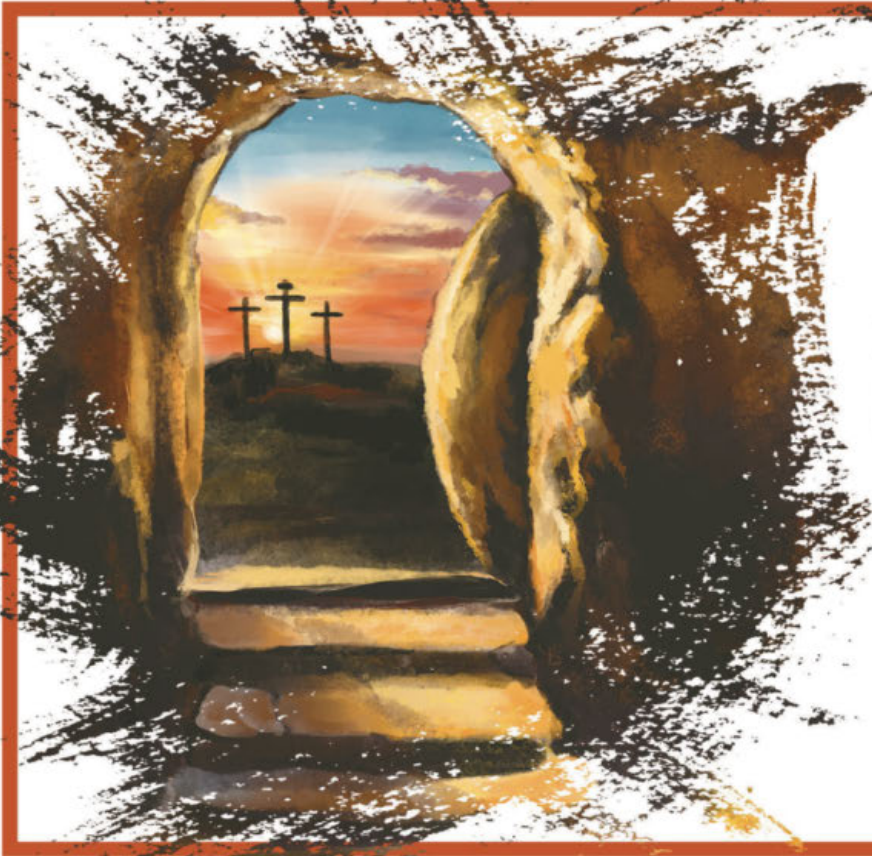




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WHEN THEY
ENTERED, THEY DID
NOT FIND THE BODY
OF THE LORD JESUS.
- LK 24:3

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April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

Saturday 4:15 pm (in-person)

Sunday 10:15 am (in-person)

Sunday 10:15 am (Saturday Mass available for viewing online)

Reconciliation

2nd & 4th Saturday and 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month following Mass

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Office Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fridays Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

It was Easter Sunday, 1972 – 50 years ago. Father Dennis Dease, Father Tom O'Brien and I planned to spend a week in California after the challenge of the Season of Lent and Holy Week for three very young priests.

We flew out in mid afternoon and arrived in San Francisco early evening. Our plan was to spend the week traveling down the coast.

We took an airport bus to our hotel just off of Union Square in the heart of San Francisco. After getting settled we went to find a restaurant. It was Easter Sunday – no restaurants were open. We walked block after block looking for a place to eat.

Soon we came upon a Greek restaurant, the lights were on and as I peered through the window it was clear that there were people eating dinner. We walked into the restaurant and were met by an older man; we said that we wanted to get a table for dinner. He explained that the restaurant was closed – that these people were his extended family – so many that this was the only place that would hold all of them for Easter dinner.

I explained our circumstances and he graciously invited us to join his family; he seated us at a large round table with a half dozen of the family.

The meal was wonderful, sumptuous, bowl after bowl, platter after platter – more than I could eat.

In the center of the table was a piece of flat-bread, it measured about 2 feet in diameter. One tore pieces off the loaf and used pieces of bread to pick up and eat the foods.

The owner stopped by the table and I thanked him and asked him why the bread was so large. He smiled and said: "This is more than Easter Sunday dinner for my family, this is a catechism lesson. There is more bread in that loaf than the people at the table can eat – there is much left over, you see that. I teach my children and grandchildren that this bread is Easter Bread and is meant to teach us all that if we are willing to share there is enough for each of us and so much left over. I want to help my children and grandchildren become generous people and know that God has given us more than enough, if only we would learn to share."

The best Easter Sunday I ever spent and the best Easter sermon I ever heard.

Father Steve Adrian



Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs



Mary Leibl,
Volunteer Coordinator

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

PARISH CLEAN-UP: Mark your calendars to take part in the Parish Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 30 from 9 am to 11 am. We will gather to clean the inside of the church and chapel as well as the grounds around the buildings. Cleaning supplies will be provided. If you prefer to use your own cleaning products, feel free to do so.

LAWN MOWING: We need a volunteer to mow the grass on parish property. This only includes the square block where church, school and parish center are located (**not Casa Guadalupana property**). Mowing would need to be done about once a week or when needed. Since the square block is mostly concrete and asphalt, mowing consists of the boulevards and the grass on Humboldt street side of school property and inside of the fence around the parish center. If you can help, please contact mleibl@st-matts.org.

