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Tuesday 7:00 PM
Friday Night—Mass at 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)
***except First Friday (in English)

CONFESSIONS

- Weekend & Daily Masses: half an hour before each Mass

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 15	All day	Altar Servers Excursion—Cultus Lake	
Sept. 7-8	All day	Youth Post-Confirmation Retreat	Gym/JH
Sept. 16	All day	International Brunch	Gym/JH
Sept. 22	9:30 AM	RCIA starts	Rm 129
Dec. 2	12 Noon	Raffle Draw	Gym
May 11	6:30 PM	Spring Dance	Gym/JH

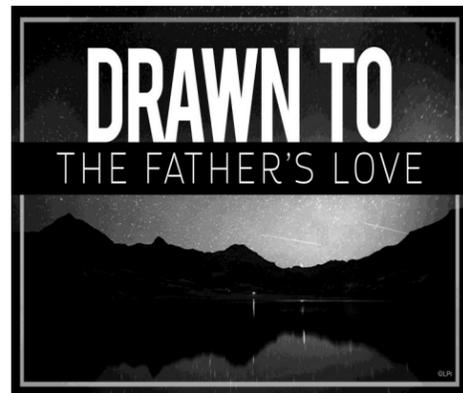
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Monday	7:30 PM	St. Matthew's Prayer Group	Jubilee Hall
Tuesday	1 to 4 PM	Fifty Plus Social	Jubilee Hall
2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus	Jubilee Hall
3rd Tuesday	7:30 PM	CWL	Jubilee Hall
Wednesday	9 AM	St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen	Kitchen
Thursday	10 AM	Legion of Mary	Upper Room
Thursday	4:30 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	Fireside Room
Thursday	7 to 9 PM	Bible Study	Church
Every 2nd Friday	9 AM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Upper Room
Saturday	9:30 AM	RCIA	Room 129

BAPTISM: By appointment with a minimum of 2 months' notice (during pregnancy) so that instructions can be given to parents and godparents about the duties and responsibilities assumed in this Sacrament.

MARRIAGE: A minimum of 6 months' notice with one of the parties registered in the parish and practicing his/her faith. The Marriage Preparation course is mandatory. Please ask for "Guidelines for the Celebration of Marriage".

FUNERALS: Please call the parish office before making arrangements.



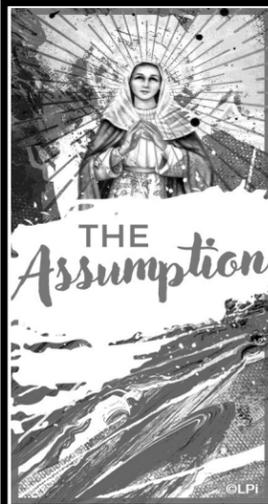
Have you ever approached a hushed group and were certain they were talking about you? It's an uncomfortable feeling to catch people murmuring about what you did, said, or didn't do. It breeds division and exclusion. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to just the opposite.

The reading opens with the crowds "murmuring" their doubts about Jesus after He has proclaimed Himself the Bread of Life. "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph .. How can he say 'I have come down from heaven'?" In His response, Jesus brings up the Israelites and the manna God brought them in the desert. If you turn back to the story in Exodus, you'll see another similar word: *murmuring*. As the going got tough, the Israelites doubted Moses and God's plan to protect and care for them as a chosen people. Here, Jesus proposes a difficult theological concept. Jesus himself is "the living bread" and "flesh for the life of the world."

This is not an exclusive concept. "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me." Why? Because "the Father who sent me draw[s] him." The next time you're at Mass, take a few moments to watch the Communion line. Young and old, families and singles, diverse races and culture and stories ... we are all drawn to the Eucharistic table. Catholic doctrine may require faith, but it is a faith possible for anyone who seeks truth. Christianity does not hide behind locked doors in an exclusive clubhouse, whispering behind the backs of non-believers. Jesus compels us to share the love of God the Father for His children, that we one day be joined with Him and "live forever."

