SUV. Each ricket is \$275.00. We will only sell 350 tickets. Raffle is Sunday, October 11. Doors open at 5:00 pm. We will also host a silent auction.

✠ **Rifa de Auto:** *estamos sorteando una a 2026 Lexus NX 350 AWD CROSSOVER SUV. Cada boleto cuesta \$275.00. Solo venderemos 350 boletos. La rifa es el domingo 11 de octubre. Las puertas abren a las 5:00 pm. También organizaremos una subasta silenciosa.*

✠ **2026 Silent Auction.** Please submit 2026 Silent Auction donations to the parish office by 10/01/2026. Include donor's name, item description and its retail value. The auction will be held in conjunction with the Car Raffle."

✠ *Si no han asistido a la clase de 3 horas de VIRTUS, habrá una clase en español el sábado 12 de septiembre a las 9:00 am. Pueden registrarse en www.virtus.org. El último día para registrarse es el 2 de septiembre a las 4:00 pm.*

✠ Father Frank has started a team for the 2026 Walk to End Alzheimers. If you would like to participate in the one mile walk or you would like to donate please go to [2026 El Paso Walk to End Alzheimer's](#) select "St. Stephen Catholic Church" and follow the instructions.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekend	Collection	Attendance
August 15th & 16th, 2026	\$9,512.00	1,765

Prayers for the Sick

Alicia Terrazas, Brendan Fitzpatrick Family, Dominic Fitzpatrick, Pete Euzarraga Jr., Mary & George Havlovic, Pat Tellez, Hector Ramirez, Mrs. Martin, Liz Guijarro, Victorique Gipe, Norma Leyva, Marylou Nethercutt and family, Lety Torres, Levi Ledesma, Amanda Miles, Leticia Flores, Jose R Lopez Jr., Pilar Tercero, Hunter, Sonny Lopes, Rocky El-lingsworth, Vera Foggia, Samuel Reveles, Sandy Valverde, Hunter, Sean Shaughnessy, Annette Coronado, Sonya Reyes, Irma Vargas, Sammy Meza, Mrs. Yolanda Arrieta, Adela Rodriguez, Zulema Rodriguez, Leonor Quiroz, Stacy Rawlins Avalos, Maria Elena Sanchez, David Ortega, Marlo Endlich, Lala Carmona, Carmelo Romero Jr, Juan Pablo H., Karina Gonzalez, Briana Johnson, John Paul Ronquillo, Katelyn Ronquillo, Carmelo Romero Jr., Salvador Terrazas, Sarah Centron, Rene Fourzan, Charlie Zubiate, Aaron Jimenez, David Johnson, Jennifer Herrera, Helen Estrada, Andy Solis, Hector Lugo, Kelcey Wells, Rose Mary Super, Clara Morales & Guadalupe Morglez, Juanita Norez, Pat Alvimar, Maria Elena & Rodolfo Sanchez, Ed Licon, Nina Licon, Zoey Hovis, Maggie Roriguez, Mrs. Yolanda Diaz, Sylvia Navarro, Edward Akinola, Richard Apodaca, Joaquin Garcia, Manny Casillas, Sergio Pando, Letty Jacobo, Gilbert De La Rosa

Public Notice – Action Required

Sexual Abuse Claims in the Diocese of El Paso Bankruptcy

Regardless of how old you are today or when the sexual abuse occurred, you need to file your claim so that it is received by September 11, 2026.

The Diocese of El Paso ("Diocese") has filed bankruptcy to restructure its nonprofit organization and pay Putative Abuse Survivors. Please read this notice carefully as it may impact your rights against the Diocese and provides information about the case, *In re: Diocese of El Paso* (Bankr. W.D. Tx.). This notice is a short summary. For more detail, go to <https://cases.stretto.com/diocesefelpaso> or call (833) 345-0351.

Who Should File a Claim?

Anyone who alleges they were abused and believes the Diocese, or persons affiliated with the Diocese, may be responsible for the abuse must file a claim. This includes abuse in connection with any entity or activity associated with the Diocese, including schools, orphanages, parishes, or Catholic Charities. A list of such entities associated with the Diocese is available on the website or by calling the toll-free number listed below.¹ If you have an abuse claim against any entity on that list, you may have a claim against the Diocese. Only the Diocese is in bankruptcy. If you have a claim against any entity on that list, you must take additional legal action to preserve and pursue your rights.

When and How Should I File a Claim?

You should file a claim using either Official Bankruptcy Form No. 410 (or a form substantially similar thereto) or the Abuse Proof of Claim Supplement Claim so that it is received by September 11, 2026. If you do not file a timely claim, you may lose rights against the Diocese, including any right to compensation.

Your information will be kept private. You can download and file a claim at the website or call the toll-free number listed below for help on how to file a claim by mail.

Your information will be kept private

<https://cases.stretto.com/diocesefelpaso> and (833) 345-0351

¹This may include parishes formerly under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Diocese and, as of August 17, 1982, under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Diocese of Las Cruces, NM as set forth on the following websites:

- <https://www.elpasodiocese.org/parishes-by-vicariate.html>
- https://www.elpasocatholicschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=653277&type=d&pREC_ID=1108512
- <https://oldredc.org/parishes-1>
- <https://oldredc.org/catholicschools>

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM - BAUTISMO

Infants and children under the age of 6 years old. Please go to our website for instructions. *Bebés y niños menores de 6 años. Visite nuestro sitio web para obtener instrucciones.* (www.ststephenelpaso.org).

