

CALENDAR:

Women's Bible Study
March 13th & 27th @ 7p,m

Men's Bible Study
March 15th & 29th @ 7pm

Bunko
March 15th @ 7pm

Saturday, March 18th
Ministry to the Homeless
Austin St. Shelter @ 11am

MARCH 2023

“Blessings and Peace in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This is a greeting we need to hear all of the time, but especially in this season of Penance. All too often we perceive the season of Lent as a time of suffering and sacrifice and yet it is a season of preparation for growth and beauty. If we look to Sacred Scripture as our guide we find God regularly correcting His people and yet in those experiences we find people offering thanksgiving and praise to the Lord for His love and mercy.

When was the last time we offered the Lord thanks and praise for Lent? If we measure how often we reach out to the Lord for help and how often we offer Him thanks and praise, which side will win? God clearly wants to be there for us in our time of need, yet he equally wants to be there in our time of joy. Let us offer Him our adoration and praise first and foremost as we cry out to Him also in our time of need. I am reminded of David's response to God refusing him the ability to build a Temple. David praised God for all He had done and all He will do.

May we take time during this season of reflection to offer the Lord our broken hearts as a living sacrifice and give Him thanks for all the wonderful things He has done and will continue to do.

Peace and Blessings,



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NEWS & UPDATES

Helping Hands Items of the Month Canned Fruit



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Saint Matthias Church Picnic

Saturday, April 29th

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BIBLE STUDY**
March 13th & 27th at 7pm

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BUNKO
March 15th @ 7pm

Server's List

10:00 am Worship Service

| Date | 3/5/2023 | 3/12/2023 | 3/19/2023 | 3/26/2023 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Lay Reader | Valerie Bell | Emily Holmes | Jeff Gay | Marguerite Brindock |
| Altar Guild | Judy Fries | Marguerite Brindock | Cristina Zachary | Pam Slovak |
| Altar Server | Juan Garza | Mark Volpi | Steven Danna | Ryan Holmes |
| Eucharistic Minister(s) | Jeff Gay / Andrew Brindock | Bob Marcoux / Annette Bittle | Shawn Graska / Emily Holmes | Juan Garza / Cristina Zachary |
| Usher | Eric Younes | Frank Kopec | John Hadju | Steven Danna |
| Parish Council | Marc Holmes | Rhiannon Young | Jeff Gay | Marc Volpi |
| Childcare | Rhiannon Young | Sheryl Landman | Allie & Maggie | Vicki Graska |

Advertisements

Joel 2:12-18

Even now, says the LORD, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God.

For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. Perhaps he will again relent and leave behind him a blessing, Offerings and libations for the LORD, your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion! proclaim a fast, call an assembly; Gather the people, notify the congregation; Assemble the elders, gather the children and the infants at the breast; Let the bridegroom quit his room and the bride her chamber. Between the porch and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep, And say, "Spare, O LORD, your people, and make not your heritage a reproach, with the nations ruling over them! Why should they say among the peoples, "Where is their God?""

Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land and took pity on his people.

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