ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE CHURCH
October 31, 2021|31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

WORSHIP

MASS TIMES
Daily Mass
M-F 6am, 9:15am; Sat. 9:15am
Rosary before daily 9:15 Mass

Sunday Masses
4pm Vigil (Sat)
7am, 9am, 11am, 6pm (Sun)

RECONCILIATION
Friday: 6:30am and 8:45am
Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm
Or by appointment.

HOLY HOUR PROGRAM
Adoration:
Thursdays 10am-6:30pm
Perpetual Help Novena
Tuesdays 9:45am

ROSARY
Every Monday evening at the outdoor Mary statue at 6:15pm. Before daily 9:15am Masses in Church, Mon-Sat.

SACRAMENTS

RCIA
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process of welcoming new members to our faith. Classes are September through May.

BAPTISM
Most Sundays immediately after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please call 737-4537 in advance to register.

MARRIAGE
Consult parish priest at least eight months prior to planned date of marriage.

CONFIRMATION
Through our parish and High School CCD Program. Please call 737-4537.

FUNERALS
Please call 737-4537. Funerals along with wakes and visitations in Church are encouraged.

HOSPITAL VISITATION
We appreciate knowing when a parishioner is in the hospital.

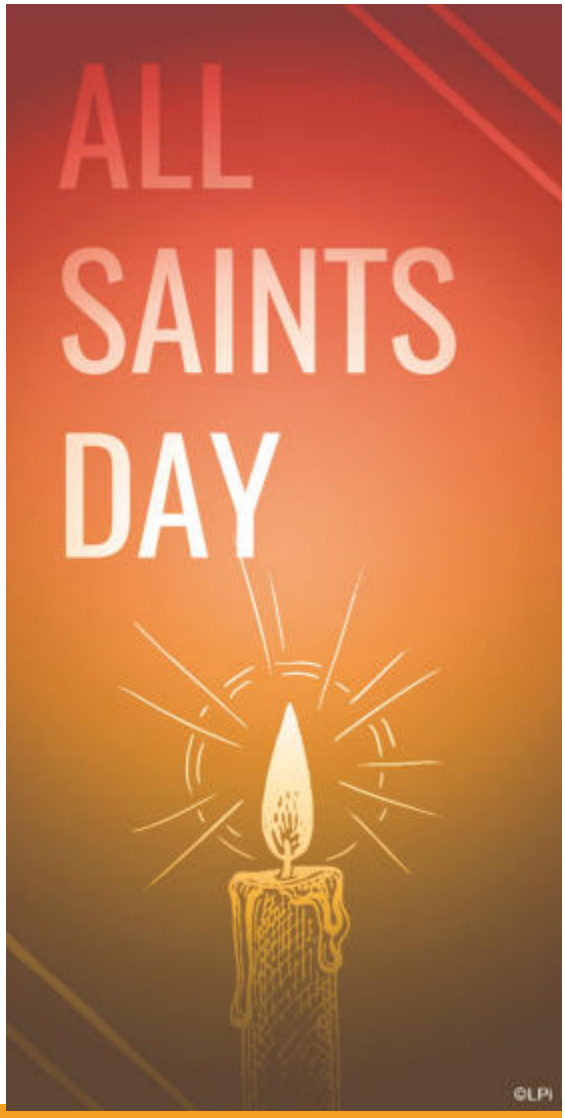
SACRAMENTS AT HOME
Communion weekly. Sacrament of the sick as requested.

CONTACT

Rectory 737-4537, 737-2662
stmatthewchurch@arch-no.org
School 737-4604/RectoryHours:
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS
Please fill out a parish census, found in the church foyer or at www.stmatthewtheapostle.net.

