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Sunday June 26, 2022



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62

REGULAR MASS TIMES

SATURDAY: Anticipated Mass - 5:30 PM

SUNDAY: English Mass - 8:30 & 10:30 AM
12:30 & 7:30 PM
Vietnamese Mass - 5:00 PM
African - Last Sunday 12:30 PM (Mass in English with African Choir)

WEEKDAYS: Monday to Friday (except TUESDAY) - 8:00 AM
Tuesday - 7:00 PM
Friday - 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)
***except First Friday (in English)
Saturday - 9:00 AM

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue.	June	28	SME School Mass
Sat.	July	16	Youth Expo
Sat.-Sun.	July	2-3	Vocation Live-In

(see details inside)

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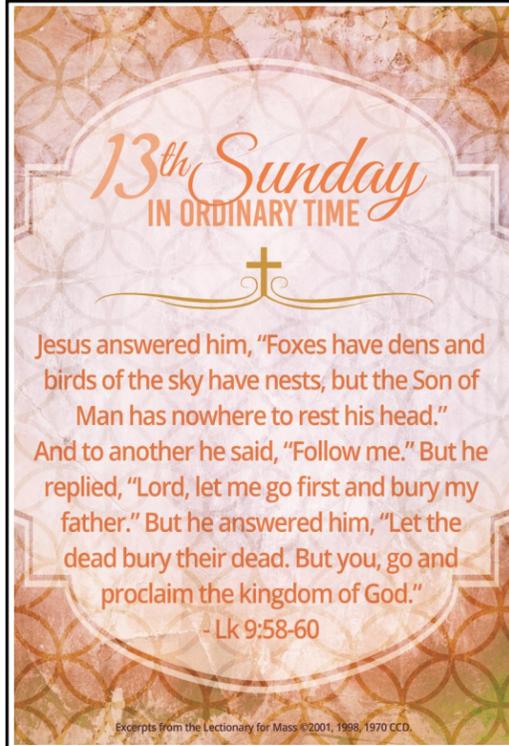
APPEAL TO OUR PARISHIONERS:

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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.

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

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.



Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."
- Lk 9:58-60

And to another he said, "Follow me." In every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling us. We can easily get distracted and not hear it or simply ignore it, pretending it wasn't even heard. When we do hear it and favorably respond, there are some conditions that must be met. Jesus makes it clear that once we say yes to His invitation, we must stay focused and forge ahead. We cannot keep looking behind or worry about unfinished business. There are some tasks, and discipleship is one, that require our full devotion.

There are many "masters" vying for our attention. We need something or someone to give us direction. Human nature requires it. Our motives and actions reveal what has our allegiance. It is tempting to give ourselves to masters that lure us with intriguing promises. When given the choice between a "master" that promises worldly success, abundant wealth, status, privilege, and security versus a "master" that asks for self-sacrifice, hardship, suffering, ridicule, and death, to whom do we go? While the promise of immediate pleasure is enticing, there is always a catch. For all that secular masters can promise, they always keep us looking behind, checking on ourselves, second guessing choices, calculating options, and being slaves to excessive worry. Our guard can never come down. Only one master really promises life: Jesus Christ. Hearing His call, we either trust Him or we don't.

Saying yes to following Christ does come with a risk. But it also comes with the brightness of future hopes and dreams. There is no need to keep looking behind. Sins are forgiven and regrets serve no effective purpose. God is not there. He's moved beyond all that stuff. God is in the today and the tomorrow and what He can continually do with our daily affirmation to follow Him. All we need to do is be obedient. St. Gianna Molla is credited with saying, "The stillness of prayer is the most essential condition for fruitful action. Before all else, the disciple kneels down." Begin with prayer. We will not only hear God's call but find the courage to trust that He will guide us where we need to be. God uses us in the most ordinary of ways through the simple daily expression of our lives. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

God calls us in the midst of ordinary things. Often only looking for God in the dramatic, spectacular, the ritual or the sacred places, we miss that He is walking beside us. Every moment of every day, in every circumstance and experience, God is calling to us, "Follow me." Sometimes, we are too distracted to hear this call. Other times, we would rather ignore it or pretend it wasn't heard. God, however, is very persistent. Whether we fine tune our hearing to receive this invitation now or when we close our eyes in death, we need to make a choice. The choice involves leaving some things behind and moving forward, taking risks. Choosing to keep focused and single-minded, the lens we then use to see our world and one another is God's, not our own. Life is no longer about what is important or matters to me but what matters to God. We acquire a new filter and are asked to use that filter to make choices, establish priorities, and determine what direction we will take, and how to love. Once we accept God's invitation, we cannot keep looking back to what was left behind, only forward to the surprises yet to come. ©LPi

Stewardship Reflection

Guided by the Spirit

There will always be something behind us and before us. Time moves on and the world continues to rotate. Will we miss that which exists right before our eyes because they are shut while we are consumed by the past or worried about the future?

