



Church of St. Matthew

A Catholic community that is a visible expression of God's love



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2

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May 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgy Schedule

Masses

Saturday 4:15 PM

Sunday 10:15 AM (*online Mass is on hiatus*)

Reconciliation

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

Please contact the parish office regarding Baptism, Matrimony, First Communion, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday

Closed

Reflection from Father Steve

In the face of a culture of secularism, consumerism, economic inequality, diminishment of the value of human beings – especially those who are different from me - and the list goes on, the stance of the Church must not be preaching about or idealizing a bygone past – the golden age of a Church of yesterday – a time that we can never expect to regain.

Such an approach risks separating the Church even more than it is from a culture that is on the move and doesn't wait.

We live in a culture of nihilism – a culture in which there is nothing. There is no such reality as value, truth, faith, life beyond the grave, the human person, justice, equality; there is no God-reality, the earth is there for me to use and enjoy as I wish. There is only the present moment and nothing more.

Truth is what I want it to be, the only reality is the reality I see and experience. Relationship is a fantasy – meaning is what I desire. I take all and then I am gone. I am not my brother's keeper, I stand alone and I do as I choose – and then it is over.

This dehumanization is the challenge of the Church. Human beings are told they have no value and are treated without value.

The life and mission of the Church depends more and more on her ability to engage in a culture of encounter. Encounter is the face-to-face experience in which I affirm the goodness and value and meaning of another – one by one, person by person.

This mission of encounter needs to include all who seek to humanize our pluralistic and secular society.

Pope Francis champions the culture of encounter or synodality. It is the fundamental work of renewing the value of human right and dignity – and it needs to be done in today's world.

More about this later.

Fr. Steve Adrian



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeremiah Baker, Jerry and Louise Breidel, Sue Ann Meisinger Brown, Rey Del Angel, Rita Eckert, The Karas Family, Sharon Knops, Carol Mike, Carole Palermo, Pam Perkovich, Virgil Roethler, Alice Schletty, Mary Lou Shields, Joanne Smith, Jean Troje, and Patricia Weisman.

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.*

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION OF MAY 2023: For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ~ Isaiah 6:8

GRASS MOWING: We are looking for volunteers to take care of the grass mowing on the parish campus. The parish lawn mower is available for use. This would entail the boulevards surrounding the church, parish center, school and the grassy areas around the parish center and along the Humboldt side of the school. **It does not** include the Guadalapana property. Normally, the grass only needs to be mowed once a week. If we have more than one volunteer, they can alternate weeks. If interested in helping your parish in this way, contact Mary at mleibl@st-matts.org or call the parish office and leave your contact information.


PRAYER LINE: We are looking for volunteers who are willing to pray for the intentions of those who leave messages on our **Prayer Line**. The moderator of the Prayer Line will call "Prayer Volunteers" to inform them the "Prayer Request" and those volunteers will take some time to pray for the person requesting prayers as well as the intention mentioned in the request. If you can devote some time to pray for those in need, please contact **Mary Leibl** or the parish office.

THANK YOU: To **Al, Kathy, Jerald, Liz, Jan, Chris, Linda, Iona, Tim, Mary, Karen, Christine, Dave, Mike, Jeanne, Kathy, Jair and Jill**. In less than three hours, volunteers dusted, mopped, swept, vacuumed, polished furniture and washed windows in the church and chapel. They also cleaned the parish grounds and prepared the gardens. The group enjoyed coffee, donuts and socializing afterwards. If you were unable to attend, we will do it again in October!

COFFEE SUNDAY: This Sunday, May 7, is the last Coffee Sunday until September. This monthly event, after the 10:15 AM Mass, is enjoyed by many parishioners. It is a chance to enjoy fellowship and hospitality. This was greatly missed during the "Covid Shutdown"! We thank **Jackie Minus** who arranges these get-togethers monthly. From scheduling groups to host each week, having refreshments ready to be served after Mass and finally making sure everything is put away and the Social Hall is ready for use during the week. We are a Volunteer Parish and **Jackie Minus** is an important example of what that means! **Thank You Jackie for all you do!**

WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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Anointing
of the Sick

Join us this weekend, **May 6 and 7**, to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during Mass.

This is the time to pray for and with those in our community who are struggling with illness or other difficulties. People of all ages who are in need of healing of body and soul and their caregivers and families are welcome to come forward and take part.

Parish Administrator's Note

FACILITIES NEWS

• Technicians from All City Elevator began repair work on the school elevator this past week. Recall that a combination of an aging school roof and bad weather contributed to a major leak in the school elevator shaft, back in February. Total cost to repair is about \$29,000. All but \$1,000 is covered by insurance.

• About that aging flat school roof: that replacement project will happen in the next few months, depending on our roofing company's schedule. Cost is roughly \$221,000. We plan to cover that cost initially with our Line of Credit from Catholic Finance Corporation. That allows us to pay off the roof cost gradually.

