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The Beginning Or The End



This month is one that is a catalyst for our liturgical life. We will celebrate the end of the year with Christ the King Sunday on November 25th and all in the same moment we will change our focus to new beginnings with the onset of Advent. We have had the opportunity to walk and talk with the Lord over this past year and I want to encourage us all to take account of what we have learned and possibly more importantly what we have received. The Lord has blessed us in so many ways and it is important that we take measure of these things.

I have, for most of my life, heard the phrase “if you do not know where you have been, you cannot know where you are going”. Our past is part of our future and the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us in this past year should and will provide us with the drive to carry on. Let us take this time in our Spiritual life to give thanks to the Lord for all that He has done and to consider how we can best represent His presence in our lives to the world around us.

Give thanks with a grateful heart and know that we cannot out give God. He will provide for all of our needs according to His riches and glory.

Peace and Blessings,



Mass Schedule Sunday

8:30am & 10:30am

Childcare is available for children under the age of 7 during the 10:30am mass.

Children’s Church School

Sunday’s at 9:45-10:15

Daily Mass Schedule

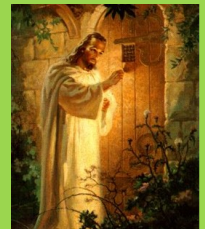
Thurs.@ Evergreen—9:00 am

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Calendar of Events

- Monday, 11/19, Women’s Bible Study at 7pm.
- Wednesday, 11/7 & 11/21, Men’s Bible Study at 7pm
- Tuesday, November 13th Adoration @ 7pm
- Saturday, November 17th Ministry to the Homeless @ 11am



Del Sacerdote

Estamos por finalizar el año litúrgico. Las lecturas de los últimos domingos nos acercan a ese modo de despedida-inicio y en ese modo la enseñanza de Jesús en clara y contundente. Ese va a ser el tenor de lo que estaremos escuchando en las lecturas de estos domingos.

No nos suele gustar que nos hablen de mandamientos y de obligaciones, menos aún que nos amenacen si no los cumplimos. Vivimos una hora emancipada de normas y de valores objetivos.

Si en vez de proponer el mandamiento como obligación, lo propusiéramos como respuesta agradecida, y como revelación de lo que agrada a quien amamos, quizá le daríamos distinta acogida. ¿Pero seríamos fieles a la verdad?

Lo cierto es que Dios no nos manda hacer más de lo que puede nuestra capacidad, que Él mismo nos ha dado, y si escuchamos como precepto: «Amarás al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma, con todo tu ser» y «Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo», antes deberíamos recordar que hemos sido creados por amor y que existimos para amar. La medida del amor es la que Dios ha empleado con nosotros. “Pues el amor consiste no en que nosotros amemos a Dios, sino en que Dios nos amó primero”.

El Dios revelado es compasivo, misericordioso, se apiada de los débiles y de los pobres, de los huérfanos y de las viudas, y nos indica que tengamos esta misma actitud, la que nos pertenece a quienes creemos en Él. Mas el argumento que nos da el mensaje es de agradecimiento: “No oprimirás ni vejarás al forastero, porque forasteros fuisteis vosotros en Egipto” (Ex 22, 21).

Antes, Dios ha sido compasivo con nuestros padres. Y por pura correspondencia, debiera salir de nosotros un comportamiento similar. El salmista describe la experiencia del creyente: “Dios mío, peña mía, refugio mío, escudo mío, mi fuerza salvadora, mi baluarte” (Sal 17). Si se ha llegado a reconocer hasta qué extremo el Señor nos ha salvado, acoger el mandamiento no hace agravio.

La clave nos la ofrece san Pablo, cuando se dirige a los cristianos de Tesalónica y reconoce el camino que han recorrido: “Abandonando los ídolos, os volvisteis a Dios, para servir al Dios vivo y verdadero” (1Tes 1, 6). Este es el secreto, abandonar toda idolatría, hasta la que podemos tener de nosotros mismos, y seguir los preceptos del Señor, que no esclavizan, sino que alegran el corazón.

Ahora se comprende hasta qué extremo el amor nos une con Dios y con nosotros mismos, porque es el rebosamiento del amor recibido, por lo que nos convertimos en verdaderos testigos de la fe cristiana.

