



**SAINT MATTHEW**  
(d. 34 AD)  
**Patron Saint of Bankers and Tax Collectors**  
**Feast day – September 21st**

Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. Hence they were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees lumped them with “sinners”. So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

The Gospel tells us that “many” tax collectors and “those known as sinners” came to a dinner at Matthew’s house with Jesus. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus’ answer was, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’

Jesus chose one of the foundations of the Church, a man others, judging from his job, thought was not holy enough for the position. But he was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognize truth when he saw him. “And he got up and followed him”. The New Testament records that as a disciple, he followed Jesus, and was one of the witnesses of the Ascension of Jesus. Later Church father as Irenaeus and Clement of Alexandria claim that Matthew preached the Gospel to the Jewish community in Judea, before going to other countries.



If parishioners would like to contact Fr. Patrick with suggestions or Concerns, you can contact him via email at: pmontgomery@rcdlc.org

**Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows**

O God, you willed that the life of the Blessed Virgin be marked by the mystery of suffering. Grant that we journey with Her on the way of faith and unite our sufferings to the passion of Christ so that they become occasions of grace and the promise of future resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our Parish Mission** — ‘Nuestra Senora de La Luz’ (Our Lady of the Light) is a community that comes together to model Jesus to all peoples by addressing physical concerns and spiritual matters, and to do as Jesus did, giving everything to bring people into a closer relationship with God, in celebration.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
**Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:30 pm**  
**Weekend Masses:**  
**Saturday Evening: 4:00 pm**  
**Sunday: 9:00 am - Rosary recited before Mass**  
**Communion Service: Monday & Wednesday, & Friday at 8:30am**  
**Weekday Masses: Tuesday, & Thursday at 9:00am**  
**Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays after the 9:00 am morning Mass**  
**Anointing of the Sick: 1st Friday of the month after the 9:00am morning Mass.**

**Mass Intentions**

**Sat: + In memory of Bonnie Garcia by Freddie Pacheco**  
**Sun: + In memory of Tex Marak by his wife**  
**Mon: Communion Service**  
**Tues: + In Memory of Paul Strunk**  
**Wed.: Communion Service**  
**Thurs: + In memory of Cecilia Garcia**  
**Fri.: Communion Service**  
**Sat: NO EVENING MASS**

**Nuestra Señora de La Luz**  
**Our Lady of the Light**  
**Catholic Church**  
P.O. Box 236  
La Luz, New Mexico 88337  
**(www.ourladyofthelight.org)**  
**Office: (575) 434 - 9460**  
**Pastor - Fr. Patrick Montgomery**  
**DRE: Alicia McAninch**  
**Liturgy & Environment:**  
Carleen Moquin  
**Ministry to the Home Bound:**  
Kathy Burnett  
**Food Bank: 434-9460**

**24th Sunday In Ordinary**  
**Time**  
**September 17th, 2023**

**Altar Servers - C. Garcia (575) 446-2129**

Sept. 16 -  
Sept. 17 - Joseph, Joshua, Jacob  
Sept. 23 -  
Sept. 24 - Jacob, Joseph, Joshua

**Lectors - Carol Garcia (575) - 446-2129**

Sept. 16 - T. & M. McGinn  
Sept. 17 - S. & C. Moquin  
Sept. 23 - C. McGinn & C. Moquin  
Sept 24 - D. Chelgren & T, Wiley

**Eucharistic Ministers - Carol Garcia**

Sept. 16 - D. & T. Lozano, G. Aguilar  
Sept. 17 - D. & V. Chelgren, H. Sanchez  
Sept. 23 - T. McGinn, C. Duran, M. Englehardt  
Sept. 24 - S. & C. Moquin, K. Burnett

**September Church Cleaner: Kathy**

**Burnett** If you can't make your assigned date, or you need to get into the church to clean, please contact Carol Garcia at (575- 446-2129).

**\*\*Parish Office Hours**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00am - 4:00pm**  
**Closed on Wednesdays & Fridays &**  
**Major Holidays.**  
**Parish Office phone: (575) 434-9460**  
**(www.ourladyofthelight.org)**  
**Email: olofthelt@hotmail.com**



**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Our Lady of the Light**  
**"Fiesta de La Luz"**  
**Presidio Park**  
**September 22nd & 23rd**  
**Friday - 5pm-11pm**  
**Saturday - 11am-11pm**  
**Food, Games, & Entertainment.**



**Fiesta Volunteers Needed**  
**We are in need of volunteers to help with our fiesta. We are setting up booths on Thursday (Sept. 21st) at 8:00am. If you would like to help in the booths or clean-up after the fiesta. Please call the parish office to volunteer or talk with Bobby Granados.**

