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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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31

April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter

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Reflection from Father Steve

During the Easter Season, the 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost, the Gospel according to John and the Acts of the Apostles are the scripture readings at Mass.

The Acts of the Apostles is the second volume of a two-volume work, the first of which is the Gospel according to Luke. In the Gospel Luke writes of the ministry and teaching of Jesus and in Acts he writes of the spread of that teaching and ministry. As Jesus left the Apostles he told them to go throughout the world and teach what He had taught them.

Today’s Gospel reading is from the Gospel according to Luke. We are told of two people traveling from Jerusalem to the small town of Emmaus. Jesus comes and walks beside them. They do not recognize him. One person's name is Cleopas, and the other person is unnamed. Early writers suggest that the unnamed person is you or I or the one reading or hearing the story.

Jesus opens their hearts to understand all that the scriptures told of his mission and suffering, death and resurrection. The travelers listen carefully; the scriptures came alive for them. Later, after recognizing Jesus, they said, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us”?

You and I, like Cleopas, listen to the words of Jesus with the “ear of the heart”. The scriptures come alive, they sear our hearts. They become imbedded, and we see the world and “You and I, like Cleopas, listen to the words of Jesus with the ear of the heart. The scriptures come alive, they sear our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us”?

Fr. Steve Adrian

Volunteer Opportunities and Parish Needs

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 29 from 9:00 – 11:00 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.

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 the 274 people who attended the parish Masses last weekend. Thank you to the Confirmation candidates and their parents who attended the Saturday, 4:15 PM Confirmation Blessing Mass. To Fr. Steve who through his homilies, always makes it possible for us to experience the services in new ways. To Confirmation lectors Alaina and Hayden on Saturday; parish lector Miles on Sunday. To Gift bearers Nathan and Eviyonnah on Saturday; Catholic Order of Foresters members on Sunday. To pianist Jill and cantor Linda on Saturday; pianist Francois and cantor Andy on Sunday. Eucharistic ministers Ann, Kathy, Karen and Tim on Saturday; Joanne, Maggie and Ellen on Sunday. To Tom, Tim, Doris and Josiah who served as greeters last weekend. Thank you to Kathy, Josie, Dave, Tim and Ginny who brought Communion to those unable to attend Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Leo Arredondo who received his First Communion at the Saturday Mass.

THANK YOU: To Janelle Rohr, Dave Sunday, Kathleen Thompson, Joanne Smith, Mooreen Sunday and Linda Rivera, who prepared the Confirmation candidates to receive this special sacrament, planned the Blessing Mass and prepared the Confirmation certificates for each candidate!

Mary Leibl
Volunteer Coordinator
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THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT’S

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.

We dwell in HOPE!
ANNUAL MISSION COOPERATIVE MISSION APPEAL:
DIOCESE OF MANDEVILLE, JAMAICA

When we think of Jamaica, we think of Ocho Rios, beautiful beaches, vacations and wonderful scenery. But Jamaica is among the poorest countries in our hemisphere and the Diocese of Mandeville is the poorest of the three dioceses in Jamaica where 68% of the people have no running water. Many youth are “functionally illiterate”; there is an alarming number of destitute elderly and abandoned children; and, the average Sunday collection is 10% of the operating cost at half of our parishes. The Diocese of Mandeville is VERY POOR!

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Parish Administrator’s Note

MAY 2 MEETING - WEST SIDE COMMUNITY COLLABORATION PROJECT

In last week’s bulletin insert, I briefly mentioned a May 2 meeting we’re hosting at St. Matt’s. Here’s additional information.

For several months, Fr. Steve, Karen Thompson, John Del Vecchio, Becky Montgomery, Ralph Brown and I have been meeting for talks about the West Side. We’re interested in discerning how St. Matt’s can help our local community.

May 2 is our first public meeting. It begins at 6:30 p.m. We’re inviting many people and organizations from our West Side community. In this respect, we’re following St. Matt’s rich history as a Catholic community visibly expressing God’s love. We’re also following the teachings of the Acts of the Apostles and the Second Vatican Council: listen. Listen to everyone. Listen before acting.

In preparation for May 2, and at the meeting itself, we’re asking three major questions:

1. Based on your experience and your organization’s work, what do you think are the top three needs of the West Side Community?

2. What resources do we currently have to address those needs?

3. What additional resources do we need?

I invite everyone to reflect on these questions. Feel free to send your answers to the Parish Office, in care of Angela Rakow. I also ask everyone to pray for the success of this project.

We’re inviting attendees to join us for a Loaves & Fishes supper in the Social Hall at 5:30 p.m.

If interested in attending the meeting and/or the supper, let Angela know. We need to know how many people are coming.

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

Phil Grant
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News and Events

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Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES: Faith Formation students in Grades K to 7 have class at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 26, in the St. Matthew Parish Center. Congratulations to our students in Grades 8 to 10 who are being confirmed on April 23—those students do NOT have class on April 26. Parents, mark your calendars for May 3, which is our last regular class of the year. That evening, families will gather in church at 6:30 PM for a short prayer service and games of bingo afterwards.

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, if you have not yet turned in proof of baptism for your First Communion child, please bring it on a Wednesday evening to the Parish Center as soon as possible or drop it off during the day when the parish office is open.
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Alan Christensen
John Del Vecchio
Richard Dunn
Phil Grant, Ex Officio
Jackie Lackner
Becky Montgomery
Karen Thompson
Calendar of Events
Monday, April 24 - Friday, April 28
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Loaves & Fishes Meals are available as to-go or dine-in.
Monday, April 24
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
7:00 PM AA Meeting
Tuesday, April 25
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
Wednesday, April 26
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM St. Mary’s Clinic
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
6:30 PM Faith Formation
Thursday, April 27
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Office Open
5:00 PM Finance Council Meeting
7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting
7:00 PM AA Meeting
Friday, April 28
Saturday, April 29
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Parish Spring Clean-up
4:15 PM Mass (in-person)
Sunday, April 30
10:15 AM Mass (in-person)
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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 April 23, 2023
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Mass Intentions
Saturday, April 22
4:15 PM Mass
- Our Parish
- +Arthur Geis
- +Carol Dvorak Johnson
- +Cindy Michlitsch
Sunday, April 23
10:15 AM Mass
- Our Parish
- +Lisa Norton
Monday, April 24
8:00 AM Cancelled
Tuesday, April 25
8:00 AM Cancelled
Wednesday, April 26
8:00 AM Cancelled
Thursday, April 27
8:00 AM Cancelled
Friday, April 28
8:00 AM Cancelled
Saturday, April 29
4:15 PM Mass
- Our Parish
- +Gerard Jenniges
- +Don Leibl
- +Mary Ann Roscoe
Sunday, April 30
10:15 AM Mass
- Our Parish
- +Muriel Budziszewski
- +Maurie Grundei

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