

Church of Saint Matthew – March 28, 2021

SAINT MATTHEW WELCOMES ALL TO OUR PARISH

New to the area, joining us for the first time or coming home again? Please contact Linda Rivera at lrivera@st-matts.org to register as a member of our parish family, we will be happy to get you signed up or welcome you back.

SOWING SEEDS OF CHANGE, BUILDING COMMUNITY

News of the recent shootings in Atlanta has brought concerns about racism in the United States to the forefront again. Crimes targeting Asian Americans have risen dramatically since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. Stop Hate, a coalition that tracks incidents of violence and harassment against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the U.S., reported nearly 3,800 instances of discrimination against Asians in the past year.

This week, Sowing Seeds of Change includes books about the experiences of Asian-Americans plus a link to a review of the autobiography of John Thompson, Georgetown University's Hall of Fame basketball coach who died last summer. Another link is to an article from *America Magazine* about the Jesuits and the descendants of the enslaved people they once owned. The Jesuits have pledged to raise \$100 million for the descendants, to help reconcile and heal the deep racial wounds of America.

The Sympathizer, Viet Thanh Nguyen (2015)

Following its publication, *The Sympathizer* received numerous honors, including the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction. Now a modern classic, *The Sympathizer* is a powerful story that details how the histories of Asian American immigration, war, and American imperialism are much more closely tied than we might think.

All You Can Ever Know, Nicole Chung (2018)

Nicole Chung's memoir charts her story as a transracial (*see below) Korean adoptee who grew up in a white family. All You Can Ever Know describes her experiences of facing prejudices that her adoptive family couldn't see or understand, and as she grew up, becoming more and more curious about her biological family. As she consults letters and emails, uncovering more about her birth family and the truth about her adoption, she also gleans key insights about how being an adoptee has figured into her views on motherhood, race, and belonging.

(*Transracial: people who assert a racial identity for themselves which differs from their birth race, from Wikipedia)

Review of basketball coach John Thompson's autobiography

<https://www.americamagazine.org/arts-culture/2021/03/15/john-thompson-georgetown-basketball-240186>

Article about American Jesuits and the descendants of enslaved people they once owned

[https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2021/03/15/jesuits-descendants-slaves-100-million-georgetown-reconciliation-racial?](https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2021/03/15/jesuits-descendants-slaves-100-million-georgetown-reconciliation-racial?utm_source=piano&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=8354&pnespid=iO5.ouoCGVyNuHWKRqhntI6XBoy.YI4YyFLqF2pt)

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As we enter Holy Week, let's pray for healing and forgiveness for the sin of racism. And may we grow in our understanding of and compassion for the experiences of others.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

You can request prayers for yourself, family and friends by calling St. Matthew's Prayer Line 651.457.0228. You can request prayers for healing, family unhappiness, help to find a job, addiction to name a few. All requests are confidential.

PARISH COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE – this Sunday

Everyone is welcome to attend Saint Matthew's Communal Penance Service on Sunday, March 28th at 2:00 pm. Come join family, friends and neighbors for this annual Lenten Communal Penance Service, open to all. Other individual reconciliation opportunities are listed in the bulletin.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please remember in your prayer our parish family and friends who are ill or in need of our prayers. Pray for their recovery/intentions and for their family members who are with them and caring for them. Especially, **Tim and Crisa Hacker, Erin Jack, Jerry Jenniges, Pat Pendelton, Michael Vasquez, Jim Swaink, Terry Koves, Jan Steinbrenner, Keith Anderson and Rita Dubuc.**

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.

IN SYMPATHY

The Church of Saint Matthew extends its' sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Rosita Franco**. Ms. Franco died on March 16, 2021 and her Funeral Mass was on March 26th. May Ms. Franco and all the faithful departed rest in God's peace and love. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

CRS RICE BOWL

Your little Rice Bowl Box should be just about full! Have you been adding your daily change, nickels, dimes and quarters, a dollar bills too? Your “pocket change” can mean the difference between eating and not eating for a child in an underdeveloped country. Hard to believe, but it is true, money you would throw into a catch all drawer, a piggy bank, an empty jar, can feed children! Please fill those little boxes and bring them to Mass on Good Friday, Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday, let's help feed the children.

SHARING PART OF YOUR STIMULUS CHECK?

Many of us parishioners have received [or will receive shortly] a stimulus check from the government. As you know, the payments were not targeted to those with more needs than others.