LIVE THE LITURGY

Life can be confusing, and the demand and challenges of everyday life can easily cloud our vision. We can become tired. Because of all of the energy needed to manage our day-to-day routines, our spiritual lives can get neglected. Anger, apathy, bitterness, and competition readily distort our relationships with one another and with God. We are asked to imitate God and to put love, compassion, kindness, forgiveness, and gentleness over all things. We need to develop a strong life of prayer in order to bring balance to our lives and to realize who we really are.



The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will.

The Church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin—death, and corruption.

What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. This is the hope and assurance that Mary's assumption celebrates. It is a celebration of our assumption as well.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Catechists are needed in the following grades 1 & 3. If you love working with children and sharing your knowledge of the faith please contact the PREP office for details.

Catechist & Assistant Application forms are available by the PREP folder behind counter by the parish office. Once forms have been received you will be contacted to complete reference forms and Criminal Records check (18+).

Student Registration forms are available by the PREP folder behind counter by the Parish office. Early-bird rates are in effect until July 1st only! Registration is on-going however to ensure placement for start of classes on September 12th please have forms in by September 6th.

Summer Institute: August 25th see this link for the course line-up <http://rcav.org/oc-summer/>. Contact PREP office if you wish to register.

Staff meeting: September 5th in the Jubilee Hall.

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Vacation time was very special when I was growing up. Money was always tight, so I had to look for different ways to have a rewarding time. I was not concerned about relaxing or rewinding. In fact that was never in my thought. One year I signed up with the yearly pilgrimage train to Lourdes. Since I was a scout leader, I was soon assigned to a section of the train with about 40 patients. I became their nurse for the duration. The volunteer nurses were lodging in a convent not too far from the grotto. Early in the morning we had to report for duty. I was a teacher so this was a different work for me. We made beds, assisted with feeding and grooming. Got the pilgrims ready to attend Mass, go to bathe in the spring where St. Bernadette prayed. This holy water was cold, but all wanted to have their turn. We pushed stretchers and wheelchairs in the evening procession and prepared the patients for the night. It was two weeks of feeling the grace of God, the miracle that all those ill people managed these full days. It made me so aware that Our Lady was there to give them all the strength to carry on.

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5. Starts Thursday, Oct. 3, from 7 to 9 PM in the church. For more information or to register, email bible_study@live.com or register and pick up your Journal study guide at the parish office. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study, you will also help us grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2018: You are invited to attend our upcoming Post-Confirmation Retreat taking place on the evening of Friday, September 7 and all day on Saturday, September 8, in the Gym. The retreat will help new high school students make a successful transition to High School and aid them in making good choices. For registration and more information, please visit saintmatthews.ca/events. Register by August 31 for the Early Bird rate.

Knitters for Baby Items: We had a very positive turnout for the recent knitting/crochet session (held by the St. Matthew’s Pro-Life Committee). We are therefore encouraged to continue our drop-in sessions every Friday evening from 6 to 8 PM. If you are interested in helping our cause to knit/crochet baby booties/bonnets/sweaters/prayer shawls, etc. for the Pro-Life Ministry fundraiser, come and join us—email ingrid_s@telus.net. If you’re a beginner, no problem, we can help you along. For those of you who have donated yarn remnants/needles/hooks, thanks very much!

Stewardship:

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” Exodus 16:4 When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride, and ego lead to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.



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RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Do you know someone who would like to deepen his/her knowledge of the faith? Have you thought of becoming Catholic and discovering the faith? Then, we invite all to participate in the RCIA program at Matthew’s Parish and become a part of the Catholic community. Starts Sept. 22, 2018. Call the parish office to register.



Archbishop’s Dinner, Tuesday, October 30, 2018, Hyatt Regency: Archbishop Miller has designated the proceeds of the 7th Annual Archbishop’s Dinner to help the Archdiocese meet the costs of its intensive and comprehensive formation program for our future permanent deacons, along with the continuing education of those already ordained. Your donation and support will ensure well-trained ministers to bless our parishes, serve the poor, and contribute to the Church’s presence in hospitals, First Nations communities, ports, and ecumenical gatherings, among many other places. **Our parish will again put together a table of 10 to support this event. Please call the office and register your name. Ticket price—\$175 p.p.**

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