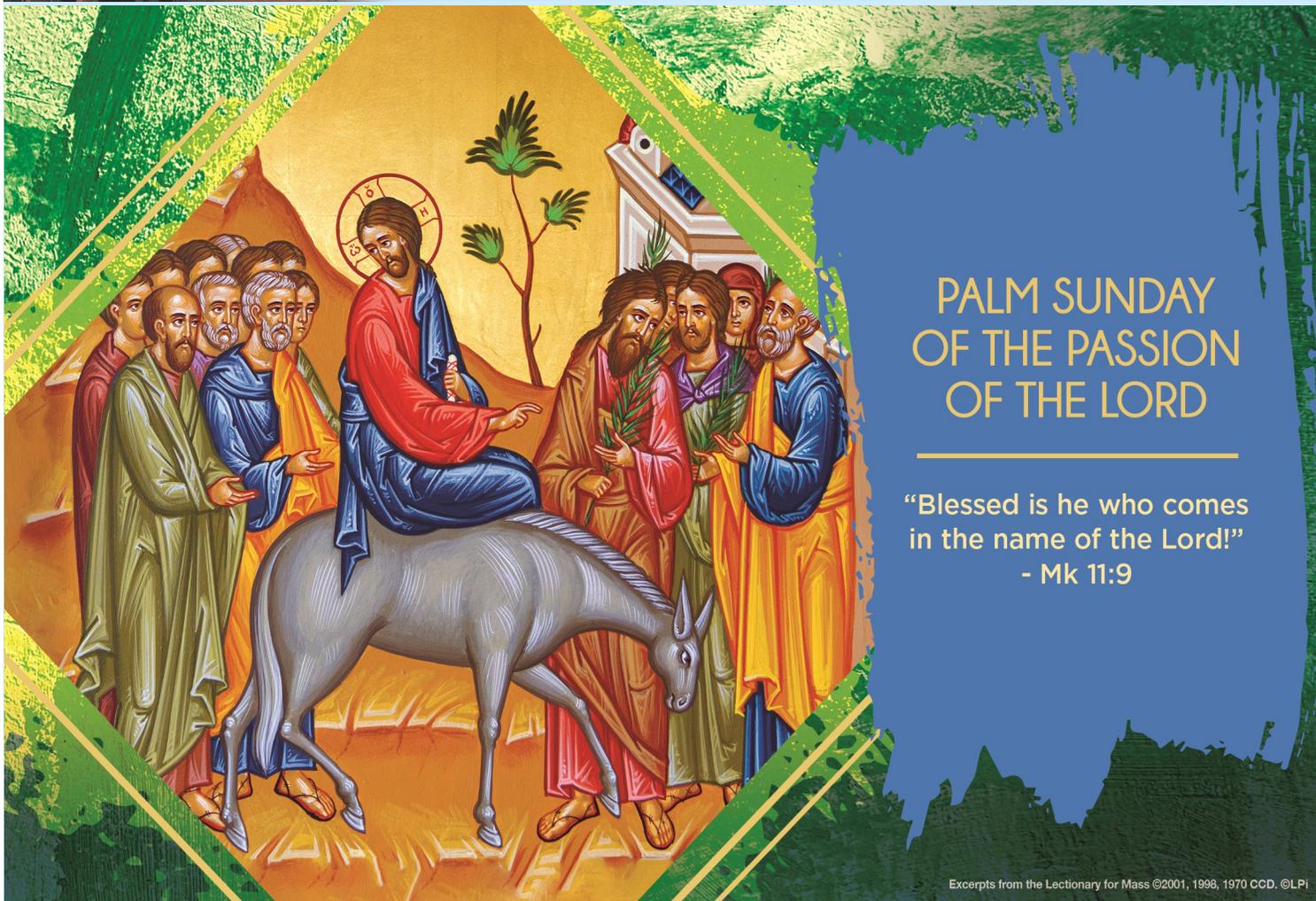




# Church of St. Matthew

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



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord!”  
- Mk 11:9

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### March 24, 2024 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

#### Liturgy Schedule

##### Masses

Saturday 4:15 PM  
Sunday 10:15 AM (*online Mass is on hiatus*)

##### Reconciliation

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (after Mass) 11:00 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (after Mass) 5:00 PM

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 week of March 11, after x-rays, CT scans, MRIs, biopsies and many blood draws, I received word that I have cancer. I am beginning to work with radiation and oncology as well as compassionate care. I don't know much else.

