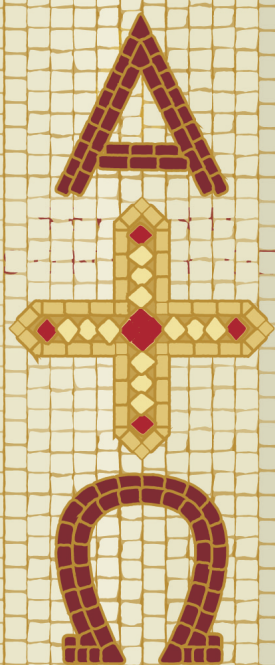


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Ascension
OF THE
LORD

Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there
staring at the sky?
This Jesus
who has been taken up
from you into heaven
will return in the same way
as you have seen him going into heaven.

ACTS 1:11

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St. Matthias

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday	5:30 pm
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am & 10:30 am

St. Charles Mass Schedule

Monday—Saturday	8:30 am
Fridays	6:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sacraments

St. Matthias Reconciliation

Tuesday or Thursday after 5:30 pm Mass

St. Charles Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 pm

First Communion and Confirmation

Email Sabrina Harper for information.

Baptism or Marriage

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

**See the Staff Directory Inside the
Cover for Contact Information.**

St. Matthias is a Roman Catholic Community striving to respond to the call of Jesus through worship and sacraments, faith formation, service, and social opportunities.

Under the guidance of the Pastor and pastoral staff, we seek to strengthen current lay leadership and develop and empower new leadership. Although a small parish, we commit ourselves and parish programs to hospitality, generosity to those in need, and outreach to all those seeking a faith community. As Catholics, we recognize the many challenges facing the Church, but we trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us into the future.



Our this time of sheltering in place because of the coronavirus, we are doing everything possible to stay connected with parishioners. Please contact a member of our staff if you need anything. There are parishioners who are able to deliver groceries, run errands, etc. if you are in need.

Reading 1

ACTS 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus,
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught
until the day he was taken up,
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to
the apostles whom he had chosen.
He presented himself alive to them
by many proofs after he had suffered,
appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.
While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to
depart from Jerusalem,
but to wait for “the promise of the Father
about which you have heard me speak;
for John baptized with water, but in a few days
you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him,
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the
kingdom to Israel?”

He answered them, “It is not for you to know the
times or seasons that the Father has established by
his own authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit
comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to
the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he
was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their
sight.

While they were looking intently at the sky as he
was going, suddenly two men dressed in white
garments stood beside them.

They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing
there looking at the sky?

This Jesus who has been taken up from you into
heaven will return in the same way as you have
seen him going into heaven.”

Responsorial Psalm

PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. (6) **God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a
blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

Reading 2

EPH 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father
of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and
revelation resulting in knowledge of him.

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that
you may know what is the hope that belongs to his
call,

what are the riches of glory in his inheritance
among the holy ones,

and what is the surpassing greatness of his power
for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of
his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising
him from the dead and seating him at his right
hand in the heavens, far above every principality,
authority, power, and dominion, and every name
that is named not only in this age but also in the
one to come.

And he put all things beneath his feet
and gave him as head over all things to the church,
which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills
all things in every way.

Alleluia

MT 28:19A, 20B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MT 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.
When they saw him, they worshiped, but they
doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them,
“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to
me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to
observe all that I have commanded you. And behold,
I am with you always, until the end of the age.”



Act of Spiritual Communion

By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we
express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the
Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here
is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St.
Alphonsus de Liguori:

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.
I love You about all things, and I deserve to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my
heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separate from You.
Amen.*

“PUSHED” OUT ON MISSION

There is a delightful character in the original Dr.
Dolittle Tales called the “Pushmi-Pullyu.” It is a
beast with two identical halves, with a head at each
end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one
end is the “push me” and the other is the “pull you.”
Today’s feast is a bit like that in the life of the
church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is
the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit,
which consequently sends or “pushes” the church
out on its mission. This is the message that we hear
from the angels today as they tell the friends of
Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy.
It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew’s
Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also
tells them, “I am with you always, until the end of
the age” (Matthew 28:20). And it is this message,
confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts
of joy, that “pulls” us along to our final destiny. The
life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on
mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended
glory.

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SAINT PHILIP NERI (1515-1595)

May 26

In a shop near the Vatican, a group of Americans
laughed as the shopkeeper showed off his fluent
English and latest souvenir, a key ring whose papal
portrait, when pressed, activated a recorded blessing.
Through the shop window, two clerics scowled
disapproval. The shopkeeper grunted, “They’re a
very somber order who’ve left the Church. I
recognize them.” “By their long robes?” an
American asked. “Many in Rome wear robes,”
replied the shopkeeper. “It’s their long faces!” When
Philip Neri arrived in sixteenth-century Rome, there
was reason to be somber. Swiss Guards had been
massacred on Saint Peter’s steps defending the pope.
Parts of Europe were abandoning the Church. But
Philip resolved to be an “apostle of joy,” drawing
especially the young to Christ—and frequent
confession and Communion—by his sincere interest
in their problems, prayerful example, and gentle
humor. (Continued on next page).

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His “Oratory,” a movement as well as a place, provided recreation and devotion in a joyful atmosphere of companionship, service, and liturgy. Philip Neri challenges each of us to begin improving Church and world by changing ourselves with unfailing joy.

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HEAVEN

The world is only peopled to people heaven.

—St. Francis de Sales

We pray for those who are ill in our community...

Pat Beckett
Jim Orsley
Fr. Paul Rossi
Connie Barrick
Diane Donnelly
Mahmood Behbood
Alyssa Beemer
Jean Balibrera
Joey Hizon
Bruce Dinkel
Rose Herrara
Margaret Henry
Liz Vugrinecz

...that they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus.

All services will be live-streamed to St. Charles' Facebook page which can be accessed on the internet at <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesParishSC/>. It is not necessary for you to be a member of Facebook to access the live streams.

St. Charles/St. Matthias Masses are also available on www.stmatthiasparish.org

You are my portion,
Lord. You alone have
I chosen for my whole
inheritance.

St. Augustine of Canterbury

6th-century Benedictine monk and archbishop
known as the "Apostle to the English"

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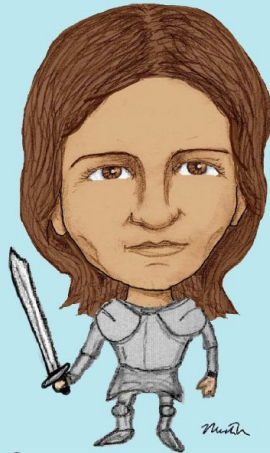
May 27

I am not afraid.
I was born to do this.

St. Joan of Arc

15th-century visionary who advised the
French on how to win battles; Patron of France

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May 30