WEEKLY PRAYER

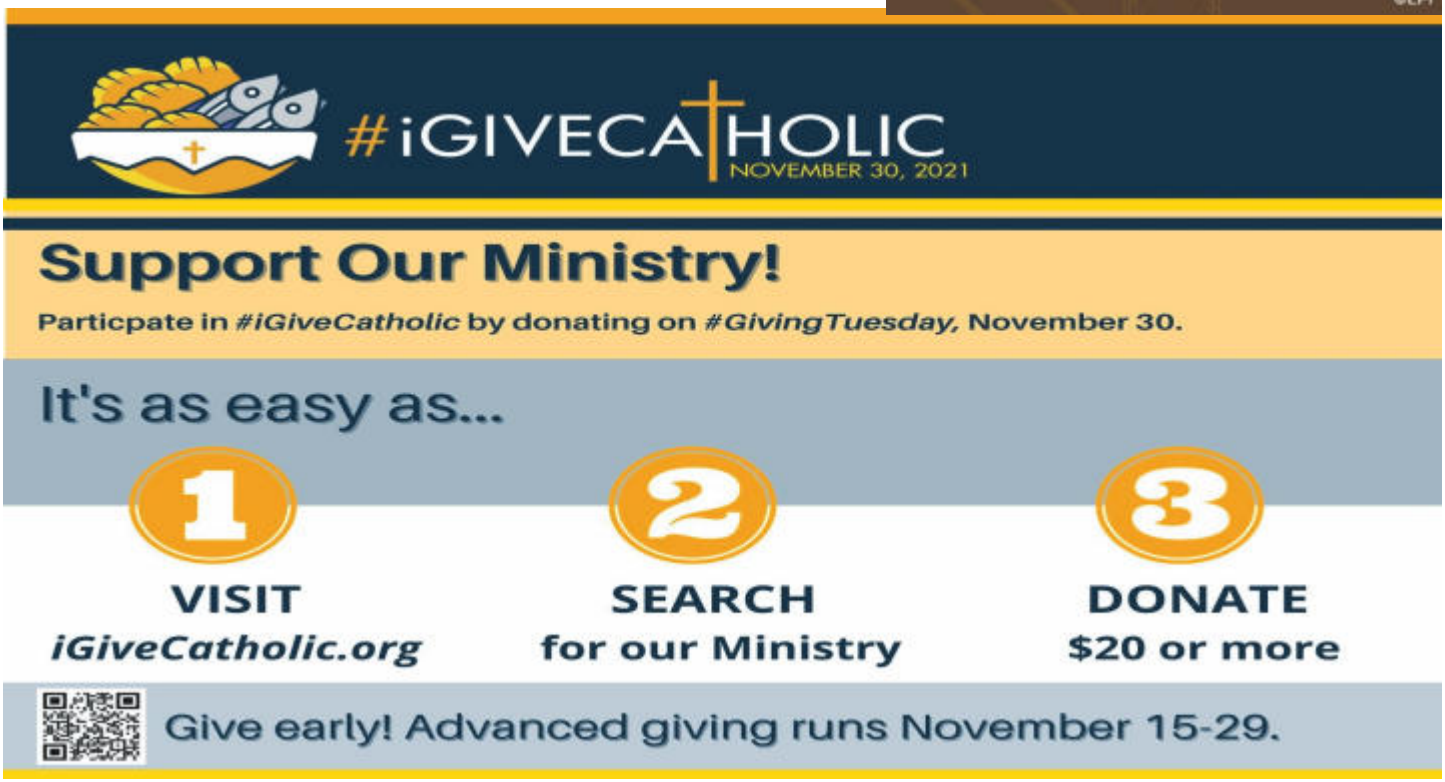


READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

SUN	10/31	Dt6:2-6/Ps18:2-3,3-4,47,51[2]/Heb7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
MON	11/1	Rv7:2-4,9-14/Ps24:1-2,3-4,5-6[cf. 6]/1Jn3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
TUE	11/2	Wis3:1-9/Ps23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6[1 or 4ab]/Rom5:5-11orRom6:3-9/Jn6:37-40a
WED	11/3	Rom13:8-10/Ps112:1b-2,4-5,9[5a]/Lk14:25-33
THU	11/4	Rom14:7-12/Ps27:1bcde,4,13-14[13]/Lk15:1-10
FRI	11/5	Rom15:14-21/Ps98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4[cf. 2b]/Lk16:1-8
SAT	11/6	Rom16:3-9,16,22-27/Ps145:2-3,4-5,10-11[1b]/Lk 16:9-15
SUN	11/7	1Kgs17:10-16/Ps146:7,8-9,9-10[1b]/Heb9:24-28/ Mk12:38-44or12:41-44

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

Sunday:	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday; All Hallow's Eve
Monday:	All Saints Day
Tuesday	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed; All Souls' Day
Wednesday:	St. Martin de Porres, Religious
Thursday:	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Next Sunday:	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week;



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This Week at St. Matthew

St. Matthew Schedule

Rectory Hours 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

SUNDAY 10/31-*31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:00, 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM Masses
11:00 AM-5:00 PM Family Day
CYO Pro-Life Calendar Sale/After Masses

