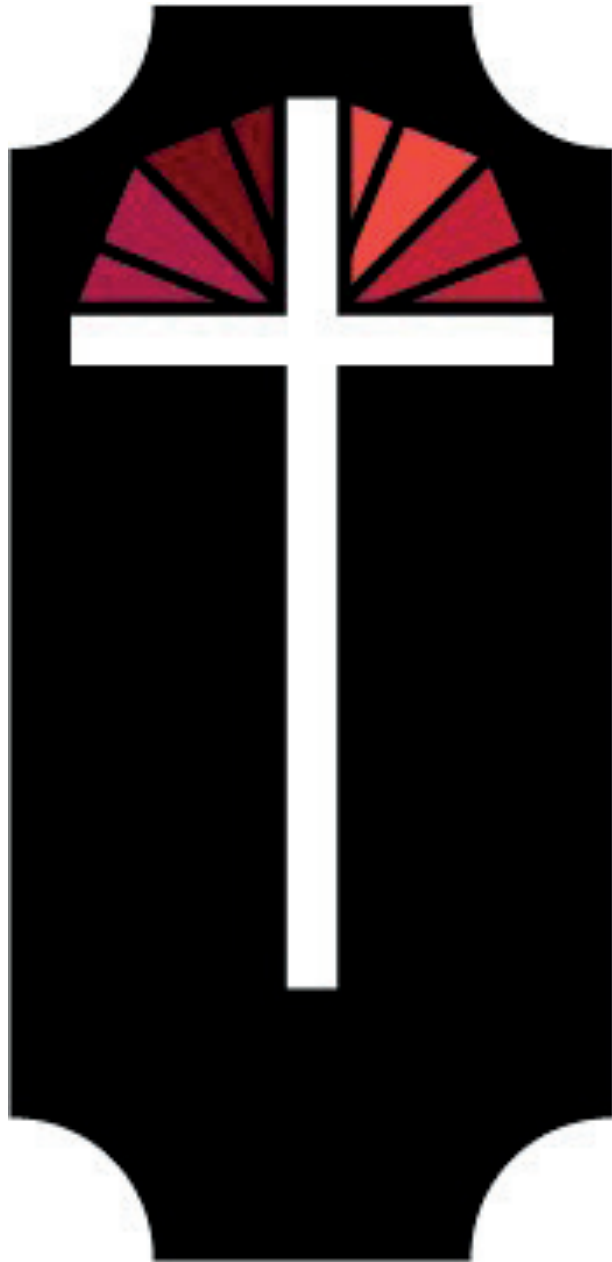


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Office Hours

Tuesdays 9am – 2pm

Wednesdays 9am – 2pm

Thursdays 9am – 2pm

Fridays 9am – 2pm

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 21

8:30AM Matha Hoang

Wednesday, September 22

8:30AM Paul Allison

Thursday, September 23

8:30AM Mary Gioffre

Friday, September 24

8:30AM Joseph Lanh Pham

Saturday, September 25

5:00PM Maria Tran

Sunday, September 26

9:00AM Parents Matthew Vu

& Maria Nguyen

11:00AM People of Our Parish

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 Sacred Liturgy Chapters 6 and 7 by Fr. Tony Davis

The document on the Sacred Liturgy ends with two chapters on two of the more notable changes to the mass at Vatican II: sacred music and sacred art.

Of all people, the group that most opposed the liturgical movement of the 20th century was the liturgical musicians. They feared that the “updating” of the church would lead to the dismissal of Gregorian Chant, which had traditionally held pride of place in the Roman Catholic Church. In order to calm these fears, in Chapter 6 on ‘Sacred Music,’ the council bishops wrote, “the church recognizes Gregorian chant as especially native to the Roman liturgy.” (116) The bishops also praised the musical tradition of the Church and called it ‘a treasure of inestimable value.’ (112) Along with these reaffirmations, the council bishops did open the way for more musical genres and instruments (besides the pipe organ) to be used in the liturgy, especially in the mission areas. They also encouraged composers to continue writing new music to increase the church’s store of musical treasures. Since the council, Gregorian Chant is still used and appreciated by the universal church, although not typically on a parish level.

In Chapter 7 on ‘Sacred Art and Furnishings,’ like in the previous chapter, the council bishops affirmed traditional art, but expanded the acceptable genres of art forms by specifying that the church does not adopt any one style of art. (123) Also of note behind this chapter was the intervention of Cardinal Giacomo Lercaro, who emphasized that the church is not primarily a monument, but a functional place for worship. For him, too much artwork had turned churches into museums, which did not foster movement and active worship. Thus, following the principle of ‘noble simplicity,’ the council bishops stated that the number of sacred images and artwork should be limited in order to keep the focus on Christ. (125) This was also true of the altar itself, which was greatly simplified to resemble a table. With freestanding altars detached from the wall, the priest could stand behind it and face the people during mass so that they could more actively participate in the liturgy.

Overall, the document on the Sacred Liturgy is both cautious and innovative. It strikes the right balance of honoring the past and preparing for the future. Since Vatican II, there have been many other changes and adjustments to the liturgy, some positive and some negative. While Vatican II does say a lot, there is a lot it does not say. Therefore, it is up to the pope and bishops of each generation to discern how best to conduct the sacred liturgy. Hopefully, they will do so according to the principles and spirit of Vatican II.

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CHURCH NEWS

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 this upcoming week: 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.

COVID UPDATE

We are thankful for the covid vaccine, which is keeping many people safe during this ongoing pandemic. At St. Matthias, we have been cautious from the start of the pandemic and will continue to be cautious, not out of fear, but out of respect for others. Please continue to wear a mask at our weekend masses and large parish functions so that we can continue reintroducing more parish activities. May our leaders continue to guide us through these difficult times.

A NOTE FROM MATTEW OPU

Dear Parishioners and the St. Matthias Community at large, I want to let you all know I shall be out of office for a period of a month. This is due to the fact my mother back home in Uganda is having some health-related issues and I would like to be there to see what best we could do for her in terms of finding health related care. I ask that you keep her in your prayers and hope to be seeing you all soon. My email and phone correspondence will be monitored in my absence.

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. Join the 'St. Matthias Justice Ministry' Flocknote group soon to receive a call from one of the team leaders with more information.

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

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| Budget | \$8,000 | \$80,000 |
| Difference | \$(58.00) | \$(8,630.00) |

NOTICES

CHILDRENS' ACTIVITIES

Children of the Parish grades K-5 are invited to the Library for a Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday 11am mass. Children will be dismissed after the open prayer and will return during the offertory. Children ages 3-5 are invited to learn about God in the Kindergarten Room. They may be dropped off before mass and picked up after mass. Thanks to our leaders!

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.

RCIA

Look for more information soon about RCIA, the process for adults to become Catholics. The process starts in the Fall and concludes in the Spring with the reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic this year, please call the Parish Offices and let us know. Classes are usually held on Sunday mornings between masses.

UPCOMING SACRAMENT MEETINGS

There will be a parent-child First Reconciliation meeting on Wednesday, October 13 at 7pm and a parent-student Confirmation meeting on Wednesday, October 20 at 7pm, both in the church. School and PSR families should plan on attending these informational meetings.

MUSIC UPDATE

To access the digital worship aids please visit <https://www.stmatthiascolumbus.com/worship-aids> Then insert the password "Music".

Choir practice is this Tuesday, September 21st from 7:30-8:30pm in the church.

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.'

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