Now, the important stuff:

For forty-six years, I have been privileged to be an active member of our parish and also play a role in the civic life of the West Side.

For this I am so grateful. You have allowed me to be with you at some of the most intimate moments in life. You have been an occasion of grace for me.

I have been fortunate to have young people as part of my daily life, elementary and high school students. They are the best of what is to come. I cherish them.

The most important gift has been the ability to celebrate the Eucharist and preach. This is at the center of life for me. The Eucharist has marked my life tens of thousands of times in the past fifty-six years.

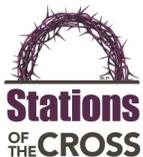
For all of this, and so much more, I am grateful.

If you want to connect with me, you can send me a note via snail mail to the parish office:

Stephen Adrian  
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I have not regained my voice, so telephone does not work.

*Stephen the Silent*



**Mondays during Lent – 7:00 pm**  
**Tuesdays during Lent – 12:30 pm**

## St. Matthew Welcomes All to Our Parish!

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please consider registering with our parish. You can download the registration form from our website or contact Angela at the parish office.



## Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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

**Money Counters:** We are looking for volunteers to help count the weekly collection twice a month. You would work with a team of 3 or 4 other volunteers. If you feel you have the talent or experience to help with this volunteer opportunity, please call the parish office, 651-224-9793.

**Easter Triduum Choir:** If you like to sing, you are invited to join the choir during the Easter Triduum! Choir rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the church. The playlist can be found on the parish website at [st-matts.org/music-ministry](http://st-matts.org/music-ministry) and on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/churchofstmatthew/](http://www.facebook.com/churchofstmatthew/)

**Thank You:** To **Fr. Thomas Kommers** who has graciously volunteered to help our parish. During Fr. Steve's absence, Fr. Thomas will be our presider at the weekend Masses, the Triduum and Easter services.

**Thank You:** To the **Scouts** and to the **students from Community of Saints Regional Catholic School** who helped take orders and deliver meals to the tables and to the outside drive-up line during the Fish Fry. To all who helped with afternoon prep work, worked in the kitchen, at the bar and taking payments at the door. A huge THANK YOU to the **355** people who bought dinners!

**WE ARE A VOLUNTEER PARISH!**

Mary Leibl  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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**Fr. Stephen Adrian, Jeremiah Baker, Jerry & Louise Breidel, Sue & William Brown, Holly Casillas, Sue Derringer, Elaine Goldberg, Carolina Gomez, Michael Karas, The Karas Family, Floro Luque, Diane McFarland, Kendrick Morrison, Pablo Munoz, Roberta Otte, Marie Scanlan, Doris Schillinger, Mary Lou Shields, James Stanger, Sr., Patricia Weisman, and Thomas & Kasi Wright.**

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.*

## Parish Administrator's Note

### Gifts & Ministries

Remember last week's Gospel, about the grain of wheat? Jesus said a grain has to die in order to bring forth abundance. And then, Fr. Thomas preached on how **we** have to die—so to speak—to our fears, feelings of inadequacy, resistance to change, and reluctance to share gifts?

I know I've struggled with those feelings. I imagine you have, too. They're common, understandable aspects of being human.

Which is another reason to value our St. Matt's community, and the way members overcome their reluctance. I've seen how members share their gifts and strengths.

We often say, "We're a volunteer parish." Yes! I've seen our volunteers care for the poor, feed the hungry, work in faith formation, and on and on. If not for volunteers, our ministries would be weaker or even non-existent.

One of our most important ministries is "the ministry of the assembly." That refers to our gathering together for worship. It's another form of volunteerism, where we support each other with our presence.

