

St. Matthias Parish

The Season of Lent *fast-pray-give*



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Prayer Shawl Ministry

April 15th,
3:00 P.M. at
Fr. Lacey Hall

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Finance Council Meeting

April 16th,
7:00 P.M. at
Fr. Lacey Hall

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Stations of the Cross

April 18th,
6:00 P.M. at
Church

The Parish Office
will be closed
the following:
Thursday the 18th,
Friday the 19th, and
Monday the 21st in
observance of the Holy
Week and Easter
Monday.

We will resume
normal business hours
of operation on
Tuesday the 22nd.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

We sing some of the saddest words in all of scripture in the psalm today: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Isaiah resisted this despair as he was struck and spat at, professing his confidence in God. Paul testifies that Jesus was willing to empty himself, to humble himself, accepting even death on a cross. In the Passion, we hear Jesus pray to the Father, "not my will but yours." May today's readings reassure us that even in our worst despair God will never truly abandon us.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

PALM SUNDAY 2025

Hosanna!/The King of Glory
In Christ Alone
Behold, the Lamb of God
Have Mercy
What Wondrous Love is This?

Breaking Bread song books are available for your use during the service and are housed on the shelf at the entrance from the parking lot.

Gospel John 8:1-11

When the hour came,
Jesus took his place at table with the apostles.
He said to them,
"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer,
for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again

until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God."
Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said,
"Take this and share it among yourselves;
for I tell you that from this time on
I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine
until the kingdom of God comes."
Then he took the bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
"This is my body, which will be given for you;
do this in memory of me."
And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
which will be shed for you.

"And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table;
for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined;
but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed."
And they began to debate among themselves
who among them would do such a deed.

Then an argument broke out among them
about which of them should be regarded as the greatest.
He said to them,
"The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them
and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors';
but among you it shall not be so.
Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest,
and the leader as the servant.
For who is greater:
the one seated at table or the one who serves?
Is it not the one seated at table?
I am among you as the one who serves.
It is you who have stood by me in my trials;
and I confer a kingdom on you,
just as my Father has conferred one on me,
that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom;
and you will sit on thrones
judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded
to sift all of you like wheat,
but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail;
and once you have turned back,
you must strengthen your brothers."
He said to him,
"Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you."
But he replied,
"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day,
you will deny three times that you know me."

He said to them,
"When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals,
were you in need of anything?"
"No, nothing," they replied.
He said to them,
"But now one who has a money bag should take it,

and likewise a sack,
and one who does not have a sword
should sell his cloak and buy one.
For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me,
namely, *He was counted among the wicked*;
and indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment."
Then they said,
"Lord, look, there are two swords here."
But he replied, "It is enough!"

Then going out, he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives,
and the disciples followed him.
When he arrived at the place he said to them,
"Pray that you may not undergo the test."
After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling,
he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing,
take this cup away from me;
still, not my will but yours be done."
And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him.
He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently
that his sweat became like drops of blood
falling on the ground.
When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples,
he found them sleeping from grief.
He said to them, "Why are you sleeping?
Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."

While he was still speaking, a crowd approached
and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas.
He went up to Jesus to kiss him.
Jesus said to him,
"Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"
His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,
"Lord, shall we strike with a sword?"
And one of them struck the high priest's servant
and cut off his right ear.
But Jesus said in reply,
"Stop, no more of this!"
Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him.
And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards
and elders who had come for him,
"Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?
Day after day I was with you in the temple area,
and you did not seize me;
but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness."

After arresting him they led him away
and took him into the house of the high priest;
Peter was following at a distance.
They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it,
and Peter sat down with them.
When a maid saw him seated in the light,
she looked intently at him and said,
"This man too was with him."
But he denied it saying,

"Woman, I do not know him."
A short while later someone else saw him and said,
"You too are one of them";
but Peter answered, "My friend, I am not."
About an hour later, still another insisted,
"Assuredly, this man too was with him,
for he also is a Galilean."
But Peter said,
"My friend, I do not know what you are talking about."
Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed,
and the Lord turned and looked at Peter;
and Peter remembered the word of the Lord,
how he had said to him,
"Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."
He went out and began to weep bitterly.
The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him.
They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,
"Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"
And they reviled him in saying many other things against him.

When day came the council of elders of the people met,
both chief priests and scribes,
and they brought him before their Sanhedrin.
They said, "If you are the Christ, tell us,"
but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe,
and if I question, you will not respond.
But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated
at the right hand of the power of God."
They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"
He replied to them, "You say that I am."
Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony?
We have heard it from his own mouth."

Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate.
They brought charges against him, saying,
"We found this man misleading our people;
he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar
and maintains that he is the Christ, a king."
Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"
He said to him in reply, "You say so."
Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds,
"I find this man not guilty."
But they were adamant and said,
"He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea,
from Galilee where he began even to here."

On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean;
and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction,
he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time.
Herod was very glad to see Jesus;
he had been wanting to see him for a long time,
for he had heard about him
and had been hoping to see him perform some sign.
He questioned him at length,
but he gave him no answer.
The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile,

stood by accusing him harshly.
Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him,
and after clothing him in resplendent garb,
he sent him back to Pilate.
Herod and Pilate became friends that very day,
even though they had been enemies formerly.
Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people
and said to them, "You brought this man to me
and accused him of inciting the people to revolt.
I have conducted my investigation in your presence
and have not found this man guilty
of the charges you have brought against him,
nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us.
So no capital crime has been committed by him.
Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him."