When we go about whatever work God has set for us this day, large or small, we cannot get it done if we are looking behind us. Being mindful means to live for the present. It sounds like the simplest thing in the world, but we forget it (I forget it at least once every day). We must be guided by the Spirit.

What I'm talking about here is a radical abandonment of ourselves to God — over, and over, and over again. We cannot put our hand to the plough, while our eyes are looking backward at what is left behind. We cannot turn back if we are to move forward.

When we take up the yoke of stewardship, we will never be able to bear it if we rely on our own strength. When we put our hands to the plough, we will never get the job done if we look backwards at our own track record for inspiration. There is no inspiration there. Let the dead bury their dead.

- Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

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Youth Ministry
 Have you registered for Youth Expo yet? "Awaken" is happening on **July 16 from 10am - 10pm** and will be a fun day filled with activities, sessions, adoration, and fellowship! Registration closes on Thursday, July 14. Hope to see you there! Find all the details and register here: <https://saintmatthews.ca/events/youth-expo-2>

Job Opportunity
 Do you have the passion to teach the faith and assist parents in the faith formation of their children? What about leading catechists and supporting the pastor in administering and implementing the religious education program for elementary school children?
 We are seeking a part-time Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Coordinator to begin on **August 1, 2022**. For a detailed description of the roles and responsibilities, please call the office. To apply, send resume and cover letter to parish.smat@rcav.org. Application deadline will be on **June 30, 2022**.

Into the Deep: Truth and Reconciliation
 On May 27, James Borkowski provided a presentation regarding the work of reconciliation between Catholics and Indigenous people. He challenged us to learn more about the history of Residential Schools and the deep flaws within the system. With this new understanding, we can grow in compassion and appreciate the sacrifices made by early Missionaries. You can view the presentation online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=njK6V_IG0xU.

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PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Registration is now available **on-line only** thru St. Matthew's website (<https://saintmatthews.ca/prep-registration/>).
 We have 2 separate forms – credit card or a form for debit/cheque.
 We will no longer be accepting cash or having paper forms available.
 Early bird rate is available 'til July 31st only!!!!

For the fall we will be moving into a Level system not Grades to allow for greater clarity in defining completed levels of PREP not relative to grades in school.

Parents please note: for students to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion they must have level 1 before entering into a Level 2 class.
 Same applies for the Confirmation year – previous level (6) must be obtained.
 Students who are returning after an absence and are uncertain of what level they will be, please contact the PREP office **via email only** to see where they will be placed prior to registering.

Catechists & Assistants: Please remember to let the PREP office know if you are returning in the fall! Forms can be filled out on the Parish website as well - "Returning Catechists form"

First Holy Communion Certificates 2022 are available on the counter by the parish office. If there are any discrepancies please contact the PREP office, not the parish office. Thank you!

Teachers needed for the fall: Levels 1, 2 (Sacramental year), 4, leaders in level 6 & 7. If you love working with children consider a call to this ministry.

PREP Office hours will vary during the following months – leave a voice mail or email
Trish Van Vliet—prep@saintmatthews.ca or call 604-589-2448 ext. 233

We are forming a new **PASTORAL COUNCIL** who will coordinate pastoral goals for our community with our existing Parish Council.

Rather than focusing on a specific perspective, the Pastoral Council operates from a broad overview, promoting a sharing of responsibility for the development of a more vital Christian community. Its underlying aim is to encourage and support all members of the community in their efforts to respond to their baptismal call to participate in the mission of the Church. This goes beyond the maintenance of existing services in the community.

Parish Council	Pastoral Council
Specific perspective of each ministry	Overall pastoral vision of the parish
Representatives from each ministry	Core team recommended by the entire parish
Focuses on immediate concerns	Works towards long-term goals
Implementation	Planning
Meetings are reporting what is currently happening	Meetings are planning-oriented and strategic



All parishioners are invited to recommend any number of members of the community who they consider would be suitable to serve as members of the Pastoral Council. Please note that this is not a "nomination" because there is no requirement to ask the person recommended for their acceptance. Learn more at saintmatthews.ca

Project Advance 2022



Project Advance makes possible the many ministries and programs that bring us together, further our evangelizing mission, and build spaces for worship and learning. Your gift to Project Advance will help grow our parish and bring Christ's love to those who need it most right now. This year's appeal will continue to provide life-changing programs that support the work of evangelization, charities, ministries, as well as building new secondary schools that nurture our young people. You can build on the good of what was achieved and continue to innovate.

You can contribute to Project Advance online at <https://support.rcav.org/project-advance-2022/>, by phone at 604-683-0281 ext. 50323 or in-person at our parish office. Our way forward begins with your generosity in growing our parish and local Catholic community. We're grateful for your support. View message from Archbishop Miller here — https://youtu.be/RHJdJ4E_iE8.

