Saint Matthew Catholic Church



January 23, 2022 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. Saturday: 8:30 a.m.; Saturday Vigil, 4p.m. Sunday 7 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.; 10 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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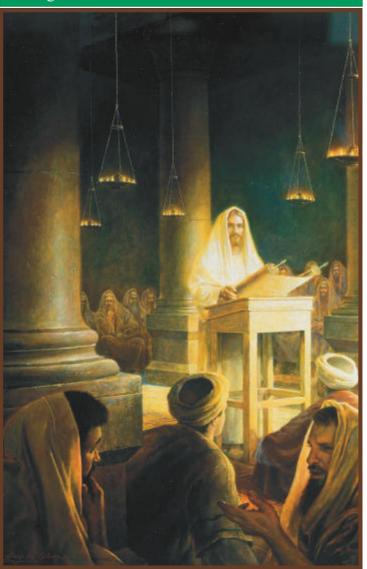
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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Lord Jesus, increase the faith life of our parish and strengthen our families. Bless our parish with vocations to the priesthood. Call forth young men to great challenges and heroic deeds. We pray that they hear your voice and listen to your call. Give them courage, Lord, to follow in your footsteps and become priests for the salvation of souls. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Entrance: Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 My hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?

 Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them.
 Whom shall I send?
- 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19



R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

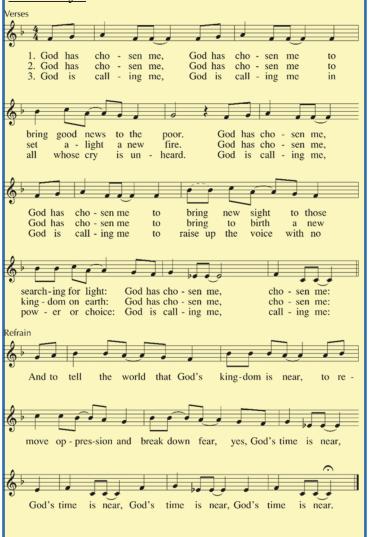
Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Offertory: God Has Chosen Me



Communion: The Church of Christ

- The Church of Christ, in ev'ry age Beset by change, but Spirit-led, Must claim and test its heritage And keep on rising from the dead.
- 2. Across the world, across the street, The victims of injustice cry For shelter and for bread to eat, And never live until they die.
- 3. Then let the servant Church arise, A caring Church that longs to be A partner in Christ's sacrifice, And clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4. For he alone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the fever in our blood, And teach us how to share our bread And feed the starving multitude.
- 5. We have no mission but to serve In full obedience to our Lord: To care for all, without reserve, And spread his liberating Word.

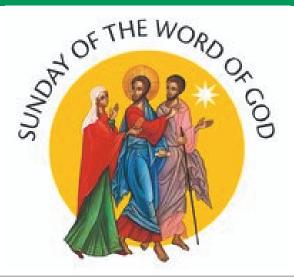
Recessional: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

- 1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our Head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.
- 2. To this temple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of hosts, today; With your steadfast loving-kindness, Hear your servants as they pray; And your fullest benediction Shed in all its bright array.
- 3. Here bestow on all your servants
 What they ask of you to gain;
 What they gain from you, forever
 With the blessed to retain;
 And hereafter in your glory
 Evermore with you to reign.

4. Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run!

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January 23, 2022 Celebrating Jesus who comes to us in Sacred Scripture!

First Reading: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

"Ezra the priest brought the law before the ssembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great

God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

R. (cf John 6:63c) Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30

"Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body, "it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body, "it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you, "nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable

parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? "

Alleluia: Celtic Alleluia



Gospel:

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



The Catechism of the Catholic Church
THE REVELATION OF GOD AS TRINITY, cont'd

III. THE HOLY TRINITY IN THE TEACHING OF THE FAITH

The formation of the Trinitarian dogma

249 From the beginning, the revealed truth of the Holy Trinity has been at the very root of the Church's living faith, principally by means of Baptism. It finds its expression in the rule of baptismal faith, formulated in the preaching, catechesis and prayer of the Church. Such formulations are already found in the apostolic writings, such as this salutation taken up in the Eucharistic liturgy: "The grace

of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

250 During the first centuries the Church sought to clarify her Trinitarian faith, both to deepen her own understanding of the faith and to defend it against the errors that were deforming it. This clarification was the work of the early councils, aided by the theological work of the Church Fathers and sustained by the Christian people's sense of the faith.

