# ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE CHURCH May 15, 2022/Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### WORSHIP

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

<u>Sunday Masses</u> 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-7:00 pm 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.

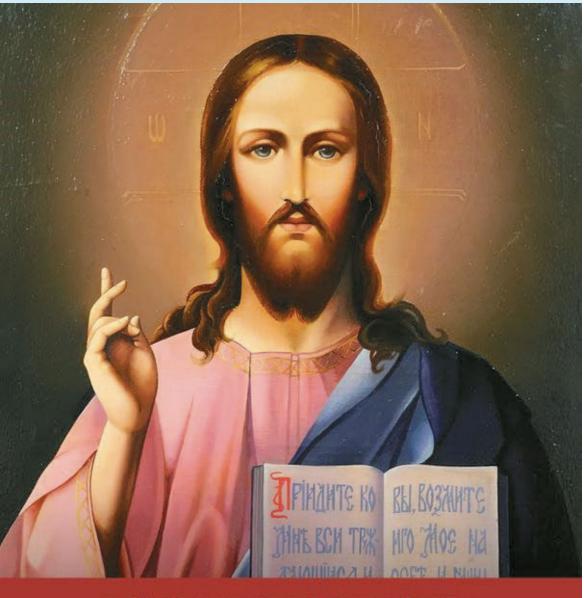
#### SACRAMENTS AT HOME

### CONTACT

Rectory 737-4537, 737-2662 stmatthewchurch@archno.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



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[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2022

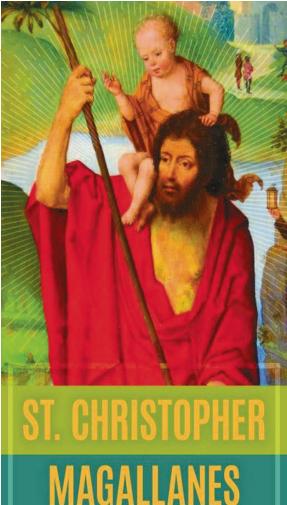
SUN	5/15	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-
		5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
MON	5/16	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
TUE	5/17	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-
		31a
WED	5/18	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
THU	5/19	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
FRI	5/20	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
SAT	5/21	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

# **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2022**

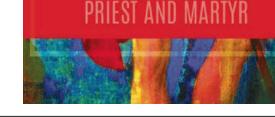
- 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore Sunday: Wednesday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- Friday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Saturday:
- Companions, Martyrs; Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia,





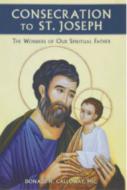






Easter Flowers Given In Loving Memory Of:

**Daphine Dufour** 



#### Join us for a Consecration to St. Joseph

If you are interested in learning more about St. Joseph and deepening your love for the foster-father of Jesus and the spouse of the Mother of God, please consider this month-long preparation as we learn about our spiritual father, St Joseph.

The book, Consecration to St. Joseph, written by Fr. Donald Calloway, will be the guide for our meetings. There will be 5 sessions, which will end with a Consecration to St. Joseph. Contact Mule's bookstore or the rectory for a copy of the book.

The sessions will be weekly (Thursdays), May 5th through June 2nd from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the MBC

For more information, please contact Maxine Rappold. 504-875-6063. Register at stmatthewchurch@arch-no.org or by calling the church office at 504-737-4537.



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Worship Ministries Pastoral Council Rep.-Cathy Ganucheau Altar Servers Barbara Hebert 810-6786 Holy Name Society Bill Siegel 737-5782 Divine Mercy Alida Wyler 390-6805 Evangelization Brian Comboy 737-4537 Floral Committee 737-4537 Music Glen Ganucheau 466-1475 Ushers 737-4537 Rosary Groups 737-4537 Sacred Heart Ministry Dania 738-6924

Education & Vocation Ministries Pastoral Council Rep.-Alida Wyler Elem. CCD & VBS Mary Elvir 737-7210 H.S. CCD Jim Donovan 621-7501 RCIA David & Margaret Penick 738-7027 Friday AM Bible Study

Barbara Hebert 737-0328 Come Lord Jesus A. Arcement 737-6578 Catholic Couples Stiebings 430-5589 Vocations Deacon Jerry Clark

Service Ministries

Pastoral Council Rep.-Bill Siegel Altar Society Carla Segura 738-1335 Knights of Columbus Ralph Brandt 737-2732 Missionaries of St. Therese Stephanie 912-6666, Patricia 400-3186 SMA Cares 737-4567 Social Justice Deacon Wayne Lobell St. Vincent De Paul Soc. 737-4537 Collection Counters 737-4537 Hospitality Ministry Janiene 669-0115, Sheila 352-6184