Archdiocesan Events



Homecoming Youth Retreat

Homecoming is a special 4-day, overnight retreat for youth born in 2007 & 2008 (those youth entering Grade 9 /10 in Sept. 2022). The retreat provides youth an opportunity to build community with their peers. **Monday, July 4 to Thursday, July 7 at Camp Jubilee, North Vancouver. Cost: \$400.** Learn more and register at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/homecoming-youth-retreat>.

St. Monica's Mission Holy Hour

Many parents are grieving the loss of their adult child's faith in the Catholic Church. This Year of the Family is an ideal time of grace for parents to pray, fast, and sacrifice for their adult children's conversion. Through St. Monica's Mission, A Prayerful Journey of Perseverance and Hope, parents are invited to join our monthly Holy Hours on the Third Friday of the month at various parishes across the Archdiocese. Friday, July 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Port Coquitlam. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Searching in the Spirit

Searching in the Spirit is a 5-day, overnight retreat for newly confirmed grade 7 youth (youth born in 2009 and entering Grade 8 in Sept. 2022). The retreat provides youth (and their adult leaders accompanying them) with formation in discipleship and challenges the participants to live out their faith in everyday, real-life situations. **Monday, Aug. 29 to Friday, Sept. 2 at Camp Jubilee, North Vancouver. Cost: \$450.** Learn more and register at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/searching-in-the-spirit-2022>.



Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima

Please pray the Holy Rosary daily.



Please include in your prayers **+Hung Le** and **+Erwin Belgardt** who have gone home to the Lord. May their souls rest in eternal peace.
Funeral Mass for **+Hung Le** is on June 30 at 10:30am with Prayers on June 29 at 7pm.
Funeral Mass for **+Erwin Belgardt** is on July 5 at 10:30am.
Both funeral masses will be at St. Matthew's Parish.



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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.

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** or email rabella@rcav.org for a visit and to receive Holy Communion.

CWL Corner



Just a report on the year end dinner, 25 CWL members attended our Pot-luck Dinner. We focused on prayers on friendship and supporting each other.

Note: There will be no CWL meetings for the summer but our service to parish will continue. We resume our meetings in September.

We would like to wish everyone a Blessed and beautiful summer. Take good care of each other with kindness and togetherness.

St. Matthew's Elementary School



SMES parents, please note that the last day of school for students will be **Tuesday, June 28, 2022**. We will have our last school Mass at 9:00 am and all parents and parishioners are invited to attend. School will end at 12:15 pm. Thank you for all your support this year!

Vocation Live-In



Boys or young men in Gr. 5-11 are invited for a Vocation Live-In on **July 2-3 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission BC**. Candidates should arrive between 8:30 & 9:00 AM on Saturday. The Live-In will continue till Sunday about 1:00 PM. Candidates should bring a sleeping bag, pillow, some good clothes for Church and some for sports, as well as a towel, toothbrush etc.

Anyone planning to come should contact the seminary by phone **604-826-8715** or email for more information. Email: frpeterosb@gmail.com or rsalvino@rcav.org. Deadline for registration is July 1, 2022.

St. Matthew's Preschool



Spots are available for the Preschool and Out of School Care starting September 2022. Forms are available for pick up at the preschool classroom or from St. Matthew's parish office. For further information, we can be reached at 604-589-1222 or at preschool@stmatthewselementary.ca. If you know families who are interested in registering their children in preschool (aged 30 months to 4 years old) or in Out of School Care (5 years to 12 years old), your referrals are greatly appreciated.

Young at Heart Club ...50 +



Join our active, friendly group for a social and games. Coffee, tea and goodies available. **Every Tuesday 1:00 – 4:00 pm** (or stay as long as you want) in the Jubilee Hall. We have card and board games – Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, Mexican Train, Crib and bean bag toss. We are also open to new games and activities. Bring your ideas. New members are always welcome. Membership is \$10.00 per member annually.

Legion of Mary



Celebrate and pray for intercession with the Legion of Mary, happy and willing to bring the image of Mother Mary into your residence and enjoy her presence for a week or 2. Kindly write your information on the sheet provided by the wall next to the Parish Office and one of the legionaries will contact you.

Chorus Angelorum Open for Membership



St. Matthew's Chorus Angelorum is looking for anyone interested to join the soprano section and sing every Saturday at the 5:30 PM Anticipated Mass. Practice is only once a week, an hour or two immediately before Mass. If you are interested, come and see us on any Saturday, before or after the 5:30 PM Mass, or call Letty at 604-880-8414.

World Youth Day 2023



Let's go to Lisbon where the young gather in the name of Jesus!! World Youth Day Lisbon will be from **August 1-6, 2023**. If you are older than 18 years old and want to experience this life-changing experience with 3-4 million young people from all over the world only because of Jesus with Pope Francis, please contact Sr. Hae-Jin Lim, FMA via srhaejin@gmail.com or @srhaejin.fma (IG).

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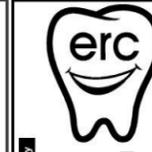
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