THANK YOU: To all who helped to make the Easter Triduum services special for all who attended. To **Father Steve** who through his homilies, always makes it possible for us to experience the services in new ways. To **Alan** who made it possible for those who couldn't be physically present, to watch the services as they were livestreamed. To **Jill** and **the Liturgy Committee** who helped to plan the liturgies and have everything that is physically needed, in place. To all the **Liturgical Ministers** who came forward and volunteered to serve in some way at the 6 different liturgies during the Triduum. To our volunteers who take care of the flowers and see to it that all is beautiful. To the volunteers who help to clean the church and have it welcoming for visitors who came to worship with us. To **Phil** and **Angela** who made sure that whatever was needed got ordered and delivered on time. To **Tim, Anthony** and **Isabella** who led the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday! To **all our parishioners** who joined together to remember in prayer the passion, death and resurrection which allows us today to experience the joy of being Easter People!

WE WISH ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

A BLESSED EASTER SEASON!

HE IS RISEN!



Parish Administrator's Note

HAPPY EASTER!

Rejoice, our Lord is risen. I wish you and yours all the best in this season of joy!

PARISH OFFICE VOICEMAIL

Our office voicemail is currently unavailable. To leave a message, please call during office hours (Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm). You can also reach us by emailing Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. Thank you for your patience while we get the voicemail up and running again.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

We continue to mail out annual contribution statements upon request. If you would like one for 2021, please call the Parish Office.

These annual contribution statements differ from the contribution acknowledgments we routinely send out for any single contribution over \$250.00. These can happen at any point in the year. However you contribute, thank you!

Phil Grant

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Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Faith Formation students in Grades 2 to 7 have class on Wednesday, April 20 in the Parish Center. Grades 2 to 5 meet from 6:30 pm - 7:40 pm; Grades 6 to 7 meet from 6:40 pm - 7:50 pm. There is also class for Grades 2 to 7 on April 27. Parents, mark your calendars for May 4 when all students and parents will meet in church for a short prayer service followed by bingo.

FIRST COMMUNION AT ST. MATTHEW

Faith Formation and Community of Saints students who have registered to make their First Communion at St. Matthew have class on Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 pm in the church. At least one parent should attend on May 11; this is practice for students and our final meeting before the First Communion Masses. Questions? Contact Faith Formation director Janelle Rohr via email janelle@st-matts.org or phone/text at (651) 242-6004.

ST. MATTHEW WELCOMES ALL TO OUR PARISH!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again?

Please contact Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org to become a member of our parish. It would be great to have you join our parish family!



News and Events

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE FR. STEVE'S 80th BIRTHDAY!

Please help us honor Father Steve's service to St. Matthew's community and students at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. There will be two opportunities to join the festivities at St. Matthew's:

**Saturday, April 23 after 4:15 pm Mass
in the back of the church**

**Sunday, April 24 after 10:15 am Mass until 2:00 pm
in the Social Hall**

To see Fr. Steve's invitatory video and learn more, visit www.st-matts.org/birthday.



SPRING CLEANING

Come join your fellow parishioners in sprucing up our space, the church worship space and the grounds surrounding the campus, on **Saturday, April 30, 9:00 am - 11:00 am**. We will focus on wiping the winter-time grime away and early spring yard work.

Cleaning supplies and some equipment will be available. Bring your own favorite cleaning supplies or tools and let's see how much we can accomplish in 2 hours.



Coffee and donuts will be ready for you!

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please remember in your prayers our parish family and friends who are ill or in need of prayers. Pray for their recovery and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially **Jeremiah Baker, Louise Breidel, Bernie Klein, Caroline Gomez, Ray Knotts, Greg Lothenbach, Kendrick Morrison, Annamarie Moseng, Pam Perkovich, Virgil Roethler and Lorraine Tabor**.



If you have a loved one you would like to add to this list, please call the Parish Office, provide us with your name and the name of your loved one. *We are strong as a community praying together.*

Weekly Contributions for April 9, and 10, 2022 will be provided in a future bulletin.

Paypal QR Code: Simply scan with your phone to make an electronic payment. Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit April 16 - 23, 2022 in memory of **Roger Goldberg**.

If you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the sanctuary lamp for your special memory, person or event, please contact the Parish Office at (651) 224-9793 by 1:00 pm Monday – Thursday.

Due to the third week of month being Easter weekend, please bring your non-perishable or monetary donation for Neighborhood House during the weekend of April 23 and 24. Thank you for your support!

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Bulletin

Announcements are due on **Monday by 10:00 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. Items should be sent to Phil Grant at pgrant@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the week of April 17, 2022

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk

24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt
28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-
18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-
35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-
14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/
Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv
1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-3

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 16

4:15 pm Mass
Our Parish
+James Hobbie
+Leo Kegler

Sunday, April 17

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish
+Ken Gilberg
+Joe Savard
+Annabelle Savery

Monday, April 18

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, April 19

8:00 am Cancelled

Wednesday, April 20

8:00 am Cancelled

Thursday, April 21

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, April 22

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, April 23

4:15 pm Mass
Our Parish
+Ken Gilberg
+Leo Kegler
+Jerry McEllistrem

Sunday, April 24

10:15 am Mass
Our Parish
+Maurice Grundei
+Aileen Koenen

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 18 - Friday, April 22

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes
Meals are being served as take-out only at this time

Monday, April 18

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 19

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
3:30 pm - 9:45 pm GTCYS

Wednesday, April 20

8:00 am - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Parish Office Open
6:30 pm Faith Formation

Thursday, April 21

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Office Open
6:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, April 22

Saturday, April 23

10:00 am AA Meeting
4:15 pm Mass (in-person)
Father Steve's Birthday Celebration

Sunday, April 24

10:15 am Mass (in-person)
Father Steve's Birthday Celebration
10:15 am Saturday Mass available for viewing

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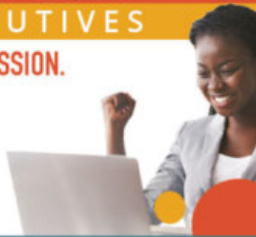
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