I know there are many parishioners who need that money for bills, for food, for transportation or other necessary expenses.

There are many of us who do not need the stimulus check for needs or necessary expenses. I ask you: Please join me in donating one quarter of the check you receive/d to St. Matthew's. As you know, by donating it to St. Matt's, you will be helping us continue to be the “Good Samaritan” on the banks of the Mississippi. And many of our neighbors in need will benefit from the ministry of the parish.

John Riehle

Pastoral Administrator

AMAZON SMILE WORKS!!

Thanks to each person who has named St. Matt's and the charity to benefit from their shopping on Amazon. You can do it as well!! St. Matt's receives 1/2 of one percent for every dollar spent. MAKE MONEY FOR ST. MATT'S!

A LITTLE SPIRITUAL HELP TO GET US THROUGH THESE TOUGH TIMES

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOODS

ARCHDIOCESE COVID-19 ANOINTING CORPS

On your few moments throughout the day help the Covid-19 Anointing Corps by praying for the sick, their families and the priest.

Please pray two times: one Our Father for the individual suffering; one Hail Mary for the family's comfort; and one Glory Be for the priest and the medical team ministering to them. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. St. Roch, pray for us.

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Health care workers: Catholic faithful throughout the archdiocese are dedicated to praying for you! Visit archspm.org/covid19prayers to submit a prayer request. On this page, you may also sign up for a weekly email, watch encouraging videos, and find resources for support.

Want to join in praying for health care workers? Commit to daily prayer for health care workers by texting [archspm-healthcare](https://text.archspm-healthcare.com) to 55321 or signing up at eva.us/archspm-healthcare. You will receive a weekly message with a link to names of health care workers to keep in your prayers.

ON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

As part of your Lenten Journey consider praying daily a decade of the Rosary (one **Our Father**, ten **Hail Marys** and one **Glory Be**) each day for justice and peace in our community. You may also wish to pray this **Prayer for an End to the Sin of Racism**.

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity.

Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism.

Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions.

Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in

the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
St. Peter Claver, pray for us.

VOLUNTEER OPPORUNITY

Mary's Place houses 400+ homeless children. Many of these children are behind at least one grade level, frustrated, and struggling to catch up. We are seeking compassionate volunteers willing to work with these children one-on-one to encourage their education. Mary's Place is located at 401 North 7th St. in Minneapolis, it is a part of Sharing & Caring Hands. If interested please call 612.596.3418 or email kklement@sharingandcaringhands.org Must be at least 16 years of age, no experience required. Training provided.

SYNOD AT HOME: TIPS & TOOLS FOR GROWING IN FAITH

Learn more about the Archdiocesan Synod and find past series, including Praying with Scripture, Healing and Hope Retreat, and Faith and Culture, at archspm.org/synod.

CONSTANCE CURRIE SCHOLARSHIP

Neighborhood House is committed to making it possible for young people and adults connected with the West Side to enroll in post-secondary education.

Candidates:

Intend to graduate high school, have graduated, or have received a GED

Have lived, worked, or volunteered within 55107 at some point in their lives

Have been actively involved with Neighborhood House or the West Side

Be seeking a first-time post-secondary education pursuit.

Deadline for applications is April 9, 2021. You can download an application: <http://neighb.org/constance.currie>.

Questions: 651-789-2513 or 651-789-2500 or tfears@neighb.org

COVID-19 VACCINES (This information is from the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis)

If you are concerned about ethical use of the Covid-19 vaccines the USCCB as well as the Vatican have put together several articles on this issue for Catholic. Please read the information first hand for yourself to be better informed.

- The USCCB Responds:
 - **U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Doctrine and for Pro-Life Address the Use of the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 Vaccine**
 - **Answers to Key Ethical Questions about COVID-19 Vaccines**
- The Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith:
 - **Note on the Morality of using some anti-COVID-19 Vaccines**
- The Vatican Covid-19 Commission in collaboration with the Pontifical Academy for Life

GOOD FRIDAY, HOLY LAND COLLECTION – APRIL 2

We are “back on track” this year for the Holy Land collection on Good Friday. The wars, unrest and instability continue to be especially hard on Christians. Also, the Holy Land is struggling with the effects of the COVID epidemic. In these times of crisis, Pope Francis is encouraging us all to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps the Franciscan community minister in parishes, sustain Catholic education, maintain Holy Land shrines and provide medical and housing assistance for the poor and elderly. A percentage of the collection will also provide aid to our partner Archdiocese of Damascus, Syria, as they struggle to rebuild from years of conflict. When you contribute to the Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be as generous as you are able!

