



SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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

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

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment

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

MASS Intentions

This Week

Saturday 9/11/2021 5:30pm Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes

Sunday 9/12/2021 8:30am Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes

Next Week

Saturday 9/18/2021 5:30pm Henry Janasiak

Sunday 9/19/2021 8:30am James Telford

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. **There are still some dates available in 2021!** Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or if you are interested in scheduling a Mass.



ATTENTION LECTORS, USHERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!



A schedule to sign up for September is available in the Vestibule, or you may call or email Jen in the Parish Office to be put on the schedule. Eucharistic Ministers will only be needed on weeks when Deacons do not preach. All ministers are asked to please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration is now underway for the 2021/2022 Faith Formation Program. You may register online at <https://www.stmarybythelake.org/faith-formation-2021-22-registration>.

Information about the program and calendars are available on the website under Faith Formation. Please call Heather Warner if you have additional questions. **Please register by September 29th.**



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:



- Jelly/Jam
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Laundry soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- Saltine Crackers
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Pancake Syrup
- Pancake Mix

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. If you know anyone who needs food, please send them over to the Food Pantry.

Additional Food Barrel: In addition to the barrel being out on Tuesdays and Thursdays, there is now a barrel in the vestibule of church. You can now drop off food on weekends when you come to church.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* at **St. Mary by the Lake** beginning **October 13th** from **1:00 - 2:15pm and 6:00-7:15pm** and continuing every **Wednesday** for **five** weeks. For more information or to register, visit stmarybythelake.org/adult-formation, or contact Heather Warner at 262-639-3616 or hwarner@stmarybythelake.org

GRANDPARENTS DAY BLESSING

God of our ancestors, we thank you for our children and our children's children. They are reminders from you about how precious life can be. We humbly ask for wisdom and patience as we take pride and wonder in our grandchildren. Those of us who now pray to you also seek your blessing upon these men and women who are our grandparents or who act in place of grandparents. Bless all the children and their parents and grandparents with your abundant grace. We ask all this through the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron saints of grandparents, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HAPPY Grandparents Day

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Can You Walk the Walk?



I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ST. MATTHEW 180th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Join the faith community of St. Matthew on the weekend of September 18-19 in commemorating this significant milestone. On both days, we will have display of many artifacts, documents, and photos from our rich parish history. Also, on both days we will have tours of the Little Brick Church led by long time parish members, and refreshments in the Gathering Space. On Saturday only, Bishop James Schuerman will be concelebrating the 4:00 pm Mass with Fr. Pat, and at 5:30 pm, we will have a guest speaker, Fr. Steven Avella (archdiocesan historian) who will give a short talk on the history of our great parish! On both days, you may be able to rub elbows with some of our former staff members who have been invited to join us that weekend. You won't want to miss it!



STEWARDSHIP MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Each week many Catholics spend 40 or more hours working and approximately 1 hour worshipping. It's easy to see that living a stewardship way of life must mean more than attending church once a week, then returning to "real life" until the next Sunday. As disciples of Jesus we are called to be faithful stewards in all parts of our life, including the workplace.

Among the gifts God has given each of us are our co-workers and customers. Instead of thinking about their jobs as a necessary evil; something that takes them away from developing a deeper spirituality, good stewards try to see God in all of their daily pursuits and interactions.

Here are some small steps that can help each of us feel God's presence and live as faithful stewards in the workplace:

- Set a prayer to come onto your computer screen when you start work.
- Pray silently while at the copier... pray in thanksgiving for your success and for the intentions of your coworkers.
- Say thank you to another employee who has, by his or her good work, made your work easier or better.
- Build a habit of thanking people whose work usually goes unnoticed; fast food servers, gas station cashiers, the building maintenance crew, bus drivers, the "mail person".
- Choose a time once a day when you can enjoy a moment of stillness and quiet contemplation.

Taking one or two of these small steps will open a new "compartment" in your life so that your faith can shine in!

- Heather Warner





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