• Another urgent project is replacement of the main electric panel (the E-Box) in the church. We've contracted with Apadana Technology to do that work. They're now working with their suppliers to acquire the needed components. That work is likely six months out, due to supply chain issues. Cost is \$109,000. We've raised about 40% of that so far, thanks to many people's generosity. We welcome additional contributions!

• We've started another project: repairing or replacing many doors throughout our campus. Workers began in the school building a couple of weeks ago. They'll return soon, to work on several doors in the Parish Center and church building.

• We continue to research the proposed solar panel installation. If interested in this project, please let me know.

• With the above projects moving along, I want to return to work on security systems (besides repairing doors). I'm in touch with one company, Verkada. If you are familiar with others, please let me know.

• Our next Facilities Committee meeting is at 6:00 PM this Tuesday, May 9. Volunteers on this committee have been a great help in projects big and small. These are open meetings. Please come if you want to help.

Thank you for your support, and have a great week!

Phil Grant

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News and Events

COFFEE SUNDAY - Sunday, May 7, 2023

Our last Coffee Sunday of the year is May 7 after the 10:15 AM Mass. Come down to the Social Hall after Mass and visit with your fellow parishioners.



Coffee Sunday will be on break during the summer months.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

All women are invited to the next Rosary Society meeting, which is **Tuesday, May 9, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM**. This meeting is our annual Funeral Lunch Volunteers and Members Appreciation Dinner. The meeting will be in the lower level of the Parish Center. Come and join us as we show our appreciation to the women and men who have been a part of the Funeral Lunch Ministry. We will be serving a dinner, so if you plan on being at the meeting, please RSVP to either Becky at 651-363-5984 or Suzanne at 612-819-3752 by **May 8**, so we have enough food for everyone.

COMMUNITY OF SAINTS SCHOOL COLLECTION

This weekend is our monthly second collection in support of Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. Thank you for your generous support!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

We will soon be writing the new ministry schedule. This schedule will begin the weekend of **June 3 and 4** through **Aug 26 and 27**. Please email Mary Leibl (mleibl@st-matts.org) to let us know which weekends you will **not be available**. If there is a particular weekend you would like to minister, include that information. Also, send us the following information:

- Are you primarily either a lector or eucharistic minister?
- Would like to serve in both ministries?
- Would you be willing to read the welcome announcements before Mass?

Faith Formation News

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE: Faith Formation and Community of Saints students preparing for First Holy Communion need to attend a final class and practice on **Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30 PM in St. Matthew Church**. Parents or guardians or another family member must also attend this First Communion practice, which will end by **7:45 PM**.

FAITH FORMATION THANK YOU: Students attended their final regular Faith Formation class for the 2022-2023 school year on May 3. Thank you to students for their participation and attendance. Thank you to parents, grandparents, and guardians for getting their children to and from class. Thank you to **Dave Sunday, Adriana Silva, Janelle Rohr, Autumn Koch, Valerie Gerlich, Donna Castillo, and Lisa Brandt** for teaching. Thank you to **Kathleen Thompson and Myrna Beltran** for acting as front desk receptionists on Wednesday evening and as office help. Thank you to **Father Adrian** and the Church of St. Matthew for supporting the program and praying for our students as they learn about the Catholic faith and develop their faith lives.

Classes start again likely in mid-September. Watch the St. Matthew website in the summer for the registration form for 2023-2024 classes.

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Alan Christensen	Jackie Lackner
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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 Angela Rakow at arakow@st-matts.org. *Items received after 10:00 AM will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Readings for the week of May 7, 2023

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 6

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+George Lackner
+Lisa Norton

Sunday, May 7

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Gerry Jenniges
+Carol Dvorak Johnson
Rudy Saucedo-Rivera, Special Intention

Monday, May 8

8:00 AM Cancelled

Tuesday, May 9

8:00 AM Cancelled

Wednesday, May 10

8:00 AM Cancelled

Thursday, May 11

8:00 AM Cancelled

Friday, May 12

8:00 AM Cancelled

Saturday, May 13

4:15 PM Mass
Our Parish
+Mary Jane Austing
+Bill Brengman
Deceased and Living Rosary Society Members

Sunday, May 14

10:15 AM Mass
Our Parish
+Mary Ann Roscoe
+Gordon Scaramuzzo

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 8 - Friday, May 12

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes
Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.

Monday, May 8

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 9

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting
6:00 PM Rosary Society Meeting
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, May 10

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:30 PM First Communion Practice
8:00 PM Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, May 11

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM AA Meeting

Friday, May 12

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM St. Mary's Diabetes Program Meeting

Saturday, May 13

4:15 PM Mass (in-person)
After Mass Confession

Sunday, May 14

10:15 AM Mass (in-person)

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