But all together they shouted out,
"Away with this man!
Release Barabbas to us."
— Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion
that had taken place in the city and for murder. —
Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus,
but they continued their shouting,
"Crucify him! Crucify him!"
Pilate addressed them a third time,
"What evil has this man done?
I found him guilty of no capital crime.
Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him."
With loud shouts, however,
they persisted in calling for his crucifixion,
and their voices prevailed.
The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted.
So he released the man who had been imprisoned
for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked,
and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.

As they led him away
they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian,
who was coming in from the country;
and after laying the cross on him,
they made him carry it behind Jesus.
A large crowd of people followed Jesus,
including many women who mourned and lamented him.
Jesus turned to them and said,
"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me;
weep instead for yourselves and for your children
for indeed, the days are coming when people will say,

'Blessed are the barren,
the wombs that never bore
and the breasts that never nursed.'
At that time people will say to the mountains,
'Fall upon us!'
and to the hills, 'Cover us!'
for if these things are done when the wood is green
what will happen when it is dry?"
Now two others, both criminals,
were led away with him to be executed.

When they came to the place called the Skull,
they crucified him and the criminals there,
one on his right, the other on his left.
Then Jesus said,
"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."
They divided his garments by casting lots.
The people stood by and watched;
the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said,
"He saved others, let him save himself
if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God."
Even the soldiers jeered at him.
As they approached to offer him wine they called out,
"If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."
Above him there was an inscription that read,
"This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,
"Are you not the Christ?
Save yourself and us."
The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
"Have you no fear of God,
for you are subject to the same condemnation?
And indeed, we have been condemned justly,
for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes,
but this man has done nothing criminal."
Then he said,
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
He replied to him,
"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon
because of an eclipse of the sun.
Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle.
Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit";
and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said,
"This man was innocent beyond doubt."
When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened,
they returned home beating their breasts;
but all his acquaintances stood at a distance,
including the women who had followed him from Galilee
and saw these events.

Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who,
though he was a member of the council,
had not consented to their plan of action.
He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea
and was awaiting the kingdom of God.
He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.
After he had taken the body down,
he wrapped it in a linen cloth
and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb
in which no one had yet been buried.
It was the day of preparation,
and the sabbath was about to begin.
The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind,
and when they had seen the tomb
and the way in which his body was laid in it,
they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils.
Then they rested on the sabbath according to the commandment.



**Come join us
for our Annual
St. Matthias
Easter Egg
Hunt!**

Easter is coming and so is the bunny to
hide eggs for our children to find at St. Matthias!

Easter Sunday, April 20th

After the 10:30 am Mass, around 11:30 am.

We will meet in Fr. Lacey Hall at around 11:30 am.

After introductions and instructions, the children
will be grouped by age (0 - 2 yo, 3 - 5 yo, 6 yo &
up) and then led to their egg hunt area by our vol-
unteer Middle & High School youth.

Special Guest: The Easter Bunny!

Feel free to bring your own basket or bag to col-
lect your eggs, or a bag will be provided for you.

Hope to see you there!

Lenten Happenings This Week:

Stations of the Cross are on Good Friday evening at
6:00 P.M. at St. Matthias

Lenten Reconciliation are on Wednesday evening
from 5:35 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at St. Charles



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

April 12th/13th

Blessing of Palms before both the Saturday 5:00 P.M.
Vigil Mass and Sunday 9:45 A.M. Mass

OCIA Mini-Retreat 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

HOLY THURSDAY

April 17th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 P.M.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Washing of the Feet

Presentation of the Holy Oils

The Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18th

Good Friday Liturgy- 12:00 P.M. at St. Charles

Stations of the Cross- 6:00 P.M. at St. Matthias (No
Soup Supper)

HOLY SATURDAY

April 19th

Easter Vigil- 8:00 P.M. at St. Charles

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20th

Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 A.M. Mass

SVDP Thank you

St. Vincent De Paul says thank you to all that
donated to the Baby Drive.

**CRS Rice Bowls
can be returned on
Easter Sunday!**

Spring Fundraiser

Committee

We are forming a Spring Fundraiser Committee to assist us as we begin planning a Parish Fundraiser in the near future.

We want to look at creative, unifying, and fun ideas that will help up support our parish. All are welcome to join us and fundraising experience is not necessary... all we ask for is desire to help us succeed!

If you are interested in helping with the Spring Fund-raiser, please contact Joey at:

joey@stmatthiasparish.org to join us.

Promise Program

The Promise Program for children ages 3-6 has re-summed! Parents, please be sure to send your children, this is a great opportunity for them to grow in their faith. Please contact Tony Chan, Facilitator via email: tonychan@gmail.com with any questions.

Bulletin

Please submit any bulletin announcements no later than 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday mornings.

Submissions can be emailed to:

joey@stmatthiasparish.org



"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy"

Come and discover how His Mercy extends to our whole lives on Divine Mercy Sunday April 27 for one hour at 3pm.

Novena and Chaplet booklets are available in the back of the church .

PILGRIMAGE 2026
16 DAYS 15 NIGHTS
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Pastor, St. Charles Church

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

Costanza Alviti

Tommie Fogliani

Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi

Kathleen Kaz

Rose Marino

Mary Monihan

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

And for Bill Harper and all who recently went to our Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, April 12th @ 8:00AM — Mary Pacumio†

SUN, April 13th 9:45AM — Bill Harper†

MASS PRESIDERS NEXT WEEK

SUN, April 20th @ 8:00AM — Fr. Gerald Coleman

SUN, April 20h @ 10:30AM — Fr. Fr. Roy Remo



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Sunday 9:45 am*

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St. Charles Mass Schedule

Monday—Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am* & 11:00 am

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