



# *Saint Matthew* CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

MARCH 26 + FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- I am the  
*Resurrection*  
and the *Life*  
- John 11:25



## MASS SCHEDULE

### MASS

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. | 8 a.m.  
Wed. | 7 p.m. (Adoration at 6 p.m.)  
Saturday Vigil | 5 p.m.  
Sunday | 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

### CONFESSION

Wednesday | 6 - 6:50 p.m.  
Saturday | 4 - 4:45 p.m.

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE (MARCH 27 - APRIL 2, 2023)

### MONDAY, MARCH 27

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Janet and Vince Philips
- Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
- Jn 8:1-11

### TUESDAY, MARCH 28

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Charlene Desrochers
- Nm 21:4-9
- Jn 8:21-30

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✦ For Matt Coode
- Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
- Jn 8:31-42

### THURSDAY, MARCH 30

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ Moonlight Abaray
- Gn 17:3-9
- Jn 8:51-59

### FRIDAY, MARCH 31

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✦ For Ann and Gary Mayfield
- Jer 20:10-13
- Jn 10:31-42

### PALM SUNDAY

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✦ Mikayla Yopp Honeycutt
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ For the People
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✦ Fr. Joseph Trung Tran
- Mt 21:1-11
- Is 50:4-7
- Phil 2:6-11
- Mt 26:14—27:66

### ✦ Special Intention

✦ *May they rest in peace*

## PARISH NEWS

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us every Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross. This week, we will be led by Fr. Tran. Stations will begin at 6 p.m. here in the church. We hope to see you there.

### MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY - FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Join the Saint Matthew Men's Club on Friday, March 31 for their last Fish Fry of the Lenten season! We are returning to our original, pre-COVID format as a parish social event. We will serve dinner in the Cohan-Hansom Building at 6:30 p.m. after Stations of the Cross and end at 8 p.m. Meals are \$11/each and \$40/family (up to five meals). Each meal includes two pieces of fried catfish, hush puppies, fries, and coleslaw. Spaghetti will also be available for those who don't like fish. Visit [bit.ly/smcfishfrymar23](http://bit.ly/smcfishfrymar23) to place your order today.

### PATH OF REMEMBRANCE PAVERS

Memorialize your loved one with a custom engraved paver placed along the Path of Remembrance in the Grotto at Saint Matthew. Pavers can also be engraved for special occasions such as First Communion, Confirmation, and Mother's & Father's Day. Order yours before March 31 to be installed in late April or early May. Visit [bit.ly/smcspavers](http://bit.ly/smcspavers) to place your order today.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### - FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$23,983
SECOND COLLECTION: PARISH CHARITY	\$3489

### - FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 19, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$17,758
SECOND COLLECTION: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	\$283
SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	\$298

### NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Tuition Assistance

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SAINT MATTHEW!  
MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY ON OUR GIVING PAGE:

[www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving](http://www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving)





## PARISH NEWS

### FSM RONALD McDONALD HOUSE MEAL

Our Family Service Ministry will be preparing meals for 35 residents at the Ronald McDonald House. We will gather in the Cohan-Hansom Building after school (approximately 3:15 p.m.) on Friday, April 14 to gather and cook the meals. We are in need of volunteers to help cook and one volunteer to deliver the meals that evening. There are other volunteer opportunities for folks who are unavailable to attend and help cook. If you are interested, please visit [bit.ly/smcfsmronaldmcdonald](https://bit.ly/smcfsmronaldmcdonald) to sign up.

### SMS SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

Are you interested in serving Saint Matthew as part of the SMS School Board? The board is actively seeking to fill four openings to replace members whose terms will expire. The board meets monthly during the school year. Term commitment is three years. If interested, please submit a short bio (5-6 sentences) highlighting your background and the skills you believe would contribute to the board and SMS community to Elizabeth Stack at [elizabethstack@hotmail.com](mailto:elizabethstack@hotmail.com). Submissions are due by April 10.