MONDAY 11/1
6:00 AM & 9:15 AM Daily Mass
6:00 PM Memorial Mass
6:15 PM Monday Patriotic Rosary
6:55 PM Elementary CCD Mtg. School Bldg.
7:00 PM Lord Teach Me To Pray KC Hall

TUESDAY 11/2
6:00 & 9:15 AM Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY 11/3
6:00 & 9:15 AM Daily Mass

THURSDAY 11/4
6:00 & 9:15 AM Daily
10:00 AM-6:30 PM Adoration
5:30 PM RCIA
6:30 PM *The Chosen* MBC

FRIDAY 11/5
6:00 & 9:15 AM Daily Mass
9:45 AM - 11:00 AM Adoration
6:30 AM & 8:45 AM Confessions
3:00 PM Matt's Cats TBD
5:00 PM Teacher Appreciation Dinner/Men's Club

SATURDAY 11/6
9:15 AM Daily Mass
3:00 PM Confessions
3:30 PM Rosary
4:00 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 11/7-*32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:00, 10 AM & 6:00 PM Masses

Prayer for Hurricane Season

Our Father in Heaven,
through the intercession of
Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
spare us during this hurricane season
from all harm.
Protect us and our homes
from all disasters of nature.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
hasten to help us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve His vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

St. Matthew Joy Ministry
Upcoming Schedule

November 18th: **Faubourg Brewery.** Learn the story of the brewery and sample beer during a tour of the new facility. Transportation provided. Depart St. Matthew at 10 a.m.
December 9th: **Mini Retreat & Lunch.** Join Fr. Lee for Mass, a Morning of Reflection & Lunch. Details to follow.

If you have any questions or would like to attend an event, contact Dianne at 504-737-4537/smabusiness@arch-no.org.

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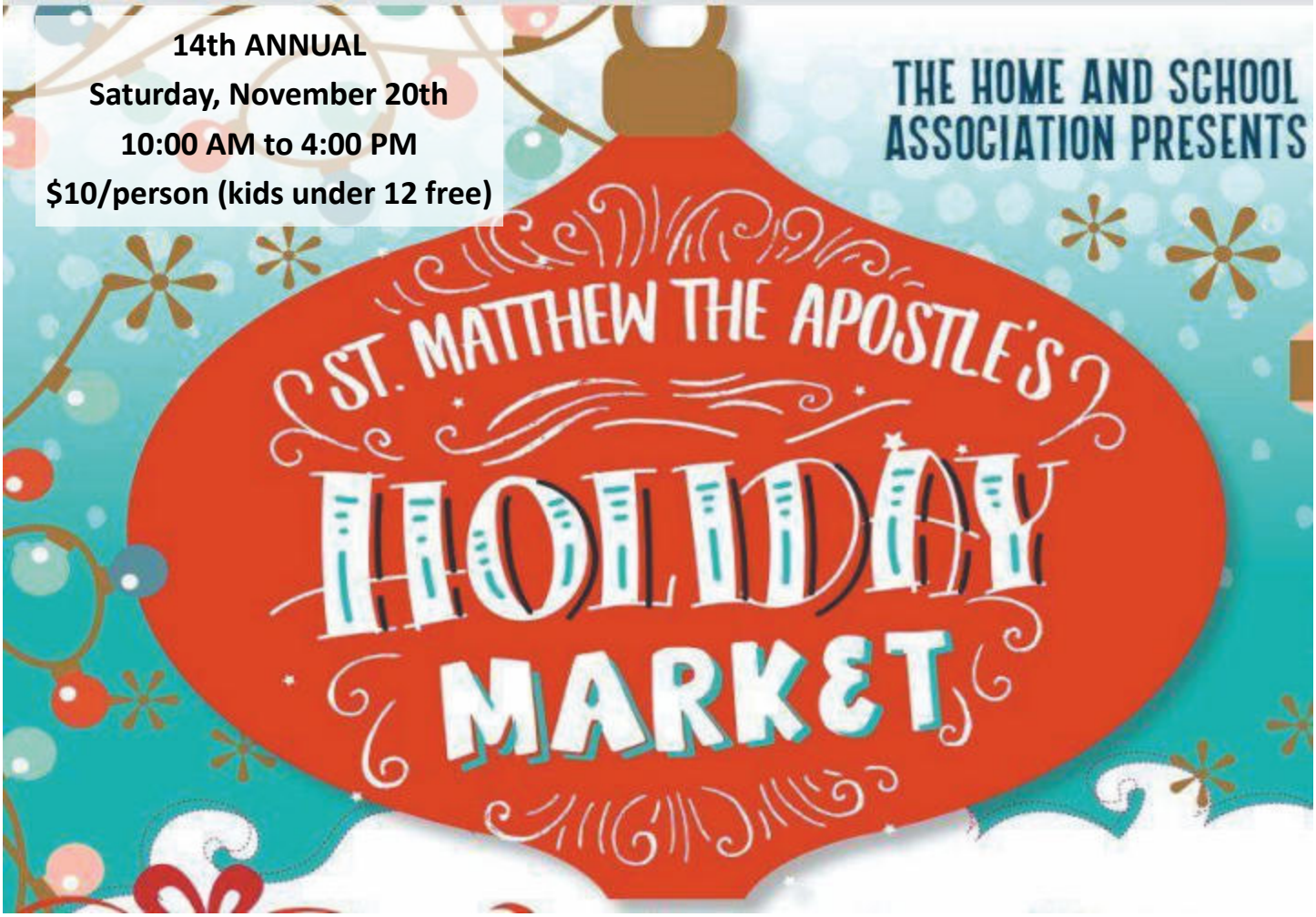