252 The Church uses (I) the term

"substance" (rendered also at times by "essence" or "nature") to designate the divine being in its unity, (II) the term "person" or "hypostasis" to designate the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the real distinction among them, and (III) the term "relation" to designate the fact that their distinction lies in the relationship of each to the others.

The dogma of the Holy Trinity

253 The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the "consubstantial Trinity". The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire: "The Father is that which the Son is, the Son that which the Father is, the Father and the Son that which the Holy Spirit is, i.e. by nature one God." In the words of the Fourth Lateran Council (1215), "Each of the persons is that supreme reality, viz., the divine substance, essence or nature."

254 The divine persons are really distinct from one another. "God is one but not solitary." "Father", "Son", "Holy Spirit" are not simply names designating modalities of the divine being, for they are really distinct from one another: "He is not the Father who is the Son, nor is the Son he who is the Father, nor is the Holy Spirit he who is the Father or the Son." They are distinct from one another in their relations of origin: "It is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds." The divine Unity is Triune.



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What is happening in our Parish?

At the beginning of 2021, our parish formed a committee and developed a list of pro-



jects and ministries we would like to have funded by this campaign. We were off to a great start, but because of COVID-19, we had to suspend our efforts. We are resuming our efforts now and we hope you will support this transformational campaign.

A parishioner mailing was sent to you last month with more information. Details on *Forward with Faith* can be found by visiting:

www.forwardwithfaith.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org



St. Matthew

Bereavement Support Group St. Matthew Bereavement Support Group will meet on Saturday, Febru-

ary 5, 2022 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Please call Rita Lagasse at 860-583-6674 to register.

The IHM Companions in Prayer Group will meet on Saturday, February 5, 2022 after 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center.





The Mother Theresa Food Pantry at St. Ann Church (215 West Street, Bristol) is open on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 8:45 to

11:30 am. (masks must be worn if you are not fully vaccinated). **Pre-registration is required.**

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Dear Parishioners:

If you would like to have the name of a loved one included in our **prayer list**, please, call the parish office during business hours.



The prayer list is updated weekly.

Jill Synnott, Rita Lagasse, Ann Conroy, Kim Romano, Ada Zoccoli, Frank Baldino, Paul D'Aprile, Diane Bouchard, Barbara Morgan-Young, Murillo Bouchard, Teresa L. Darby, Betty Ann Silver, Gary Wycko,Sr., Lisa Harkey-Smith, Daniel Murzin, Kenneth Roy, Alice Caspar, Cecilia Dombrowski, Debra Bachman, Diane Theodora, Larry DeSimone, Loreta DiPietro, Carol Carrasco, Jacqueline Young and Robert Johnston.



January 23—January 29

The Sanctuary, Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Candles are lit in honor of all living and deceased members of St. Matthew Parish.

Family Chalice For Vocations 8:30 a.m. Ellie Thompson

will receive the Family Chalice for Vocations and pray for Vocations during the next week. If you would like to sign up to receive the Family Chalice for Vocations please contact Rich and Donna Slusz at (860) 589-4318.

Daily Mass Readings

24 Monday — St. Francis de Sales, Bishop 2Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

25 Tuesday — The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday — Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1"1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday — St. Angela Merici Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday— St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday—

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41



Saturday January 22nd

8:30 am

† Nereida Vasquez-Kelly

4:00 pm

† Sharon Nadeau (birthday remembrance)

Sunday January 23rd

7:00 am

† Kathie Felice and Irene Felice

8:30 am

† Bill Parker Jr. (2nd anniversary)

10:00 am

† Richard P. Trajanowski

11:30 am

† Leenora Oliver

5:00 pm

† Matthew Douglas

Monday January 24th

7:30 am

† Walter Bartkiewicz (23rd anniversary)

Tuesday January 25th

7:30 am

† Ryan Buckman

Wednesday January 26th

7:30 am

† George Dobbins

Thursday January 27th

7:30 am

Gelineau and Kulig family (living and deceased)

Friday January 28th

7:30 am

† Nicholas Pompei

Saturday January 29th

8:30 am

† Elsie Caban

4:00 pm

† Laurent and Rose Marquis

Sunday January 30th

7:00 am

† John Jenkins

8:30 am

† Kelly Ann Thompson

10:00 am

Josephine Fiorente

11:30 am

† Jay Johnson

5:00 pm

† Benedict Bedard (10th anniversary)

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