Of late, I've noticed more and more families with young children at our Masses. They're very welcome, as both Fr. Steve and Fr. Thomas have said. Children bring energy to our worship, and their laughter is a delight.

### Holy Week & Triduum

Our holiest week of the year is beginning. Lent is almost over. The Three Days (Triduum) of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter begin in a few days.

Liturgical scholars sometimes speak of the Triduum as one large liturgy, spread over several days. I urge you to experience as much as you can. Check the insert for details.

*We are fortunate that Fr. Thomas is with us during Holy Week and Triduum. When I met with Fr. Steve at the hospital last week, he was very relieved to know that our parish is in good hands while he's out. Let's keep Fr. Steve in our prayers while he recovers.*

Have a great week!

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## The Sounds and Sights of Saint Matthew

The Bells of Saint Matthew will ring on March 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2024 in memory of **Brian Eldridge**.

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.

## Faith Formation News

**NO Faith Formation Class:** Faith Formation students in grades K to 10 have spring break this week and thus do NOT have class at St. Matthew the evening of Wednesday, March 27. Families are encouraged to attend as many of the Holy Week Masses and services as they can in lieu of class (March 28, 7:00 PM; March 29, 3:00 PM; March 30, 7:00 PM; March 31, 10:15 AM). Weekly Faith Formation classes resume on Wednesday, April 3.

## News and Events

### Crafting Group

A reminder that there is no Crating Group on Holy Thursday, March 28. The group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall**. Whatever craft you enjoy, all are welcome! Bring your own supplies. An embroidery sewing machine will be available for use.

### Youth Group Meeting

The next Youth Group meeting is on **Sunday, March 24, 11:15 am - 1:15 pm in the Social Hall**. 5th grade and up are welcome, all other grades are welcome with an adult. This session will have lunch, leadership activities, discuss Holy Week and enjoy each other's company. Hope to see you there!

### Rosary Society Spring Tea

The Rosary Society will be holding a **Spring Tea on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**. More details, including ticket prices, are available in the bulletin flyer.

### Gifted and Belonging

Gifted and Belonging (GAB), a Catholic social club for young adults with disabilities seen and unseen, is having their next meeting on **March 24, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at the Church of St. Matthew Social Hall. This month's theme is Prepare the Way.

GAB welcomes all young adults to get together to share a time of prayer and reflection followed by games and social activities. For more information, contact Megan at [giftedandbelonging@gmail.com](mailto:giftedandbelonging@gmail.com).

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Anthony Minus	Phil Grant, Ex Officio

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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 March 24, 2024

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Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39  
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11  
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25  
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42  
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7  
Next 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 Mk 16:1-7

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 23

4:15 PM Mass  
+Arthur Geis  
+Dan D. Roscoe  
+Sam S. Roscoe

### Sunday, March 24

10:15 AM Mass  
+Carol Grundei  
+Lisa Norton

### Monday, March 25

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Tuesday, March 26

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Wednesday, March 27

8:00 AM Cancelled

### Thursday, March 28

7:00 PM Celebration of the Supper of the Lord

### Friday, March 29

3:00 PM Good Friday Service

### Saturday, March 30

7:00 PM Mass  
+Leo Kegler  
+Kevin Kleman

### Sunday, March 31

10:15 AM Mass  
+Carol Dvorak Johnson  
+Mary Ann Roscoe

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, March 25 - Thursday, March 28

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes  
**No Loaves and Fishes on Fridays during Lent**

### Monday, March 25

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

### Tuesday, March 26

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
12:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### Wednesday, March 27

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary's Health Clinic  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Practice

### Thursday, March 28

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open  
7:00 PM AA Meeting  
7:00 PM Celebration of the Supper of the Lord  
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Altar of Repose

### Friday, March 29

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Closed  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Altar of Repose  
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Altar of Repose  
3:00 PM Good Friday Service  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Altar of Repose  
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Fish Fry

### Saturday, March 30

7:00 PM Mass - Easter Vigil

### Sunday, March 31

10:15 AM Mass - Easter Sunday

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