#### Family Life Ministries

Pastoral Council Rep. Ladies Cancer Ministry 737-4537 CYO-737-4537 Home & School Assoc. 737-4604 Family Life Deacon Nathan Simoneaux Men's Club 737-4604 or 737-4537 Marriage Enrichment Chuck & Bridget Stiebing 738-7687 Right to Life S. Kenning 737-9776 Scouting 737-4537 Seniors JOY Ministry - 737-4537 Family Fall Festival 737-4537 Youth Ministry - Matt's Cats 737-4537 Young Adults-Pier Ministry 737-4537

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Lee Poché, Pastor Fr. Tuan (Francis) Dũng Nguyen, Parochial Vicar Wayne Lobell, Deacon Nathan Simoneaux, Deacon Jerry Clark, Deacon Dianne Varisco, Finance Kim Roberts, Parish Coordinator Linda King, Parish Secretary Lynley Kapesis, Rectory Assistant Becci Sheptock, D.R.E./Youth Minister Mary Elvir, Elementary Rel. Ed. Glen Ganucheau, Music Ministry Tony Bonura, Principal Jim Paci, Vice-Principal Rhonda Foret, Academic Asst. Principal Disability Advocates: Ann Lupo 275-7508 Paget Bazile 337-303-8833

# This Week at St. Matthew

St. Matthew Schedule Rectory Hours 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

#### SUNDAY 5/15- Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM & 6 PM Mass 8:30 AM Dads & Donuts MBC Gala Board 7:00 PM CYO MBC

#### MONDAY 5/16

6:00 AM & 9:15 AM Daily Mass 12:00 PM PreK 3 Grad MBC 6:15 PM Monday Patriotic Rosary 7:00 PM Lord Teach Me to Pray KC Hall 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul MBC

#### TUESDAY 5/17

6:00 & 9:15 AM Daily Mass 12:00 PM PreK 4 Grad MBC 6:00 PM KC Rosary 7:00 PM CLJ MBC Conf. Room

#### WEDNESDAY 5/18

6:00 & 9:15 AM Daily Mass 6:00 PM Kindergarten Grad MBC

#### THURSDAY 5/19

6:00 & 9:15 AM Daily Mass 10 AM - 7:00 PM Adoration Church 6:00 PM KC Rosary 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM St. Joseph Group MBC

#### FRIDAY 5/20

6:00 & 9:15 AM Daily Mass 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM Confessions Church 10:00 AM Bible Study MBC Conf. Room 10:30 AM 7th Grade Graduation Church

#### SATURDAY 5/21

9:15 AM Daily Mass 11:00 AM First Communion 3:00 PM-3:40 PM Confessions 4:00 PM Vigil



# Fifth Sunday of Easter

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid; more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

# Missionaries of St. Therese



The Missionaries of St. Therese Circle 65 and Circle 68 will meet at Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 10:00 AM on May 11th.

For more information, call: Patricia Schilling, 504-400-3186.

# Radio Rosary



The Radio Rosary is being said at St. Matthew the Apostle.

The scriptural rosary, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Union of Holy Name Societies, has been continually broadcast at 6:00 PM on the radio since 1946. Individual parish Holy Name

societies have taken their turn one day each month reciting the rosary live on station WVOG AM.

Our next scheduled dates are June 3, July 8, August 12, October 19 & December 2. All parishioners are invited to participate. The Radio Rosary is said in the MBC conference room starting at 6:00 PM.

Please arrive no later than 5:45 PM if you want to participate.



In your charity, please pray for the souls of

Marilyn Pomet George Cassara Rose Hotard

who died recently, and for all who mourn them.

# BONCO

St. Matthew is hosting an adult Bonco on Sunday, June 5th, in the Msgr. Bendix Center. Doors open at 3:00 PM. Bring your own food to share.

\$5 to play.



New to St. Matthew?

If you have recently moved into St. Matthew the Apostle Parish or are not registered, we ask that you complete a census form found in the church foyer or online at our parish website:

Www.stmatthewtheapostle.net.