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2022 Mass Book opens on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, in the Rectory. Masses are $5.

To comply with Archdiocese regulations, we are permitted to schedule multiple intentions at the 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses.. All other Masses are single intentions. To accommodate all requests, we have to limit requests at the single intention Masses. Single intention Masses M-F 6:00 & 9:15 AM, Sat. 9:15 AM, Sun. 7:00 AM, 6:00 PM.

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

St. Vincent de Paul is handing out grocery bags after Masses on November 6th & 7th to collect food items for the Harahan food pantry. The food pantry serves people living in St. Matthew and St. Rita Parishes. Volunteers will collect the filled grocery bags outside church after Masses on November 13th & 14th. **Items requested: cereal, pop tarts, canned milk, chunky soup, canned tuna, peanut butter, tomato sauce, pork & beans and white navy beans.**

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Prayer to St. Matthew—*May we be helped, Lord, by the prayers of Your Holy Apostle and Evangelist, Matthew. May his intercession obtain for us the graces which we cannot merit for ourselves, through Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Virgin Mother, Amen.*

Celebrant and Liturgical Minister Schedule for November 6-7, 2021

Sunday		Celebrant/Deacon	Sacristan	Lector	EOMs	AS
11/6	4:00 PM	Fr. Lee/Clark	L. Latham	Millet	Deacon/Ambrosia/Danton./Fowler	7
11/7	7:00 AM	Fr. Lee	Wyler	Lagarde	Wyler/Dalme	8
11/7	9:00 AM	Fr. Lee/Lobell	Comboy	Comboy	Deacon/DeVillasana/Demarest/Comboy	9
11/7	11:00 AM	Fr. Francis/Simoneaux	L. Flores	Zimmerman	Deacon/Baur/Baur/Oubre	10
11/7	6:00 PM	Fr. Francis/Lobell	CYO	CYO	Deacon/CYO/CYO/CYO	5

(Schedule is subject to change)

Beginning Experience: "Coping With Life Alone"

Have you lost your spouse due to Divorce, Death or Separation? Having difficulty coping? Help is on the way. The Beginning Experience Ministry under the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Marriage and Family Life Office will begin a 10-week program called "Coping With Life Alone" to help those struggling to cope with this loss. The program begins on **Wednesday, November 3, 2021, and continues each Wednesday thru January 19, 2022, 7:00PM - 9:00PM at St. Angela Merici's house, 824 Melody Dr., Metairie, across from the church.** The cost is $40. Call Ms. Joey at 504-812-3300 to register and with any questions.

All Saint's Day Mass Schedule

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1: 6:00 AM
9:15 AM
6:00 PM

Since All Saint's Day falls on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

St. Matthew CYO Events

Pro-Life Calendar Sale October 30th-31st after Masses
Meeting & Mass November 7th, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
Faithful Fridays Mass 6 a.m.
stmatthewtheapostle.net/CYO

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For membership information please visit stmatthewkc.com

CHURCH OFFERINGS

October 17, 2021

Weekly Envelopes	$11,753.44
Loose	$ 1,560.30
Building & Maint.	$ 461.00
	$13,774.74

Thank you for your generous offerings. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." ~ Matthew 6:21

Visit https://www.stmatthewtheapostle.net/ for online giving information.