CUPPA JOE: 10 TALKS ON THE 10 WONDERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

First Tuesday of the month, March – December 2021, 4 p.m.

Cuppa Joe is a series of 10 talks by 10 theologians on the 10 wonders of Saint Joseph, taking place at 10 locations in our archdiocese entrusted to the patronage of our spiritual father. These talks will premiere the first Tuesday of the month, March – December, at 4 p.m. – just in time for your afternoon coffee. Talks will be posted on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram – and at archspm.org/synod/stjoseph/

FRATELLI TUTTI

Three sessions remain: March 23, April 27, and May 25, 7-8:30 p.m. via Zoom

The Center for Mission is hosting a five-part series of presentations and discussions to dive into this very important encyclical from Pope Francis. This online series will feature specially selected speakers to lead us to discern

how Fratelli Tutti can influence and enrich our lives. This series is open to all. Visit centerformission.org/whats-new/ to sign up! Contact Adam Fitzpatrick for more information at Fitzpatricka@archspm.org, or 651.291.4410.

DEACON DISCERNMENT DAY

Tuesday, March 30, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Saint Paul Seminary

A day set apart for men and their wives, if applicable, to learn more about the permanent diaconate vocation in this archdiocese. The day begins with Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer with current candidates in formation followed by four presentations, including lunch, and concludes with a 4 p.m. Vigil Mass with the Saint Paul Seminary Rector, Fr. Joseph Taphorn. Questions? Contact Deacon Bob Bisciglia at bobbisciglia@stthomas.edu or (651) 962-5782. Registration required (no cost) at semssp.org/idf.

Catholics at the Capitol 2021 "ON MISSION for LIFE and DIGNITY" April 15, 2021 | 8:00-3:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

There is no time more important than now to speak out in defense of life and dignity at the State Capitol! Even just a handful of people can influence the laws passed by our elected officials; just imagine the impact of every Catholic voice joining together!

Catholics at the Capitol is designed for YOU! Whether you are an "old pro" in the political arena, exasperated with divisive politics, or someone who doesn't know where to begin, "CatCap" will fortify your faith, provide you with the hope needed to heal the cynicism and division in politics, and equip you to speak with your lawmakers.

Now is the time to become a missionary disciple advocating for life and dignity!

Be FORMED in the Faith!

Begin the day celebrating Mass...with Archbishop Hebda Be INFORMED on the Issues!

Hear from Catholics defending Life & Dignity...

- President of the USCCB & Archbishop of Los Angeles, Jose Gomez
- Founder of Culture of Life Africa, Obiannuju Ekeocha

Be sent on a Mission!

Join in a Eucharist Procession...from the Cathedral to the Capital To TRANSFORM our State!

Advocate for life & dignity as a missionary disciple

Get your tickets today - Ticket registration deadline is March 31st!

Pro-Life Action Ministries Good Friday Prayer Vigil ~ April 2 | 8:30-4 pm

Join Pro-Life Action Ministries on Good Friday as we remember the unborn victims of abortion while meditating on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastors of various denominations lead us in Scripture and prayer every half hour. There is no protesting or signs, just solemn prayer.

Important Please Read The City of St. Paul has granted us a permit for the closure of Charles Ave. (where we usually are on Good Friday) for our event.

But there will be some restrictions. Please read through these carefully.

- Only 250 people are allowed in the permitted area at any given time.
- All will be required to wear face masks and to social distance by household while attending.
- There will be a separate entrance and exit for coming and going when attending.
- Sanitation stations will be set up.

Because of these restrictions:

We ask those attending in person to limit their time if others show up wanting to attend.

Consider coming first thing in the morning for the 9:00 am Opening Prayer or in the afternoon when our numbers traditionally are fewer.

There will be no buses and no parking ramp. This will be on street parking only. Do NOT park in a business parking lot in the industrial neighborhood; you will risk being towed.

You may be walking several blocks from where you can park your car.
Public transportation is working, both the train line and buses.

We won't be carrying the cross, but it will be set up as a symbol of the cross of Christ and the cross of abortion the whole day.

We are also planning on live streaming the event, most likely in 15-20 minute segments throughout the day. Streaming will be available on April 2, 2021 starting at 8:55 am at: <https://www.facebook.com/ProLifeActionMinistries>