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Sunday, November 8, 2020



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Lord, Lord, open the door for us! But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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)
 ***except First Friday (in English)

CONFESSIONS
 Half an hour before mass, pls. advise the usher for a priest to be called.
 OR, call or email the office to book an appointment.
OFFICE AND CHURCH CLOSED ON MONDAYS FOR CLEANING



REGULAR DEVOTIONS

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.

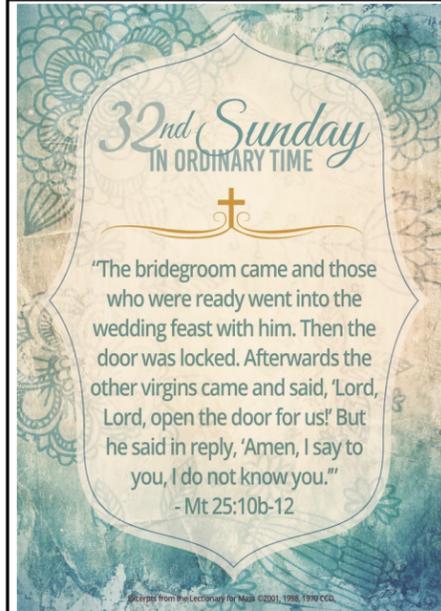
APPEAL TO OUR PARISHIONERS:

- ⇒ 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.



When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's

the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

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LIVE THE LITURGY

Do you consider yourself spiritually mature and awake? We can become a little presumptuous in the Christian life and even put a little too much stock in God's mercy. We foolishly believe that in the end, God is going to give everyone a passing grade and all will be well. Therefore, until that time comes, I can remain mediocre in my faith disciplines and put aside the effort needed to go from okay to excellent. We can be accomplished procrastinators! The meeting of God face-to-face either when we die or when Christ comes again, whichever comes first, is not going to be as casual as we may think. There is no earthly meeting in our experience that can even compare to what it will be like to meet God. To say that we are going to be caught up in awe is an understatement. But, there is something even more significant than that to consider: If we haven't learned how to be attentive, recognize, and long for the holy of holies in this life, what make us think we are going to recognize and desire it in the next? Pray for the wisdom to act prudently.

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Stewardship Reflection

In Our Midst

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but He should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see Him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw Him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God.

— 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 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.

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!

PRE-SCHOOL – KINDERGARTEN – ZOOM classes have started.

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Grade 3 – via Zoom BEGINNING NOVEMBER 18TH – Teacher will send link to class on Tuesday the 17th.

Grade 5 – will be via ZOOM - PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED BY NENITA CAPILI WITH LINK FOR CLASSES.

IC1 – Bob Chessell will be conducting classes via ZOOM. Older children who are behind in their preparation for the sacrament of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are part of this class.

IC2 - Mary Ann Mafori will be conducting classes via ZOOM links will be sent weekly.

WE ARE AWAITING SPECIFICS FROM GRADE 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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Priority on this list is given to parishioners, as space permits. Names will be removed from time to time. If you submit a name to the Prayer List, it is your responsibility to inform the office should his/her circumstances change.



Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima

Please recite the Holy Rosary daily

Please include in your prayers **+Irene McKenna** who has gone home to the Lord. May her soul rest in eternal peace. Funeral prayers at St. Matthew's is on November 10, 2020 at 7:45pm, and funeral mass is on November 12, 2020 at 10am. Please contact Patty Smith at 604-3404549 if you wish to attend the services.

Were you married outside the Catholic Church?

If you are married, but were not married in the Catholic church, we would like to offer you an opportunity to have your marriage regularized with the Church. Please make an appointment with our priest to discuss having your marriage convalidated.

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 is a month of remembering. We remember all those that have served in the defence of our country and for peace in this struggling world. This week we heard the sad news that our amazing pioneer parishioner and CWL member and past president, +Irene McKenna, has left us to join all the saints in heaven. We will honour her with our prayers and with our continued service to God and our community. Welcoming hospitality ... that was Irene's mission here at St. Matthew's. She often was the first smiling face that new parishioners would meet as they entered for Mass. We all need to be that smiling face for others in her honour. May she rest in peace.

ST. MATTHEW'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL We once again invite all parishioners to "attend" our next school Mass. It will be held on Friday, November 13, 2020 at 9:00 am and livestreamed on the St. Matthew's Parish YouTube site. Our Grade 5 class will help proclaim the readings of the day. Looking forward to "seeing" you there!

2021-2022 APPLICATION FORMS FOR ST. MATTHEW'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Application forms for the 2021-2022 school year for Kindergarten through Grade 7 will be available beginning **January 5, 2020** at the school office. For more information please contact the school office at 604-589-7545 or office@stmatthewselementary.ca

Preschool Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser

The Preschool has kicked off their delicious way to raising funds this Christmas season. Our Purdy's fundraising program is now in effect until the order submission deadline of Wednesday **Nov. 25th**. Order forms are at the back of the Church. You may submit your order online or through the Parish Office. Purdy's chocolates make the perfect gift for family and friends, so please support our community!

Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery

is offering envelope users at St. Matthew's parish 10% off sacred burial space during the month of November. Planning for the future allows you to have your wishes carried out, reducing the burden on your family, and ensuring that important decisions won't be made in a time of sorrow. Call 604 531-2141 or register online at <https://secure.rcav.org/parishoners-save-10/> to set up a personal one-hour appointment with an experienced and compassionate advisor. We can meet in-person, by phone or video conferencing.

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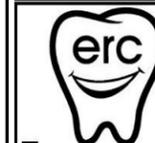
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