**FRIDAY, MARCH 31  
6:30-8 P.M.  
\$11/MEAL & \$40/FAMILY\*  
ORDER ONLINE AT  
[www.bit.ly/smcfishfrymar23](https://www.bit.ly/smcfishfrymar23)**

*\*Limit 5 meals per family*

### MEN'S CLUB APRIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Saint Matthew Men's Club has adjusted its meeting date for April to accommodate Holy Week. They will now meet on Thursday, April 13. All men of the parish over 18 years old are invited to attend. Please email [mensclub@stmatthewtn.org](mailto:mensclub@stmatthewtn.org) if you have any questions.

### WOMEN'S CLUB TEA PARTY

All women of the parish are invited to a Tea Party celebrating the return of the Saint Matthew Women's Club! Joins us for the inaugural event of the 2023-2024 season. Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and learn more about all of the exciting events planned throughout the year. High tea attire and hats are encouraged, and bring your own tea cup. The event will take place on Sunday, May 7 at noon. To register, visit [bit.ly/smcwcteaparty](https://bit.ly/smcwcteaparty).



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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM  
SAINT MATTHEW.

[www.stmatthewtn.org](https://www.stmatthewtn.org)

## PARISH NEWS

### JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

Stay up-to-date with the latest news and information from Saint Matthew Catholic Church! Join our email list today to receive our regular newsletters, updates on upcoming events, and more. To join our list, visit [bit.ly/smcmailsignup](http://bit.ly/smcmailsignup) and fill out the form.

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Follow Saint Matthew to deepen your Catholic faith on your favorite social media platform! Find us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube to keep up with everything happening here on Sneed Road.

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## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - MARCH 26



### THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH: EPISODE 3 - ETERNAL REST

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.

To watch this title and many more like it, visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) and sign up using our parish zip code (37069).

### SAINT MATTHEW IS HIRING

Are you looking for a new career opportunity in the church? Saint Matthew Church and School is looking for motivated candidates to fill open positions in our offices. At the parish, we are seeking a new Music Director and an Accounts Payable Clerk. At the school, we are seeking our next Principal and Receptionist. If you are qualified for one of these positions and interested in joining our team, please visit [www.stmatthewtn.org/church](http://www.stmatthewtn.org/church) and click the “Current Job Openings” tile under the Parish News section. For more information, please contact the church office.

### BECOME A GIFT BEARER

We are looking for volunteers to be offertory gift bearers at each of our weekend Masses. All parishioners—individuals and families small and large—are invited to sign up. To register, visit [bit.ly/smcgiftbearer](http://bit.ly/smcgiftbearer). Please consider participating in this important ministry.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
Calling all Catholics to a celebration of community

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4**  
Open House & Food Trucks - 4:30 p.m.  
Chrism Mass - 6:30 p.m.  
at the Catholic Pastoral Center  
2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN, 37214

RSVP TODAY  
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# HOLY WEEK

## at Saint Matthew

### **PALM SUNDAY**

*Saturday, April 1*

5 p.m. – Mass\*

*\*Procession with palms begins  
in the courtyard (weather permitting)*

*Sunday, April 2*

8:30 a.m. – Mass

11 a.m. – Mass

*No outside procession*

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

*Thursday, April 6*

7 p.m. – Mass\* (*with incense*)

*\*Procession and Compline  
following Mass until 9 p.m.*

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

*Friday, April 7*

8 a.m. – Morning Prayer (Chapel)

3 p.m. – Stations of the Cross (Grotto)

7 p.m. – Passion of the Lord

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

*Saturday, April 8*

8 a.m. – Morning Prayer (Chapel)

8 p.m. – Easter Vigil (*with incense*)

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

*Sunday, April 9*

7:30 a.m. – Mass (*no incense*)

9:30 a.m. – Mass (*incense; nursery open*)

11:30 a.m. – Mass\* (*incense*)

*\*Men's Club Easter Egg Hunt  
to follow on athletics field*



## TONY'S REFLECTION ARISE, LAZARUS

While Lent presents itself as a rugged terrain at first, this journey into the wilderness with Christ full of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will sharpen our spiritual senses. Pressed into detaching ourselves from this world, we experience a sense of freedom from a culture that entices our passions and compels us to do things we know we shouldn't do.