MARRIAGE—MATRIMONIO

Engaged couples wishing to marry in the Catholic Church should call the parish office. Apply six (6) months prior to your desired date of marriage. *Las parejas comprometidas que deseen casarse en la Iglesia Católica deben llamar a la oficina parroquial. Aplicar seis (6) meses antes de la fecha deseada de matrimonio.*

QUINCEAÑERA (Not a Sacrament)

Call the parish office for more information. *Llame a la oficina parroquial para más información.*

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Building Fund: 1st full weekend of every month / Colecta del Fondo: 1° fin de semana completo de cada mes
- Church Cleanup-Inside—1st Saturday of the month 8 AM
Limpieza de la Iglesia-Adentro-1° sábado de cada mes 8 AM
- St. Vincent de Paul Collection: 2nd weekend of every month / San Vicente de Pablo Colecta: 2° fin de semana de cada mes
- Women's Breakfast: 2nd Saturday of every month / Desayuno de Mujeres: 2° sábado de cada mes.
- Men's Breakfast / Desayuno de Hombres: 3rd Saturday of every month
- Fatima Rosary in English: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 AM
- Rosario en Español: Martes y Jueves 7:30 AM
- Afternoon Rosary/Rosario de la Tarde (Tuesday/Martes) a las 4:00 PM
- Nourishing Body & Soul Women's Group: 1st & 3rd Wednesday 9 AM
- Knights of Columbus: 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 PM
- Adoration Blessed Sacrament: 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7 PM
Adoración Santísimo Sacramento: Tercer miércoles de cada mes 7 PM
- ACTS Core Meeting: 3rd Thursday of every month at 6 PM
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—3rd Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM
Junta de San Vicente de Pablo—El tercer jueves de cada mes - 5:30 PM
- Catholic Daughters of the Americas: 4th Thursday of the month 6:00 PM
- Church Cleanup-Outside—4th Saturday of the month 8 AM
Limpieza de la iglesia - Exterior—El 4° sábado del mes 8 AM

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Alcoholics Anonymous
A.C.T.S. (Men and Women)
Altar Servers / Monaguillos
Advanced Bible Study - Men and Women / English
Bible Study – Women / English
Book Club – Men / English
Book Club – Women / English
Scout Pack #279
Scout Troop #279
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Choir - Adult & Children
Church Cleaning / Limpieza de la iglesia
Club de Lectura – Mujeres / Español
Estudio Bíblico – Mujeres / Español
Estudio Bíblico con el Padre Mauro – Avanzado / Español
Eucharistic Ministers
Faith Sharing – Men / English
Hospitality
Into the Breach – Men / English
Jesus & Me
Knights of Columbus
Marriage Preparation
Nourishing your Body and Soul for Women
Our Lady's Prayer Warriors
Proclaimer— English
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Prayer & Life
Praying the Rosary—English

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

MONDAY		AUGUST 31	
6:30 AM	Faith Sharing for Men		
7:30 AM	Morning Rosary—English		
10:00 AM	Our Lady's Prayer Warriors		
12:00 PM	AA Meeting		
6:00 PM	Choir—Debbie		
6:00 PM	Best Buddies Forever		
6:00 PM	Rosary Making Ladies		
6:00 PM	Cub Pack #279		
6:30 PM	Youth Prayer & Life Workshop—English		
6:30 PM	Scout Troop #279		
TUESDAY		SEPTEMBER 1	
7:30 AM	Morning Rosary—Spanish		
12:00 PM	AA Meeting		
4:00 PM	Community Rosary		
5:30 PM	ACTS Men's Retreat Team		
5:30 PM	Prayer & Life Workshop—English		
6:00 PM	Adoracion Nocturna		
6:00 PM	Women's ACTS Meeting		
6:00 PM	Book Club—Men		
6:30 PM	Bible Study—Women		
6:30 PM	Club de Lectura para Mujeres		
7:00 PM	Bible Study—Men & Women		
WEDNESDAY		SEPTEMBER 2	
7:30 AM	Morning Rosary—English		
9:00 AM	Nourishing our Body & Soul for Women		
12:00 PM	AA Meeting		
5:00 PM	Choir—Debbie		
6:00 PM	Talleres de Oracion y Vida		
6:00 PM	Knights of Columbus		
THURSDAY		SEPTEMBER 3	
7:30 AM	Morning Rosary—Spanish		
12:00 PM	AA Meeting		
5:30 PM	CDA Scrapbooking		
6:00 PM	Prayer Shawl		
6:30 PM	Anniversary Committee Meeting		
FRIDAY		SEPTEMBER 4	
6:00 AM	Into the Breach		
7:30 AM	Morning Rosary—English		
7:30 AM	Club de Lectura para Todos		
9:30 AM	Madres Orando los Hijos		
12:00 PM	AA Meeting		
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5		SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	
8:00 AM	Church Clean Up	7:00 AM	Mass—English
9:00 AM	Jesus & Me	7:00 AM	Práctica del Coro
11:00 AM	Men's ACTS Mini Retreat	8:30 AM	Mass—Spanish
12:00 PM	Teen Choir	10:30 AM	Mass—English
4:00 PM	Reconciliation	12:30 PM	Mass—English
5:00 PM	Mass—English		

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