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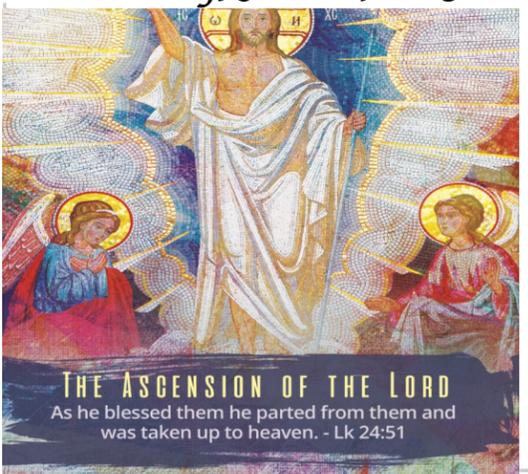
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WEEKDAYS: Monday to Friday (except TUESDAY) 8:00 AM
Tuesday 7:00 PM
Friday Night—Mass at 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)
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CONFESSIONS

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Saturday after the 9 AM Mass

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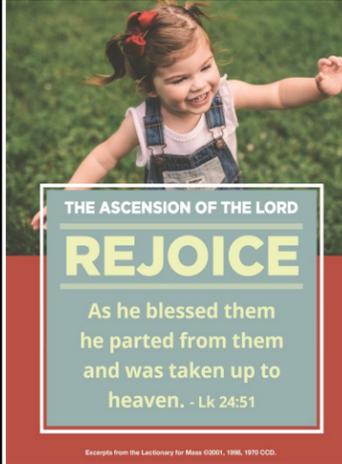
Monday 7:30 PM	St. Matthew's Prayer Group	Jubilee Hall
3rd Monday 6:30 PM	Our Lady of Fatima	Church
Tuesday 1 to 4 PM	Fifty Plus Social	Jubilee Hall
2nd Tuesday 7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus	Jubilee Hall
3rd Tuesday 7:30 PM	CWL	Jubilee Hall
Wednesday 9 AM	St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen	Kitchen
Thursday 10 AM	Legion of Mary	Upper Room
Thursday 4:30 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	Fireside Room
Thursday 6:30—8:30 PM	Alpha	Gym
Every 2nd Friday 9 AM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Upper Room
Saturday 9:30 AM	RCIA	Room 129
Every Friday 5:30-7:30PM	Knitting /Crochet Group	Upper Room
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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.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
REJOICE
As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. - Lk 24:51

What is the most common image you've seen of the Ascension? It's typically Jesus hovering above the earth surrounded by brilliant light. The Ascension is a beautiful feast, but it's about more than the distant glory of God. It's about the blessing of God and the transformative power of trust.

"You are witnesses to these things." Before He ascends, Jesus reminds the disciples of the basic message of the Gospel and of the disciples' own important role. They are to proclaim the Gospel message by their personal witness to the saving power of God. "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you... clothed with power from on high." Jesus promises to equip the disciples for this important mission. Not only are they receiving a command, but they're receiving the empowerment they need to move. "He... raised his hands, and blessed them." Even now, though the fulfillment of Pentecost is still to come, Jesus gives them a parting gift before He ascends into heaven. Finally, "They... returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God."

The disciples faced an unknown future. Their teacher had left them, and the political and religious authorities weren't exactly thrilled about Jesus and His growing movement. But the memory of our Father's redemptive love, the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of Christ sustained them. Jesus trusted them to act in His name. They could trust Him in return. Do you face uncertainty in your own life? Remember, we are all called to be disciples and witnesses. We have received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at our baptism. We are blessed by Christ beyond imagining in the sacraments. This Ascension feast, we too can trust in God! With this firm trust, we too can return to our daily lives, praising God with great joy!

Everyday Stewardship

Some of us go away sometimes, leaving our family for decent periods of time. But what makes it easier is that we know we will not be gone forever. We will return, and then all will be well again.

We celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. The feast speaks much to who Jesus is theologically. But in a very practical way, we also acknowledge that He has gone to be with the Father, but will return someday. Just as we return to our friends and family from our trip, Jesus will return to those entrusted to Him and whom He loves.

But there are things to be done. Life goes on for our family with school, friends, work, activities, and the basic responsibilities of family. In good stewardship, they are called to give generously to each other and devote themselves to God. Without them tending to things, upon our return we would find everything in turmoil and disarray. Then when we return, we become one again.

The Lord ascended into heaven, but we are not to sit by quietly awaiting His return. Much needs to be done. He has entrusted much to us, expecting us to be good stewards. If you think that you have all the time in the world to complete the tasks at hand, think again. His return will be when we least expect it. It is time to be about our Father's work.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)
May Procession – Thank you to the Legion of Mary for leading the rosary and the Knights of Columbus for preparing and serving the refreshments last Wednesday.
Thank you to all the catechists and assistants who have faithfully served our children this past year! To Matthew Furtado and the youth choir who provided with music throughout our PREP events. To all the parents and grandparents "thank you" for supporting and bringing your children to PREP.
Pre-filled Registration forms were sent home on the 29th. If you did not receive your form please contact the PREP office. Registration forms for new students are available by the parish office in the PREP folder.
Catechists & Assistants are needed for September. Grade 1, 3, 5 teachers are needed. Please contact the PREP office for more details! Consider answering the call to this ministry!
Congratulations to the 94 students from the Elementary school, PREP and Vietnamese PREP who were Confirmed on Saturday June 1st. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them in their journey of life and faith.
Trish Van Vliet—prep@saintmatthews.ca or call 604-589-2448 ext. 233

50+ Seniors
The General Meeting was postponed and will now be held on Tuesday, June 4, at 1 PM, in the Jubilee Hall. There will be elections for new officers.

CWL Corner
Change is so challenging .. And yet life requires that we embrace change and move forward. And so we thank God for the gift that we have had with Fr. Nixon here in our parish. We will send him off with prayers and positive wishes as his pastoral journey continues just down the road at St. Nicholas Parish. The CWL there will take good care of him for us. And we will welcome Fr. Lucio Choi as our Assistant Pastor, with warm smiles and prayers. We are blessed to have these ordained priests in our lives.

Congratulations, Vanessa Potusek of Fleetwood Park Secondary School (and St. Matthew's Parish) for winning the 2019 Youth Ministry Leadership Bursary! The Archdiocesan Ministries and Outreach Office offers two bursaries for students exemplifying outstanding leadership in their parishes, schools, communities, and homes. Vanessa says: "Youth ministry provides the opportunity to introduce teens to the joys of having a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer and testimony. It is a place to make wholesome friendships, learn the value of service and to grow in knowledge of the church in an accessible way. Because youth are the future of the church, it is important to focus on the spiritual formation of young Catholics."

LIVE THE LITURGY
Today, we are reminded that it is Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, AND ascension all taken together that make the one event that brings salvation to humanity. Jesus' return to the Father completes the work Jesus came to accomplish and clearly shows us the forgiveness, mercy, and love the Father wishes to bestow upon His children. Faith allows us to savor the mystery of God's design and the hope that awaits us. Today, we are called to look up and see that Jesus ascended to the Father. His mission is completed, and ours is now beginning. Having "looked up," we now have to "look out" into our broken world and deliver the Good News. We now have a new perspective on life and can see things differently: life comes from death, hope from despair, faith from doubt, joy from sadness, and freedom to those who are held bound. It is amazing news indeed! How do we spread the word?

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- ♦ St. Matthew's currently has space available in Grade 5 for September 2019. Interested families please stop by the school office for an application form. You can also contact the office at office@stmatthewselementary.ca or 604-589-7545 for more details. Thank you.

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Please include in your prayers +Daane Clifford, and also all the Souls in Purgatory, especially those for whom nobody remembers to pray. May the good Lord release them from any suffering and welcome them into His heavenly kingdom. Amen.

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