

# St. Matthias

## CHURCH & SCHOOL



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# 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 05th, 2021

## **Office Hours**

Tuesdays 9am – 2pm

Wednesdays 9am – 2pm

Thursdays 9am – 2pm

Fridays 9am – 2pm

## **Mass Intentions**

### Tuesday, September 07

8:30AM Seifert Family

### Wednesday, September 08

8:30AM Anthony Canh

### Thursday, September 09

8:30AM Maria Teresa Avila

### Friday, September 10

8:30AM Carol Higgins

### Saturday, September 11

5:00PM People of Our Parish

### Sunday, September 12

9:00AM The Duru Family

11:00AM Nick and Mary Melaragno

## **Recently Deceased**

## **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—4:45 pm in the church confessional

# **PASTORAL POST**

## The Constitution on the Liturgy Ch. 4 by Fr. Tony Davis

In his First Letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul encouraged his listeners to “pray without ceasing” (5:17). This exhortation reminded them that prayer was not to be an isolated part of the day, but an ongoing conversation with God throughout the entire day. In the Catholic Church, one such resource for ongoing prayer is known as the Divine Office, or the Liturgy of the Hours.

As Chapter 4 on ‘The Divine Office’ of Vatican II’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states, “the Divine Office, in keeping with ancient Christian tradition, is so devised that the whole course of the day and night is consecrated by the praise of God.” (84) Historically, the Divine Office was specifically designed for monks and nuns in monasteries to structure their community prayers throughout the day and even in the middle of the night. By praying all the hours- lauds, vespers, compline, matins, prime, terce, sext, and none- their whole day revolved around prayer.

The major focus of the Divine Office is praying the Old Testament psalms. The psalms beautifully reflect many different human emotions, such as lament or thanksgiving, and connect prayer to real life experiences. Along with the psalms, the Divine Office includes short scriptural passages, intercessions, and the Lord’s Prayer. There are also selections from the Fathers of the Church, spiritual writers, and other ancient texts.

One of the major developments at Vatican II was the acknowledgement of modern life, which is much busier than life in a monastery (88). Priests and active religious simply could not coordinate the set hours with their schedules. As a result, Vatican II suppressed some of the lesser-known hours of prayer and focused on the two major hours- lauds (morning prayer) and vespers (evening prayer). These were to be the two hinges of the day. Priests, active religious, and even lay people could manage to pray these hours.

Other developments at the council regarding the Divine Office were to redistribute the psalms over a one-month period (as opposed to a one-week period) and to add a better selection of readings from the saints, Fathers of the Church, and other spiritual writers. In connection with this last point, the martyrdom accounts and the lives of the saints were “to be made historically accurate,” (92c) as history proved some of the accounts fictitious. Finally, the prayers were allowed to be translated into the vernacular, assuming they received official ecclesial approval.

By praying the Divine Office, whether as a monk, nun, pastor, or lay person, one truly is “ceaselessly engaged in praising the Lord and interceding for the salvation of the entire world.” (83)

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## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **PSR REGISTRATIONS**

Don't forget to register your child(ren) for PSR for the 2021-22 school year, especially if they need catechesis to receive First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation and are not enrolled at St. Matthias School. Classes start September 19 and attendance is essential. Calendars and registration forms are available in the vestibule.

### **REAL PRESENCE REAL FUTURE MEETINGS**

Parishioners are invited to discuss the findings from our Real Presence Real Future survey and insights from the Catholic Leadership Institute regarding our parish. The meeting will be offered twice: Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm and Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 pm. in the St. Julie Room. You only need to attend one of them.

### **FALL BOOK STUDY**

Join Fr. Tony and other parishioners for an Adult Religious Education experience. We will be reading and discussing the book 'Beyond Colorblind' by Sarah Shin on the following Thursday evenings at 7pm in the St. Julie Room: 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28 and 11/4. Books are available for purchase at the Parish Offices for \$6. May Jesus redeem our ethnic journeys.

### **JUSTICE MINISTRY HOUSE MEETINGS**

Our team leaders in the Justice Ministry are conducting their house meetings at the end of this month. House meetings are small group discussions on current issues of injustice that impact us personally. Join the 'St. Matthias Justice Ministry' Flocknote group soon to receive a call from one of the team leaders with more information.

### **BOOKKEEPER JOB OPENING**

St. Matthias Parish Offices are looking for a part-time bookkeeper. Duties include managing Quickbooks (accounts receivable and payable), submitting payroll, tracking tuition payments, and other office related duties. An accounting background is required. Hours are flexible. Please submit resumes to Fr. Tony at [tdavis@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:tdavis@columbuscatholic.org) if interested.

### **GUIDEBOOK AND DIRECTORY**

We have contracted Guidebook Publishing (GBP) to publish a Guide & Directory for our congregation that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes annually. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions, and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and mailed to each member at no cost to our church. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. If you own or manage and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call our office at 614-267-3406

<b>Date August 22, 2021</b>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>FISCAL YEAR TO DATE</u>
Contributions (+ online)	\$5,889	\$57,471.00
Budget	\$8,000	\$64,000
Difference	\$(2,111.00)	\$(6,529.00)

## **NOTICES**

### **LECTORS**

The new lector schedule for Oct-Nov-Dec. will be coming out soon. Please notify the Parish Offices with any days that do not work for you. If you would like to become a lector, please contact the Parish Offices.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

If you have a child who is a trained Altar Server from before the pandemic, please join our new 'St. Matthias Altar Server' Flocknote group to sign up to Altar Serve. Current Altar Servers will be retrained soon as well as training for new Altar Servers fifth grade and up.

### **HAITIAN FESTIVAL**

Please stop by the St. Matthias parking lot on Monday, September 6 in the afternoon for the Haitian Labor Day festival. God bless all our workers, especially during this pandemic!

### **CHILDRENS' LITURGY**

Beginning Sunday, September 12, children of the parish (K-5) will be invited to go to the library during the 11am mass for their own Liturgy of the Word. They will be dismissed from Church after the opening pray and return during the offertory. Thank you to our leaders!

### **SCHOOL MASSES**

Beginning on Friday, September 03, half the student body will be present each Friday for mass. Parishioners are asked to wear a mask those days.

### **MUSIC UPDATE**

To access the digital worship aids please visit <https://www.stmatthiascolumbus.com/worship-aids> Then insert the password "Music". Due to the increase in COVID cases, we will not be adding more congregational singing at this time. The slow reopening plan was designed to allow us to pause, without removing any of the new additions, as needed. The musicians are excited to introduce new songs for you to listen to and reflect upon during communion.

### **FLOCKNOTE**

Flocknote is a great way to receive parish communications in a fast and accurate way. To join, go to our website and fill out the brief form on our homepage under 'Join our St. Matthias Flocknote.' Non-parishioners who want to receive our communications may also join!

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