REMEMBER in your prayers

Please call the rectory at 737-4537 if you have a prayer request, older than one month.

Linda Gabriel, Mary Lou Suarez, Ruth Fontenelle, Darlene Montalbano, John Conti, Sr., Ryan Logan, Margaret O'Brien, Vincent Ganucheau, Rodney Harris, Vincent Lobue, III, Becky Heffner, Beverly Jeansonne, Michael Montero, Greg Ganucheau, Ida Ganucheau, Mary Catherine Wellman, Leslie Simon, Abby Perez, Payton Lambert, Keith Melancon, Hudson Joseph Adams, Andrew Rucker, Smith Family, Woodruff Family, Barbara W. Barrosse, Judith Morter, Adrian Romani, Michael Moffatt, Jr., Clark Family, Emmet Manuel, Denise Balint, Joseph Passalaqua, Adam Peschlow, Infant James David Price, Karl Clark, III, Kimberly Tucker, Hanna Falkenberg, Jai Eshete, Michael Leeds, Christopher Monistere, Millie Zylicz, Susan Galkowski, Kevin & Garrison Schilling, Bryan & Susan Burkenstock, Anna Marie Olivier, Diana Friedel, Kelly & Michael Hebert, Jan Treuting, Chris & Linda Arms, Buddy Brewer, Joseph Maisano, Sharon Miller, Michael & Kelly Hebert, Gerri & Eddie Bergeron, Kathleen Berzas, Jenny Manale, Dan Kehoe, Camille Marino, John Viguerie, Gene Bourg, Paul DiGiovanni, Brent Toca, Herman Dutreix, Blakely Menzel, Darlene Chopin, Michelle Dutreix, Debbie Doll, Holly Clark, Hank Gudlach, Lee Brady, Edward Holmberg, Christopher McCaudle, Janette Fararra, Lauren Rabalais, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Smith, Sr., Mr. Timmy Smith , Jr., Mac Carr, Rene Gibson, James Finan, Stephen Bertram, Lili Archer, Cameron King, Zaine Pechawer, Braeden King, Louella Graves, Gloria Ruiz, Laura King, Capt. William Crawford, Clinton Summers, Jr.,Beth Motto & Family, Denise Cooper, Tim Rigney, Lee Bourgeois, Sr., John Mancina, Grayce Marino, Traci Stearns-Britton, Maureen Brim

Mass INTENTIONS

October 30 – November 6, 2021

SATURDAY, October 30
9:15 AM: Nicole Marie Guerin
4:00 PM: Mike Babin, Sr., Bill Beron, Jerry Engel, Vincent Moscona, Lee Ascani, Tommy Treuting, Joseph, Annie & Mike Ferrara & Family, George Stoll, Rudy Perronne, Jacob "Jack" Fallo, Julian Mascari, Nicole Guerin

SUNDAY, October 31
7:00 AM: JoAnna Sanders
9:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Matthew the Apostle
11:00 AM: Allemand & Downing Families Deceased, Mr. Frank M. Carriere, Jr., Floyd & Geraldine Terranova, Jim & Pat Besselman, Rudy Perronne, Randa Navar, Larry Arcemont, Willie Drew, Maria Thuc Nguyen & John B. Vuong Pham, Solomon Petro, Guillermo Rubino, Willie Jean Drew, Barbara Burke, Nicole Guerin
6:00 PM: Susan Kennedy Ganucheau

MONDAY, November 1
6:00 AM: All Deceased Parishioners of St. Matthew the Apostle
9:15 AM: All Deceased Parishioners of St. Matthew the Apostle

TUESDAY, November 2
6:00 AM: Joseph & Maria Chinh Pham, Paul Joseph Thuy Nguyen
9:15 AM: Don & Virginia Loehr

WEDNESDAY, November 3
6:00 AM: Jim Lavin
9:15 AM: Sylvia Keller

THURSDAY, November 4
6:00 AM: William Rieger
9:15 AM: Martin David Hoang

FRIDAY, November 5
6:00 AM: Martin Voc Hoang, Thomas Tao Nguyen
9:15 AM: Families That Have Enthroned Their Home To The Sacred Heart of Jesus

SATURDAY, November 6
9:15 AM: Mr. & Mrs. L.H. Bourgeois, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. William Lobell, Jr., Lobell, Kennedy, Picone Family

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