



FEBRUARY 2025

The Season of Carnival

The historic season of Carnival is one which historically is considered a season of pre-Lent. This season must be embraced by Saint Paul's directive that must "be in the world, but not of the world". Sadly, the world has taken this season and made it into a stand-alone season, something is was never meant to be.

The Carnival celebration and season is culminated with Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday) when we Feast in preparation for the Fast. Coming from the Caribbean, it would mean a day of music, dancing parading to say goodbye to the season of feasting. All festivities would end at 12.00 midnight, where we gear our sight towards the Lenten season, starting with Ash Wednesday and the celebration of Lent.

This carnival season is a celebratory season of enjoying the blessings that the Lord has laid before us. He has blessed us with so much in this life and we are encouraged to relish in the blessings that we have received.

We are called by the Lord to proclaim, "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord is your strength!", "Silence! Today is holy, do not be saddened." (Nehemias 8:10-11)

May we use this season of celebration to prepare our hearts to enter into the Season of Lent!

Peace and Blessings,

+ Bernard Benedict CSSM

CALENDAR:

Women's Bible Study
February 10th @ 7p.m

Men's Bible Study
February 12th @ 7pm

Wednesday, February 19th
Bunko
Parish Hall @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 15th
Ministry to the Homeless
Austin St. Shelter @ 11am

Workshop: The Old Catholic Church
Diaspora
Saturday 15th of January, 4.00 pm.

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NEWS & UPDATES

Helping Hands Items of the Month Peanut Butter & Jelly



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Starting February 1st, 2025 we will celebrate Holy Eucharist on Saturdays at 6.00 pm. We will use the Cistercian Liturgy during these Holy Eucharist Celebrations.
- Sunday, February 16th after Holy Eucharist we will have our Monthly Brunch to celebrate Valentine Day among our church family members.
- Holy Rosary, Every Thursday @ 12.00 noon. There are rosaries in the Narthex (Foyer) for a small donation. We also have special rosaries made by our Cistercian Brothers in Sri Lanka.
- Ministry to the Homeless, Saturday, February 15th @ 11.00 am
- Bunko, February, Wednesday 19th @ 7 pm
- Saturday, February 15th @ 4.00 pm, Workshop on the Old Catholic Church Diaspora.
- Women's Bible Study**, Monday, February 10th @ 7pm
- Men's Bible Study**, Wednesday, February 12th @ 7pm



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For questions about our mission or for any end-of-life needs, please contact us at hello@villateresahome.org.

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Server's List

Date	2/2/2025	2/9/2025	2/16/2025	2/23/2025
Reading	Josh Zachary	Megin Danna	Preston Landman	Emily Holmes
Altar Guild	Pam Slovak	Judy Fries	Marguerite Brindock	Margie Chung
Altar Server	Steven Danna	Mark Volpi	Frankie Valdez	Preston Landman
Acolytes	Emory & Ginnessey	Clayton & Ginnessey	Emory & Clayton	Emory & Ginnessey
Eucharistic Ministers (2)	Jeff Gay / Victoria Souder	Rodney Dingwell / Cristina Zachary	Shawn Graska / Marguerite Brindock	Andrew Brindock / Emily Holmes
Usher	Bill Fries	Pam / Erv Slovak	Michael Souder	Josh Zachary
Childcare	Rhiannon Young	Cecilee Younes	Allie & Maggie Volpi	Erica Casares
Fellowship Prep	Sara Villagomez	Pam Slovak	Henly Pogue	Rhiannon Young
Parish Council	Cristina Zachary	Mark Volpi	Jeff Gay	Rhiannon Young
Helping Hands Contact of the month	Margie Chung			

February

Advertisements

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.



Bishop Golla Manoj,
Bishop of India,
consecrated on
January 19, 2025



Bishop Raj Kumar,
Bishop of Andhra Pradesh,
India, consecrated on
January 21, 2025



Deacon Raphael Benedict CSJM, Father Carlo Benedict CSJM & Deacon Michael Benedict CSJM, ordained on January 22 2025 in Sri Lanka

Saint Matthias Catholic Church

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Sunday English Mass Childcare is available for children up to the age of Kindergarten during the 10:00 am mass.

Confession, Available every Saturday from 3.00 to 4.00 pm and also by appointment



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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8.00 - 4.00 pm

Please call to make an appointment.