**Fiesta Raffle Tickets for Sale!**  
**Fiesta Raffle tickets will be on sale after masses or will be available in the Parish office. The tickets are \$5.00 a piece or 5 for \$20.00. Prizes:**  
**1st - \$1,000; 2nd - \$500;**  
**3rd - \$300**

**Regular Collection - \$2,244.00**  
**2nd Collection - (Catholic University) \$294.00**  
**\*Thank you for your continued support**

**Visit Our Website for Parish News, Events, & Photos!**  
**<http://www.ourladyofthelight.org>**

**Prayer List**

David Kellar  
 Martha Kellar  
 Bob Kellar  
 Marie Black  
 Tilly Telles  
 Bill Gayso  
 Erlinda Garcia  
 Sandra Carrillo  
 Amber Cuellar-Town  
 Carmen Guitard  
 Martha Walters  
 Gabriel Silva  
 Becky Chavez  
 Rob Williams  
 Robert & Karen Lee  
 Stephane Ebner  
 Pat Antram  
 Leo Samora  
 Eric Wolffe  
 Isidro Garcia  
 Joe Garcia  
 Terry Tomke  
 Cheryl Kline  
 Stella Aguilar  
 Ken Black  
 Pete Silva  
 Maria VanWinkle  
 Jason Kline  
 Ernestina Garcia Bassford  
 Steve Holmes  
 MaryLou Gomez

**Please pray for those serving in our military**

Major Paul Weaver (USAF)  
 Jeremiah Williams (USAF)  
 Eric Gayso - (Army)  
 Blaine Gayso - (USAF)  
 TSgt. Eliza Granados Austin (USAF)  
 TSgt. Robert Seaburgh (USAF)  
 Markie Campbell  
 Raul Martinez Jr. (USAF)  
 Ralaya Martinez (USAF)  
 Capt. Amanda Armijo  
 Katherine Agnew (Army)  
 John Gill - (USAF)  
 Clinton Caleb Muncy (Marines)  
 Victor Baray (Marines)  
 Sgt. Major Veronica C.de Baca  
 Tec. Sgt. Matt Leal (Air Force)  
 Mario Gallegos (Marines)  
 Christopher Garcia (USAF)  
 Vincent L. Amasula - (Army)  
 Jacob Phillips  
 Scott Phillips



**Our Lady of the Light Food Pantry**

On Tuesday, September 12th, the Food Pantry served 129 families with 382 individuals in those families. The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays (except for the 1st Tuesday of the Month) from 10:00am - 2:00pm and is open on the first Saturday of the month (from 10:00 - noon.) These food items are urgently needed for the pantry: Cold Cereal, Canned veggies, potted meat & Tuna, Jello & Pudding, Mac & Cheese, Dried Rice and beans, peanut butter & Jelly, Canned fruit, small bags of Flour & sugar, small bottles of oil, and Ice Pops in plastic bags. We want to sincerely thank the pantry volunteers and all who have contributed food and given monetary donations this year. God bless you all.



**The 4 O'clock Mass will not be celebrated on Saturday, September 24th due to the Fiesta celebration.**  
**A Mariachi Mass will be celebrated at Presidio Park on Saturday Morning at 10:00am.**



**OLOL Religious Education News**  
**Our Lady of the Light Religious Education Classes will begin Wednesday, October 4th.** The 1st thru 5th Grades will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-2:30pm and the Middle School grade students will meet from 3:00pm - 4:00pm. Confirmation students will meet after the Sunday Mass at 10:00am. If you need Registration information, or have questions or concerns, please contact, Alicia McAninch, DRE, at 575-434-5828.

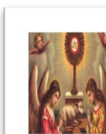


**Month of September**  
 The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

**Blue Mass 2023 - Honoring First Responders** Police, Fire Fighters, Paramedics & Emergency Medical Services Friday, September 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. 1240 S. Espina St. Las Cruces, NM 88001 Principal Celebrant: Bishop Peter Baldacchino Reception following Mass For additional information, please contact the Diocese of Las Cruces (575) 523-7577

**Confession Times**  
 Confessions are heard at St. Francis de Paula in Tularosa on Thursday afternoons from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. And at Our Lady of the Light on Saturday Afternoons at 3:00pm.  
 - Fr. Patrick

**SAFE-ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE:** All new and existing volunteers must be Safe Environment compliant. A background check must be conducted and participation in the online, Protecting God's Children workshop, is required. To accomplish this you may, log in to: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). For questions contact your Virtus Local Administrator at your parish (Dave Chelgren, or Mary Garcia at the diocese, [mgarcia@redlc.org](mailto:mgarcia@redlc.org))



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after the 9:00am Mass. The Lord awaits you.**