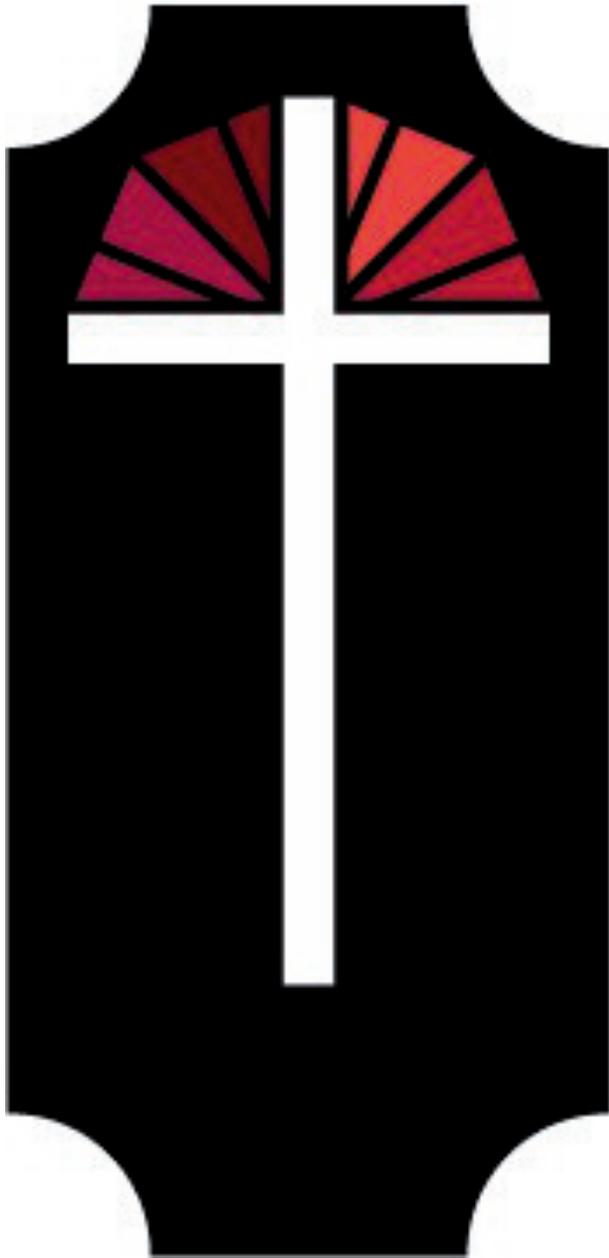


# St. Matthias

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*“There is no longer a privileged people and a marginalized people.*

*All of us are co-heirs in the mystery of Christ.”*

St. Archbishop Oscar Romero

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8:30AM Seifert Family

Wednesday, December 16

8:30AM Thai Nguyen

Thursday, December 17

8:30AM Dominico Pham

Friday, December 18

8:30AM Frank DiCesare

Saturday, December 19

5:00PM Tony Burscu

Sunday, December 20

9:00AM Anthony Rousseau

11:00AM People of Our Parish

+ Patricia Terapak

+ Fr. Ray Larussa, former pastor

**Mass Times**

Tues-Fri 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

1:30 PM (Haitian)\*

3:00 PM (Nigerian)\*\*

7:15 PM (Brazilian)

\* Every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month

\*\* Third Sunday of the month only

**Reconciliation**Every first Saturday of the month from  
3:45—4:45PM in the church confessional.

# PASTORAL POST

*Fratelli Tutti (Chapter 2) by Fr. Tony Davis*

Continuing with Chapter 2 on the Good Samaritan, Pope Francis arrives at some insights from the parable that could help us today.

First, we need a new understanding of time. In our busy world, time is money. Anyone or anything that would disrupt our hectic lives or slow us down is considered worthless. From an economic point of view, this is understandable. But time is something much more sacred. In the words of Pope Francis, “life is not simply time that passes; life is a time for interactions.” (66) The Good Samaritan lived for interactions. He valued people more than things.

Second, we all need to do our part in healing the world. Just as the priest and Levite should have acted, but didn’t, “we should not expect everything from those who govern us.” (77) Some leaders may not prioritize looking after the least among us. This is especially true when it comes to the poor, the marginalized, and the disenfranchised. Furthermore, even if leaders do prioritize care for the most vulnerable, they cannot do everything on their own. There is simply too much suffering in the world for only a handful of people to act. Pope Francis therefore says to all of us: “let us take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies.” (77)