El Señor te bendiga y te guarde. El Señor te muestre su rostro y tenga misericordia de ti. Vuelva el Señor su rostro hacia ti y te conceda la paz.

Padre Oscar Castillo

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- Bautismos
- Bodas
- Quinceañeras
- Bendición de casas
- Confesión antes de la Eucaristía o para cita



PERSONAL HYGIENE

Helping Hands Items of the Month Personal Hygiene Helping Hands

Our church collects these items throughout the month and the food is delivered to the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

Peek Into December

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 12/5 & 12/19

Women's Bible Study

Monday 12/3 & 12/17

Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, 12/24 @ 10pm

Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, 12/25 @ 10am

News and Updates

Please remember to keep up with the weekly bulletin announcements for more up-to-date activities in the life of the church.



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Fellowship & Study Groups

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday's, November 7th & 21st @ 7:00pm

Women's Bible Study

Monday's, November 19th @ 7:00pm

Spiritual Growth & Devotional

Adoration

Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month @ 7:00pm

Activity In The Community

Thanksgiving Pot Luck , Sunday November 18th.

There will be a Thanksgiving tree with dye cut leaves. People will have the opportunity to write on the leaves what they are thankful for and the leaves will be attached to the tree.

Parish Christmas Party, Sunday December 16th, 5-8

Bring your favorite dish and if you wish to take part in the gift exchange, there is a \$20 limit on gifts for adults and \$15 for children under 12 yrs.

Server's List

8:30am Mass							
Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Eucharist	Usher	Altar Guild		
11/4/2018		Gerry Lamb	Marguerite Brindock	Luke Krawietz	Margie Chung		
11/11/2018	Bonnie Penny	Jim Davis	Gerry Lamb	Albert Hernandez	Marguerite Brindock		
11/18/2018	Adam Dingwell	Adam Dingwell	Andrew Brindock	Brandon Morgan	Jody McGee		
11/25/2018	Gerry Coppler	Dee Schueler	Marguerite Brindock	Luke Krawietz	Emily Hernandez		
10:30am Mass							
Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Eucharist	Ushers	Altar Guild	Torch Bearers	Childcare
11/4/2018	Josh Zachary	Angela Garza	Yolanda Garza	John and Jaci Bulsterbaum	Cristina Castro	Logan Zachary/ Noah Danna	Allie/Angela
11/11/2018		Josh Zachary	Jeff Gay	Erv and Pam Slovak	Janet Jackson	Emma Linehan/ Angela Garza	Cathy/Tessa
11/18/2018	Jeff Gay	Randy Lewandowski	Cristina Castro	Bobbie W./Sara L.	Karen Anderson	Ramon Garza/Ryan Holmes	Juliana/Emma
11/25/2018	Greg Oehler	Tina Lewandowski	Jaci Bulsterbaum	Randy and Tina Lewandowski	Jaci Bulsterbaum	Logan Zachary/ Noah Danna	Juliana/Angela

Please mark your calendar's. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled day, please send an email to Email@saintmatthias.net

Parish Council Members
Jeff Gay
Bobbie Walker
Bonnie Penny
Marc Holmes
Greg Oehler

Parish Council Rotation		
Date	Collections	**Backup**
11/4/2018	Marc H.	Bonnie P.
11/11/2018	Bonnie P.	Greg O.
11/18/2018	Greg O.	Jeff G.
11/25/2018	Bobbie W.	Marc H.

Advertisements

Are we focusing on the wrong things?

The Battle of Chalons, where Hunland met Rome, and the earth was played for, at sword-fence, by two earth-besriding giants the sweep of whose swords cut kingdoms in pieces, hovers dim in the languid remembrance of a few; while the poor police-court Treachery of wretched Iscariot, in the wretched land of Palestine, centuries earlier, for 'thirty pieces of silver', lives clear in the heads, in the hearts of all men—(Thomas Carlyle)

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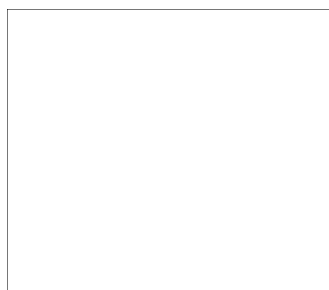
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you give us what we need.
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Our lives are in your hands,
O God.*

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