

It was cloudy on Eclipse Day, but we did get to see some of the eclipse, experience the darkness and just have some fun while doing it! We had a great turn out for our Eclipse party!



St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

Worship God, Be
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May
2024

What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

We had a joyous and Holy Spirit filled Easter Worship celebration. We started with the children flowering the cross to start the service. The kids also had a great time finding all the Easter eggs. You can see everyone in the photo having a glorious time. We had 6 adults, 4 kids and 3 dogs on our float for the Natalia Bluebonnet parade. Parade watchers received an assortment of goodies our folks tossed out. A couple of days later we held a solar eclipse viewing event with food, games, and fun. Our new movie theater size popcorn machine was a big hit.

Our inquirer's class starts April 28th. Anyone who's interested in learning more about the Episcopal faith is invited to join us after the Sunday worship service either in person or online. Just let me know. After the classes, anyone wishing to become an Episcopalian will be confirmed or received by Bishop Read. We only have 7 weeks until Bishop Read's first visit to St. Matthias on Father's Day, June 16th.

We'll celebrate Cinco de Mayo next Sunday, May 5th. Everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite Hispanic dish to share in the after-service potluck.

I want to thank our Bishop's Warden who led Morning Prayer so I could serve as a Chaplain with the Diocesan Nails and Prayers ministry at Camp Capers. I'm really excited about the ideas Hector has for bringing our online services, which are great, to the next level. We're looking forward to where the Holy Spirit will lead us next!

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Diocesan Mother's Day Offering

This year the Diocese of West Texas chose the Mision de Jesucristo in Piedras Negras as the recipient of the Mother's Day offering. Mision de Jesucristo ministers to the poorest of the poor. They offer a shelter for battered women and their children, a food pantry, as well as a sewing and construction ministry. This is truly ministering to our neighbors, as Piedras Negras is only about 120 miles from Devine.

Some suggestions for donations are:

Shoes for children	\$15.00
School Uniforms	\$ 25.00
Sewing mission	\$ 30.00
Women's shelter supplies	\$100.00

Although any amount is appreciated, we ask that you give what you can in memory/honor of someone who has been like a mother to you. As our mothers have moved on from this realm, Joe and I will be honoring them with donations in their names.

Eyeglasses Ministry

The Diocese of West Texas will be collecting used eyeglasses to send to Honduras on a medical mission. This ministry is similar to the Lions Club's eyeglass program, however it is targeted toward mission trips to Central America. If you have any used eyeglasses that are in good shape, please bring them to church, and we can get them to the Bishop Jones Center.

Bishop's Warden's Wanderings

by Karen Martinez

Can you believe it is already May?!? I cannot. Of course, were I still teaching, I would be counting down the minutes until summer vacation, but now that I'm retired, every day is summer vacation. We have had a very busy spring at St. Matthias.

March was made up of our time of introspection and reflection, also known as Lent, culminating in Holy Week and Easter at the end of the month. April brought showers, the Bluebonnet Parade in Natalia, as well as the solar eclipse. We had a couple other activities planned, but they had to be postponed.

May is now upon us. We have the start of the inquirer's class for those interested in joining the Episcopal church, or for those who just want to learn more; high school state track and tennis, Mother's Day, the end of school, and high school graduation. To be honest, I don't have a whole lot on my calendar other than moving. I am praying diligently that by mid-June Joe and I will be full time residents of Devine.

With or without full schedules, as a church we can continue to read and study God's Word, lift each other up in prayer, gather together either in person or online for worship, and continue to live out our baptismal covenants by serving Christ through serving others.

April Anniversary and Birthday Blessings



Easter Blessings and flowering the cross.

Parade Fun!

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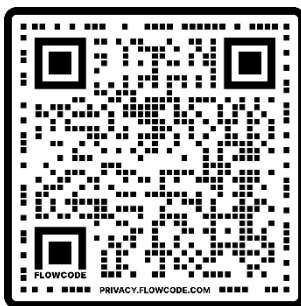
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On the back of our contact cards is this QR code. When scanned these are the links you can access



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May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 EP 6:00 pm	2	3	4
5 Cinco de Mayo Bible Study 9 am HE 10:30 am Inquirers Class after the service	6	7 Hector & Angelique Martinez (A)	8 EP 6:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day Bible Study 9 am HE 10:30 am Inquirers Class after the service	13	14	15 EP 6:00 pm Allison Soret (BD)	16	17	18
19 Bible Study 9 am HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering Inquirers Class after the service	20	21	22 EP 6:00 pm	23	24	25
26 Bible Study 9 am HE 10:30 am Inquirers Class after the service	27	28	29 EP 6:00 pm	30	31 Devine HS Graduation 7:00 pm	

Legend: Legend: HE = Eucharist, EP = Evening Prayer, BD = Birthday, A=Anniversary