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### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### **Sacraments**

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

### **Bulletin**

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

**October 29, 2017**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday** - 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday** - 10:00 a.m.

#### **Reconciliation**

**Saturday** 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.  
and by appointment

#### **Prayer Line**

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#### **Readings for the Week of October 29, 2017**

**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/  
Mt 22:34-40

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk  
13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1  
-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**Thursday:** Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-  
9/Jn 6:37-40

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-  
15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Next Sunday:** Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes  
2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

## DYING, DEATH, AND THE MEANING OF ETERNAL LIFE



As the month of October comes to an end and the month of November begins, most of us can remember what we know about Halloween, All Saints Day, All Souls Day, and *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) in a split second. But we can go on for hours recalling and telling our experiences of death and dying. Grandparents, parents, spouses, children, other relatives, and friends have or are sharing with us their journey to eternal life with God. While I can easily recall the loss of different members of my own family and close friends, one particular person comes to my mind every November.

Mary was a talented thirty-two-year-old musician and singer when she learned she had terminal brain cancer. But Mary refused to let her illness overshadow and stop her ministry to others. Even though Mary's health was rapidly declining with the advancing cancer, she continued to practice her music and cantor at Sunday Masses when possible. When the Prayers of the Faithful were open for others to share their needs and concerns, Mary's voice, sometimes strong, sometimes very weak, was heard asking for prayers for certain cancer patients she had met during her chemo-therapy treatments in the hospital. It soon became known by hospital staff, patients, and visitors that when Mary was receiving her chemo-therapy, music and a female singing voice would be heard.

It was no surprise to me that when Mary died her funeral service had been planned for some time—readings, music, and prayers were all chosen by Mary. Included in her funeral plans was a request for *Muerte-Vida* (Mass of the Resurrection) translated from Spanish.

*God of mercy and love, throughout our days and even in the fullness of life, we are constantly surrounded by death. Bread does not satisfy our strongest hunger, no friendship removes our deepest loneliness, and every love is threatened by death.*

*Faithful God, your son, Jesus Christ, made his dwelling among us so that you could share our life and so that we could share yours. He lives and as we all live; he died as we all must die; but he died with the faith and the hope that you went with him into the womb of death itself. He offered his long night of death so that he might live the glorious daybreak. For this reason we call him the Living One.*

*He was broken as bread is broken so that we might eat and live. He was poured out as wine is poured out so that we might drink and sing. Pour out your Spirit on this bread and wine that they may become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your son....*

*We offer you, God of the living, our human lives, fragile and destined to die but life that is unique and eternal. We ask you to fill every day of our lives with the life and the love of your son.*

*And now we entrust to you, the living God, our brothers and sisters who have died. Grant that they who already shared in the death of Christ, may also share in the glory of Christ's resurrection, because we know you are a faithful God who gives the gift of life to those you love.*

*We cannot believe that anyone lives in vain. We pray that their lives may continue in the lives of their family and friends, and in the lives of all who believe in you and who long to live with you.*

*We ask all of this in the name of Jesus, your son. It is he who has gone before us in death. It is he who has gone before us in life. It is he who is our risen Lord.*

I think that this beautiful Spanish Eucharistic Prayer that Mary selected expressed what she came to believe about life and death. The more I contemplate the prayer the more I believe that we should not let All Saints Day, All Souls Day, and *Día de los Muertos* give meaning to our lives but that we should let the lives of those we knew and love who have died give meaning to these days and the entire month of November.

For the Feast of All Saints Day Mass will be offered at 8:00 am in the chapel and at 7:00 pm in the church. During the entire month of November, *A Book Of The Names Of The Dead* will be available in the back of the church for you to remember your loved ones. Nearby, a candle will be kept burning and the book with its names will be brought forward and placed in the sanctuary during our celebrations.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—THANK YOU

Thank you for expressing your missionary spirit by offering gifts of support during World Mission Sunday. Our parish collected \$203 to help bring good news to small, young and often poor mission dioceses worldwide - Mission of the Little Flock.

# News and Events

## THE BELLS AT ST. MATTHEW

The Bells at St. Matthew will ring on October 29th for Greg and Vicki Baker in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary. God's blessings to you.

## OKTOBERFEST

The committee would like your input about any or all of the events. What were the high points? What needed work? Was there something present that should not be repeated? Do you have recommendations for what might be included in the future?

Please address your comments to Linda Rivera in the parish office. [lrivera@st-matts.org] She will assemble them for our committee.

## TURKEY BINGO

St. Matthew's Men's Club will host its' annual 'Turkey Bingo' on **Saturday, November 4th** beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the social hall. This is a family friendly event for all ages. You are invited to come play bingo, enjoy a bite to eat and visit with family, friends and neighbors. Perhaps you will win your Thanksgiving Day turkey or maybe some cold hard cash!!



## 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH FIX IT FUNDRAISER

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Saturday November 11, 2017**



Show up and enjoy food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share: dessert or side. Rotini pasta with Italian sausage in red sauce with salad, bread and coffee provided. **++ FREE WILL OFFERING ++ Double it up for St. Matts - Catholic Order of Foresters matches \$1.00 for each \$1.00 raised up to \$1000 and \$.50 for every \$1 raised on the next \$1000.** Proceeds help pay our building repair costs.

## Children's Corner

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 10-22-2017

### Parish

Envelopes/Cash	\$2,281	School	\$75
Electronic Giving	\$1,268	Mission	203
Vigil Lights	\$12.98		
Funeral	\$200		
Holyday	\$7		

**Total** \$3,768.98 **Total** \$278

Thank you!

## PLEASE REMEMBER

The Church of St. Matthew in a charitable will, trust, or gift annuity.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, October 28**

4:00 pm Katie Rosas†

**Sunday, October 29**

10:00 am Our Parish  
Nick Munoz†

**Monday, October 30**

Bob Norton†

**Wednesday, November 1**

8:00 am Lydia Borego Salas†

**Friday, November 3**

8:00 am Michael & Mary Martinez†

**Saturday, November 4**

4:00 pm Arthur Minus†

**Sunday, November 5**

10:00 am Our Parish  
Katie Rosas†

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, October 28**

4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, October 29**

10:00 am Mass

Coffee Sunday

**Monday Oct. 30 - Friday - Nov. 3**

5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

**Monday, October 30**

12:00 - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic

**Tuesday, October 31**

**Wednesday, November 1**

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

**7:00 pm All Saints Day Mass**

**Thursday, November 2**

**Friday, November 3**

**Saturday, November 4**

4:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Turkey Bingo

**Sunday, November**

9:00 am Choir Practice

10:00 am Mass

Confirmation Students Launch

Potluck Brunch SH

## Ten Commandments

Cut out the missing words and place them in the correct boxes to complete the commandments.

1. You shall have no other  before Me.
2. You shall not make .
3. You shall not take the  of the LORD your God in .
4. Remember the  day, to keep it .
5.  your  and your mother.
6. You shall not  adultery.
6. You shall not .
8. You shall not .
9. You shall not  false  against your .
10. You shall not .

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name	covet	father	Sabbath	steal

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