#### SAINT MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### CALENDAR:

Wednesday, April 8th Combined Men & Women's Bible Study @ 7:00pm On Zoom

Saturday, April 18th Feeding the Homeless Austin St. Shelter @ 11:00 am

Wednesday, April 22nd Combined Men & Women's Bible Study @ 7:00pm On Zoom



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# April 2020

## From the Pastor

Blessings and Peace in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

As I write to you this month, I am all too aware of the emotions and feelings we are all having during these strange, new and unprecedented times. As we prepare this Sunday to celebrate Palm Sunday without a procession of palms, a Holy Week ahead with all of the memorial service without seeing all of you there and finally to celebrate the Triduum somewhat alone, I am reminded that the Easter Season is one of Celebration. We may have to celebrate in new and creative ways but celebrate we will. I encourage you to join with your church family by Facebook or YouTube and to not only watch but engage with the rest of our church family. Our celebration can be heard not only in our own homes, but in our communities and the world.

The churches may be empty but let us remember that as we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we are celebrating the empty tomb as well. I desire to find the good in this situation and what I will share with you is that our present situation presents us with an opportunity to bring our faith into our homes in an extraordinary way. Set up an area in your home devoted to prayer. Spend additional time in the Bible, set time aside in the day to talk about your faith with family and friends (even if it is over the phone or internet). Let this be a time of strengthening our faith as the Lord brings calm to the storm.

May our Easter prayer be one of healing and wholeness. Jesus is risen from the dead, may we rise to new life through our own personal Easter journey.

Peace and Blessings,

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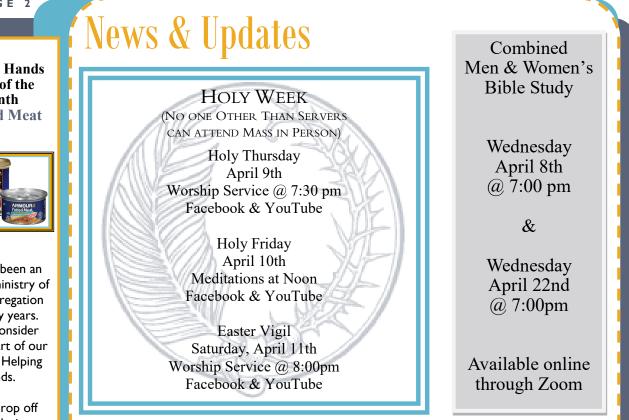
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Helping Hands Items of the Month Canned Meat



This has been an ongoing ministry of our congregation for many years. Please consider being a part of our giving to Helping Hands.

Please drop off items during Communion drive-through on Sunday's from 9:45am—10:30am.



Should you desire/have a need for Prayer, Anointing or Communion, please call the church and we will make provision. *972-771-1378* 

#### **Online Directory Coming Soon**

If you are interested in updating your current information from the most recent <u>2016 Member Directory</u> or if you are a new church member and want to be included in the new directory format, please send your information to ygarza@saintmatthias.net with the following information:

### name, home address, home phone, mobile phone, and email address.

Once the directory is up and running each family will have your own login to update your own information.

## Advertisements

#### What shall we do?

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army of chariots and horses had surrounded the city. "Oh no my Lord! What shall we do?," the servant asked. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servants eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. (2 Kings 6:15-17)

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

For He Himself said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)



#### Saint Matthias Catholic Church

Sunday English Mass	8:30 (Servers Only)
Confession	Available by
	appointment

A live recording will take place at 8:30am on the new YouTube channel, Unity in the Church, and an uploaded video will be available immediately on the Facebook page, St Matthias Rockwall. Please like, subscribe, and share.

