



MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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BAPTISMS: A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGES: Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

MASS Intentions

This Week

Saturday	3/20/2021	5:30pm	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes
Sunday	3/21/2021	8:30am	Lottie Laudenbach

Next Week

Saturday	3/27/2021	5:30pm	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes
Sunday	3/28/2021	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE



Mass intentions can be scheduled for \$10 each by contacting the Parish Office. Dates are first come, first served and are only considered scheduled when payment is received. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Are you unable to attend Mass right now due to the pandemic, but still hunger for the Eucharist? Specially trained volunteers do not come into your home, only to your door, wearing masks and gloves. The sacrament is safely dispensed along with a short prayer card. Contact Heather Warner in the parish office if you would like to receive Communion.



LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Prepare yourself for Easter. Mark your calendar for a Lenten Reconciliation Service on March 24th from 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Mary by the Lake. Private reconciliation will be available at the conclusion of this service.



BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

You are invited to bring your basket of Easter food to St. Matthew Parish on Holy Saturday, April 3rd, at 2:00 pm. Fr. Pat will perform the traditional blessing of Easter foods.

EASTER MASSES

Join the communities of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew for Mass on Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) and Easter Sunday, sharing in the joy of the Resurrection. Because of health considerations, masks and appropriate spacing are required. The church cannot be entered until thirty minutes before Mass begins because the space must be cleaned. There is a limit of 6 seats per family.



Attendance at Mass requires advance reservations.

Space is limited and it will not be possible to accommodate everyone at their preferred time. Once a particular mass reaches capacity, there will be no additional reservations for that mass. Contact the parish office to request reservations, sign up on our website, or you may also pick up a card from the vestibule and return it to the basket. If you need to cancel or change your reservation, please call the parish office ASAP. Online registrations can be changed using your registration email.

St. Mary by the Lake:

Easter Morning: 8:00 and 9:30 am

St. Matthew:

Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm

Easter Morning: 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am

MEAL PROGRAM - MONDAY, APRIL 5TH

Volunteers are needed to assist St. Mary by the Lake as we serve the Meal Program at the Hospitality Center (located at St. Luke's Episcopal Church- 614 Main Street) on **Monday, April 5th**. Food can people can be dropped off at church from 3:30 until 3:45 or at the Hospitality Center after 4:00pm. Volunteers come around 4:00 p.m. to start serving at 4:30 p.m.

Food items needed are:

- pans of sloppy joes (feed 8-10)
- hamburger buns
- pans of cheesy potatoes
- cans of green beans
- individual cups of fruit — fruit cups / applesauce
- desserts to go

Volunteers are critically needed. Please contact Karen Recupero at nkrecupero@gmail.com or (262) 497-9891 if you can help.

FOOD PANTRY

The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items:



- Boxes of cereal
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Hand soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Toilet paper
- Laundry soap

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

LENTEN COMPANION SERIES

Lent is an important season in the Church's liturgical year — it is the time when we take stock of where we are in our faith so as to prepare for the death and resurrection of our Savior. Often, we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in ourselves: how hard it is to fast, how we fail at fasting, and just waiting for the season to be over at Easter. Because of this we often arrive at Easter with our lives no more changed than they were on Ash Wednesday.



A way that our parish is seeking to prepare for Jesus and experience true transformation in our lives in this powerful season is by engaging with a new program called The Ascension Lenten Companion. This devotional resource follows the Gospels for each Sunday of Lent 2021 so we can better prepare for Mass and grow closer to Jesus each day. It features daily meditations, space for journaling, original sacred artwork and weekly videos that keep us on track.

The cost of the devotional is \$12 and can be ordered by contacting Heather Warner in the Parish Office and is available for pick up in the Parish Office.

Accompanying videos to this devotional are posted to the Parish website and Facebook page.

This is an opportunity for our whole community to enter into the season of Lent intentionally (in this time of social distancing) and receive the grace God is waiting to give us in this holy season.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Bring the "little ones" and join us on Saturday, March 27th at 10:00 am at St. Mary by the Lake for an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt.



Children 12 and under are welcome to participate. Masks are required for children and adults 5 and up.

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Presenter: Fr. Pat O'Loughlin
When: Tuesday, March 23
Time: 7:00-8:00 pm
Where: St. Matthew Church

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name." By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.



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HOLY HOURS DURING LENT

Holy hours are the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. At St. Mary by the Lake, for the entirety of Lent, the Church will be open from 9:00am until 6:30pm on Thursdays, for individuals to come and spend some quiet time in prayer. Participants are invited to bring some sacred reading or devotional prayer to follow in this time of sacred silence. Evening Vespers will be observed at 6:00pm to close the Holy Hours each week.

Please consider setting aside some extra time for the Lord this Lent. Masks and social distancing protocols are required.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering. "Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "Father, save me from this hour?" But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Palm Sunday, March 27th & 28th
4:00 pm St. Matthew | 5:30 St. Mary
8:30 am St. Mary | 10:00 am St. Matthew

Holy Thursday, April 1st
7:00 pm St. Matthew

Good Friday, April 2nd
1:00 pm St. Matthew

Holy Saturday, April 3rd
8:00 pm St. Matthew

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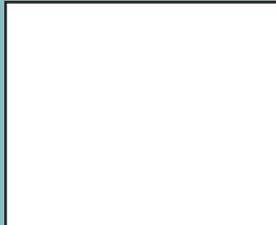
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