Third, we need to reflect upon what it means to be a neighbor. Recall that this whole Gospel parable was triggered by a scholar of the law trying to justify himself by asking Jesus, ‘and who is my neighbor?’ By the end, the point is that our neighbors are not just those we consider worthy of our care and concern. Pope Francis notes how Jesus “challenges us to put aside all differences and, in the face of suffering, to draw near to others with no questions asked.” (81) “He asks us not to decide who is close enough to be our neighbor, but rather that we ourselves become neighbors to all.” (80) Finally, all of this is “regardless of whether or not they [others] belong to our social group.” (81)

Lastly, we need to see Christ in each person. ‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me,’ Jesus said in Matthew 25. These words of Jesus “compel us to recognize Christ himself in each of our abandoned or excluded brothers and sisters.” (85) While this seems basic and is often repeated, the pope says, “I sometimes wonder why, in light of this, it took so long for the Church unequivocally to condemn slavery and various forms of violence. Today, with our developed spirituality and theology, we have no excuses.” (86) Without any more excuses, let us get to work on loving our neighbor.

**Church News**

**VINTON COUNTY TOY DRIVE**

This is the final weekend of our annual Toy Drive for the families of Vinton County, OH. Please bring **new, unwrapped** toys for children of any age this weekend, December 12-13 and place them in the vestibule. The delivery truck will collect our items at noon on Sunday, December 13th. For more information about the St. Francis Center, please visit <https://www.columbuscatholic.org/st-francis-evangelization-center>.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

If you would like to donate poinsettias for the sanctuary in memory of deceased loved ones for the Christmas season, please write your name, the name of the 'in memory of,' and include the suggested donation of \$10 per 'in memory of' in an envelope. Envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets, mailed, or dropped off at the Parish Offices.

**CHURCH CLEANING**

There will be a cleaning day on Saturday, December 21, 2020 starting at 10AM to prepare the church for Christmas. Remember to wear your masks.

**BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have paid or pledged money to the 2020 Bishops Annual Appeal (BAA). As members of the Catholic Church, we are part of a Church larger than our own parish and our support of the bishop sends an important message to the Diocese about our cooperation with him. This year, we currently have pledged \$18,035.00, with about 2/3s of that already collected. While this total is still significantly below our parish goal (\$71,000.00), we are in a pandemic and our parish census count was off. Thank you for your generosity!

**THANK YOU**

Our canned food drive with DeSales High School has ended. Thank you or your donations and generosity, and thank you to DeSales High School for organizing the drive and delivering the canned goods to St. James the Less and St. Stephen's House.

**CHRISTMAS 2020**

Join us live or virtually for Christmas this year!

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm (in gym)

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10pm (live-streamed)

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am

Saturday, December 26th at 3:30pm: Virtual Singalong hosted by our director of music, Mrs. Gwendolyn Rehm. You will be able to access and share it from our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/stmatthiascolumbus](http://www.facebook.com/stmatthiascolumbus)) or Youtube (<https://youtu.be/WqcyG0-hP5A>). Have your hymnals ready and feel free to submit requests to [music@stmatthiascolumbus.com](mailto:music@stmatthiascolumbus.com)

**Weekly Collection**

| <b>November 29, 2020</b> | <u>CURRENT</u> | <u>FISCAL YEAR TO DATE</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Contributions            | \$3,754.00     | \$132,917.00               |
| Budget                   | \$8,200.00     | \$180,400.00               |
| Difference               | (\$4,446.00)   | (\$47,483.00)              |

**Notices**

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS**

The Little Blue Book devotionals for Advent 2020 are available in the vestibule. Please take one for yourself, and an extra copy if you know someone who would like one.

**2021 CALENDARS**

Wall calendars for 2021 are available in the vestibule. Please spend some time reflecting on this year's quote, which comes from the Aparecida Document of the Latin American Bishops. On behalf of the parish offices, we wish hope you have a blessed 2021.

**ONLINE GIVING**

Please consider giving to the offertory on a recurring basis through our new payments option on our website: [stmatthiascolumbus.com](http://stmatthiascolumbus.com), then click 'Online Giving' on the homepage.

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION**

The obligation for Catholics to attend Sunday mass has been lifted indefinitely as we continue to excuse people from mass due to the pandemic. Please stay home if you are at higher risk for COVID-19 complications.

**FLOCKNOTE**

If you are receiving unwanted correspondence through Flocknote (lectors, music ministry, etc.), chances are you are signed up for various subgroups within the parish. You may opt yourself out of these subgroups and still be part of the 'everyone' group. To join Flocknote, text **MAY14** to 84576 or sign up online <https://stmatthiascolumbus.flocknote.com/>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2021**

Mass intention slots for January through December 2021 are now available. There is a donation of \$10 per mass. To request a mass, please contact the parish office via mail, a note in the collection basket, or email: [office@stmatthiascolumbus.com](mailto:office@stmatthiascolumbus.com)

**KROGER REWARDS**

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