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Sunday, October 25, 2020



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REGULAR MASS TIMES

SUNDAY: English Masses - 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 7:30 PM; Vietnamese Mass 5 PM; African: Last Sunday 12:30 PM (Mass in English with African Choir)

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM / Anticipated Mass at 5:30 PM

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
 Half an hour before mass, pls. advise the usher for a priest to be called.
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Holy Rosary
 20 minutes before daily Mass

Divine Mercy
 Tuesday after the 7 PM Mass

Our Lady of Fatima
 3rd Monday of the month 6:30-7 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Saturday after the 9 AM Mass

First Friday
 After the 8 AM Mass - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 12:00 noon Benediction
 6:25 PM—Holy Rosary

PROJECT ADVANCE 2020 Our Catholic Response to the Crisis

Please consider giving to Project Advance to help vulnerable individuals and families during this time, as well as supporting our Parish needs and other ministries of evangelization and outreach. Please see <https://saintmatthews.ca/> for details.

SUNDAY MASS REGISTRATION

St. Matthew's regular Sunday Mass schedule will continue to be live streamed on our YouTube channel. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted by the Archbishop.

Parishioners are required to register in advance by clicking <https://saintmatthews.ca/pages/mass-registration> or by phoning the parish office. Registration for all weekend Masses opens on Tuesdays at 10am and closes each Friday at 7:00 pm. **Please do not register for more than one Sunday Mass every two weeks** (including Saturday Anticipated Mass) so we can accommodate more people.
(see additional guidelines inside)

ATTENTION NEWCOMERS AND NON-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:
 Please take the time to fill out our Parish Registration Form found behind the counter by the Parish Office, if you have not done so yet. Thank you.

APPEAL TO OUR PARISHIONERS:

- ⇒ Please be mindful that the hymn books in the pews are **not toys**.
- ⇒ Please take a minute to restore them in the right order in the pews.
- ⇒ Garbage should be disposed of in receptacles provided.

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.



For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides Himself, placing Himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.

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LIVE THE LITURGY

Do we really understand how important our relationships with our brothers and sisters throughout the world truly are? Many give God's commandment to love your neighbor and yourself a congenial glance of approval and agreement without really thinking about the implications. Sometimes it is easier to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle in a church than to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle of another person's soul. Witnessing and being consumed by the Divine Power alive in the heart of every living being transforms not only how we see our brothers and sisters but how we see God Himself. The cries of the poor and those who are hurting must echo in our hearts. We can no longer be deaf to the world's pain. It is no longer acceptable to judge others, unduly criticize, or marginalize, neglect, abuse, manipulate, or participate in the exploitation of anyone! We are asked to become hypersensitive to not only what we are doing, but why we are doing it. This holds true not only with regard to the daily conduct of our lives but our economic and corporate relationships and policies as well.

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Stewardship Reflection

Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

— Tracy Earl Welliver
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For Registered Families Only: In attempts to keep everyone safe and in order to maintain capacity guidelines we will not have any registrations on-site during PREP time – please make arrangements with the PREP office.

Parents please note at this time we do not have space to accommodate you on premises to wait for your children during PREP time.

Classes have resumed October 14th for Grades 1, 2, 6 & 7 – Students Only – face-to-face.

If your student will be absent from class please email the PREP office. We ask that you continue to use the health checks sent home with each student. If you or a member of your family tested positive for Covid19 please call the parish office and leave a message for Father Tran's local (604-5892448 ext. 223) as he checks messages daily and the parish office is not open daily.

Grade One: Please ENTER ONLY in the door marked for Grade One students - Main Entry of Church

Grade Two: Please ENTER ONLY in the door marked for Grade Two Students – Main entry of the church

Grade 6 Students: 6:30 PM JUBILEE HALL – STUDENTS ONLY - Please ENTER ONLY from East Parking Lot via stairs

Grade 7 students: Registration is closed for this Grade as we have reached Covid-19 Guideline capacity. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM – STUDENTS ONLY. Please ENTER ONLY from the GYM doors open on the West side of the building.

Students have been issued inserts for their binders (received in Gr. 6) for the Sacramental instruction and program, please review with them.

PRE-SCHOOL – KINDERGARTEN – ZOOM classes have started.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD WILL BE OFFERED VIA ZOOM FOR THOSE STUDENTS REGISTERED.

Please note that in keeping with COVID 19 Guidelines and protocols we ask that you review the drop-off/entry instructions noted above for each grade!

Grade 5 – will be via ZOOM - PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED BY NENITA CAPILI WITH LINK FOR CLASSES. Meet and Greet OCTOBER 21ST IN THE CHURCH STUDENTS & ONE PARENT for Gr. 5 students only.

CIC1 – Bob Chessell will be conducting classes via ZOOM – he will be contacting parents.

CIC2 - Mary Ann Mafori will be conducting classes via ZOOM links will be sent weekly.

WE ARE AWAITING SPECIFICS FROM GRADE 3 & 4 AS TO DELIVERY OF CLASSES – STAY TUNED AND CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE

Schedules until December have been sent home (green) will also be available on the website soon.

Families who wish to register please contact the PREP office at prep@saintmatthews.ca for information. Registration is still available for some grades please check with the PREP office prior to registering on-line to see if there is still space. Gr. 7 is FULL.

MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY FOR VOLUNTEERS AND SUGGESTED FOR STUDENTS TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.

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Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima

Please recite the Holy Rosary daily

Please include in your prayers **+Teresita Pascual, +Roy Grosjean and +Ba Chung Do** who have gone home to the Lord. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

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Sacrament of the Sick. What was referred to as "Last Rites" is now called "Anointing of the Sick" administered by a priest when one is "in danger" due to sickness or old age. Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

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November: The Month of Holy Souls

The faithful are called to pray for the dead especially during November, the month of Holy Souls. During the Hallowtide Triduum, the Feast of All Saints is a time for the Church to honour and celebrate all the saints and martyrs in Heaven - both known and unknown. We especially honour the saints who have not been canonized or do not have a special feast day. Throughout the month of November, Catholics also pray for souls in purgatory who may be undergoing a process of purification before entering into the presence of God. Sign up to receive Holy Souls prayers in your inbox for each day of November at rccav.org/november

One way for you to pray this month is through lighting a candle as a way of showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered. We will place a lit candle on the grave of a loved one during Hallowtide if they are interred at Gardens of Gethsemani. Order online at rccav.org/store

St. Matthew's Prayer Group

The St. Matthew's Prayer Group meets every Mondays (via Zoom) from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Come join us praise, sing, pray and share the word of God with joy! We will bring your needs and concerns before the merciful Lord during our prayer meetings. To join the Zoom meetings or to submit your prayer request, please email smpgprayerline@hotmail.com. You can also drop your prayer intentions in the prayer box located at the Welcome Centre and we will offer your requests to the Sacred heart of Jesus every first Friday of the month.

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