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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**  
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 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

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**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.

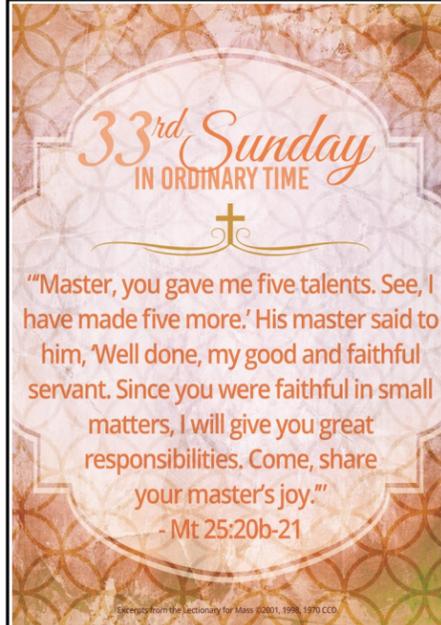
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- ⇒ Please take a minute to restore them in the right order in the pews.
- ⇒ Garbage should be disposed of in receptacles provided.

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**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.



God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

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God has entrusted His possessions to us. God's possessions are not earthly, physical things like ours: a home, bank account, personal items, and so forth. God's possessions are far greater and deeper. God's greatest possession is His very Self and it is precisely this pearl of great price that He bestows freely upon us. What are we going to do with it? Nourishing the fruits of wisdom is of the first order in determining how we are going to use what God has given. Understanding that His gift has not been given purely for our self-benefit is another. Wisdom asks us to broaden our horizons, to embrace all avenues of human life, including the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the needy. Manifested primarily in the virtues of faith, hope, and love, what God has entrusted to us can multiply exponentially if we invest His gift wisely and reap the greatest benefits. While it requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work, we will experience tremendous joy when we realize just how much confidence God has in us. Not acting on something out of fear or lack of trust serves no purpose and is of no use to either God or ourselves.

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**Stewardship Reflection**  
*Buried in Your Backyard*

*I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone — the current students as well as those now grown — laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.*

*I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?*

*We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to Him and those around us for His glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.*

— 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

**Gr 2 & CIC2 Celebration Mass** – Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30 Mass – we ask that you tune in that Mass and Father will have a message for our Gr. 2 & CIC students preparing for their Sacraments this year.

**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.

**Investiture Mass** – Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm – if you can attend please try to sign-up to come in person otherwise tune in and enjoy Father's message during his homily for the Confirmants. Contracts of Investiture (grey form) are due back in class this week.

**Sponsor's Forms** due November 30<sup>th</sup> as per form in students binder insert with instructions and notice sent home.

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.

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

**Grade 4** – Please pickup books and supplies – 7:00 – 7:30 front foyer of the church November 18<sup>th</sup>. Shawn Chessell (teacher) and Brian Bui (assistant) will be hosting classes via ZOOM beginning on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade 5** – continue via ZOOM with Nenita Capili.

**CIC1** – 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.

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

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE/BULLETIN FOR WEEKLY UPDATES. FROM TIME TO TIME UPDATES MAY BE SENT FROM THE PREP OFFICE AND/OR TEACHER DIRECTLY VIA EMAIL. HARD COPY NOTICES WILL BE LIMITED.

Families who wish to register please contact the PREP office at [prep@saintmatthews.ca](mailto: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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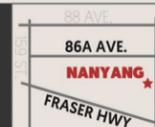
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\*Please note that this year we will have a **Jesse Board** rather than a tree. It will be at the entrance of the church. Please check out the tags stapled to the board, pick one and along with it return your donation as per instructions on the back of the card. Thank you so much for your support.

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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 **+Cora Pulido** who has gone home to the Lord. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

**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.

**Hospital/Care Home Communion Visits.** Please remember to let the Parish Office know whenever you or a loved one is hospitalized or moved into a Fleetwood area care home. The Parish has a dedicated group of people who will bring Holy Communion weekly to you or yours. Please phone **Deacon Raul Abella 778-512-9163** for a visit and to receive Holy Communion.

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**CWL Corner**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection of personal needs items for women. Thank you to all who honoured +Irene McKenna with your thoughts and prayers... Irene would say to all of us... "Don't remember me with sadness. Don't remember me with tears. Remember all the laughter, we shared throughout the years."

This **Tuesday evening, the 7pm Mass** will be dedicated to the 63 members of St. Matthew's CWL that have passed away in our 35 years of service to God and Canada. This 7pm Mass will be live streamed for all to join in. Immediately following the Mass there will be a brief ceremony of remembrance in the church. Please join us at Saint Matthew's Parish Youtube site as you do for Sunday Masses.

**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](mailto:office@stmatthewselementary.ca)

**SMES Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser**

Our elementary students are holding their annual poinsettia and wreath fundraiser between now and November 23! All proceeds from this festive fundraiser go towards outdoor and gym equipment at the school. Order forms can be found on the counter next to the parish office and volunteers will be outside answering questions and safely handing out forms after each mass. Thank you for your support!

**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/parishioners-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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