# Congratulations 2022 Confirmandi



**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 May 21-May 22, 2022

Sunday		/	Celebrant/Deacon	Sacristan	Lector	EOMs	AS
	5/21	4:00 PM	Fr. Francis/Clark	Hebert	Lupo	Deacon/Hebert/Johnston/Keller	8
	5/22	7:00 AM	Fr. Lee/Clark	Leonhard	S. Finney	Deacon/Dalme/Leonhard	9
	5/22	9:00 AM	Fr. Lee	Comboy	Berrigan	Comboy/Oubre/Donovan/TBD	11
	5/22	11:00 AM	Arch. Hughes/Lobell	Battle	Arnold	Deacon/Gordon/Baur/Baur	12
	5/22	6:00 PM	Fr. Lee	Wyler	Mule	Wyler/Devillasana/Mule/TBD	1

(Schedule is subject to change)



REGISTER ONLINE @ STMATTHEWTHEAPOSTLE.NET ADULT& CYO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Congratulations, Chi Dinh & Jimmy Pan., who were recently married at St. Matthew the Apostle. Pictured with Father Francis Nguyen, Father Thang Nguyen & Father Vinh Lu.



Welcome to the Catholic Church, Shawn Calvin Kiefer, who was recently baptized at St. Matthew the Apostle. Pictured: godparents, Megan Passalaqua Parker & Justin Kiefer; parents, Alicia & William Kiefer & big sister Scarlett; and Deacon Jerry Clark.



Congratulations, Mariel Fisher & Andrew Regan, who were recently married at St. Matthew the Apostle. Pictured with grandparents, John Sylvia Thomas and groom 's mother Tammy Thomas.



# St. Matthew CYO Events

Meeting 5/15 7 p.m. MBC Faithful Fridays Mass 6 a.m. stmatthewtheapostle.net/CYO



## **Knights of Columbus** Knight of the Month for April

Gene Stoltz

For membership information please visit stmatthewkc.com

## CHURCH OFFERINGS

#### May 1, 2022

Weekly Envelopes	\$13,900.00
Loose	\$ 1,422.32
Building & Maint.	\$ 2,422.00
	\$17,744.32

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.



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

Fe Bernat, Martha Sierra, Martha Sierra, Maria Colorado, Ruth Fontenelle, 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 Passalagua, Adam Peschlow, Infant James David Price, Karl Clark, III, Kimberly Tucker, Hanna Falkenberg, Jai Eschete, 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, 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, Lee Bourgeois, Sr., John Mancina, Grayce Marino, Ray B., Father Miles, Tony Caminita, Donald Gaudet, Jr., Matthew Birke, Mark Erichson, Jeanette Ploger



# May 14 – May 21, 2022

### SATURDAY, May 14

9:15 AM Tommy Reine

- 4:00 PM Jacob "Jack" Fallo, Helen & Donald Pecot, Larmeu & Simoneaux Family, Luke James Rabalais, Don & Virginia Loehr, Joseph, Annie & Mike Ferrara & Family, Bertha Laborde, For A Special Intention, Joseph & Bernice Abadie & Deceased Oubre Family Members, Claude & Irena Labat & Joseph Lassere, Odessa Elston Burch Pilie, Rudy Perronne, Mike Babin, Sr., Bill Beron, Jerry Engel, Vincent Moscono, Fagel Raltim, Augusta & Frank Munsch, Jerry LeCompte, Tammy Lynn Parfait

#### SUNDAY, May 15

- 7:00 AM: Deceased Members of Barbalich & O'Donnell Family,
- 9:00 AM: Parishioners of St. Matthew the Apostle
- 11:00 AM: Anthony J. Vicari, Jr., Kendall Springman & Martha Munch, Van H. Weaver, Gail Fontenelle Glesener, Rudy Perronne, Mr. & Mrs. James Ramoneda, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Carriere, Sr., Lila Prime, People With Mental Illness, Jeannie Brennan, Tim Rigney, James Finan, Elmira DeRocha, Manuel Esparza, Mildred C. Lacour, Wife of Earl B. Lacour, Sr., & Their Descendants, Jerry LeCompte, Vivian Barilleaux
- 6:00 PM: Tim Rigney

MONDAY, May 16

- 6:00 AM: Kendall Michelle Daigle
- 9:15 AM: Sylvia Keller

TUESDAY, May 17 6:00 AM: Peter Nam Tran

9:15 AM: Vickie Warr

WEDNESDAY, May 18 6:00 AM: Lillian Rappold 9:15 AM: Nicole Guerin

THURSDAY, May 19

6:00 AM: Peter Nam Tran 9:15 AM: Kendall Springman & Martha Munch

FRIDAY, May 20

- 6:00 AM: Mr. & Mrs. Percy Soileau, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Wagner
- 9:15 AM: Kathleen Compton

SATURDAY, May 21 9:15 AM: Charles & Eva Chaisson