Freedom is expressed in detaching oneself from that which negatively controls us. Something controls you – be it anxiety, other people's opinions, or perhaps some vector of short-term pleasure. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus demonstrates His power to free us from that which controls us – including death!

Yet, when Jesus hears of the illness of Lazarus, He actually delays His travel to Bethany, because of His love for the family. Interestingly, we see that the death and resurrection of Lazarus is a "premeditated" act of Jesus' love. Here, Christ uses the temporary sadness of the family and transforms grief into a revelation that He holds the power over death. Even still, before this miraculous event takes place Jesus shares in human emotion.

Upon approaching Lazarus' tomb Jesus becomes "perturbed"—in verses 33 and 38. The Greek word used here *embrimaomai* is especially strong—"he became angry within himself." Surely, one of the purposes of St. John in reporting the emotion of Jesus is to stress His sharing in our human nature, including the depth of human emotion. John portrays Jesus in some of the most deeply human moments of his ministry. Death is the separation of the body from the soul. Death is unnatural in God's creation as death penetrated into creation by the unfortunate choice of sin. Here, Jesus weeps.

Yet, in this scene, Jesus shows He has power over death. He speaks a command and disables death. The imagery is striking – Lazarus walks out of the tomb after four days with bandages still binding him. Jesus then instructs others to "unbind him, and let him go." Lazarus' bandages reflect what sin does to a person – it restricts the person from God and eventually leads to the death of the soul. When Jesus commands Lazarus to be "loosed" and "let go," he employs the Greek verbs *luô*—elsewhere used for being loosed from Satan's power (Luke 13:16; 1 John 3:8), from sin (Rev 1:5), and death (Acts 2:24). This resurrection, then, is also a "release" and "remission" from sin, death, and Satan.

As astonishing as this miracle is, it pales in comparison to saving a soul. As Fr. Garrigou-Langrange commented, "But even the raising of the dead to life, the miracle by which a corpse is reanimated with its natural life, is almost nothing in comparison with the resurrection of a soul, which has been lying spiritually dead in sin and has now been raised to the essentially supernatural life of grace."

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### THE BEATITUDES BIBLE STUDY

In his Gospel, Saint Matthew shares with us the astonishing words of Jesus: a promise of everlasting happiness, far removed from the usual ideas for gratification. Join us for a Bible study on the Beatitudes. We will meet on Thursdays at 1 p.m. starting March 30 in the parish conference center. To register, visit [bit.ly/smcbeatitudes](http://bit.ly/smcbeatitudes).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### REGISTRATION OPEN FOR TOTUS TUUS & VBS



Join Saint Matthew from June 25-30 for a week of faith-filled fun at Totus Tuus and Vacation Bible School! Learn more about each program below. To register, visit [bit.ly/smctotustuusvbs23](http://bit.ly/smctotustuusvbs23).

### STELLAR VBS: JUNE 26-30 | RISING PRE-K & K

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

### TOTUS TUUS JUNE 26-30 | RISING 1st - 6th GRADERS

Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic program designed to create joy in the faith. Totus Tuus is led by a team of college-aged missionaries and seminarians. Their youthfulness, energy, and faithfulness make them effective with children.

### TOTUS TUUS: MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL JUNE 25-29 | RISING 7th - 12th GRADERS

Our middle and high schools students will have their own Totus Tuus program that week, led by the Totus Tuus missionaries. The middle school and high school sessions will be held separately, and they will all meet each evening for night prayer.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### LIFE NIGHT RESUMES THIS WEEK

We hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break! Our regular Life Nights will resume tonight, March 26, where we will discuss why we fast during Lent. Bring a friend; they're always welcome! We hope to see you there.

#### Upcoming Life Teen Dates

- March 26: Life Teen as usual, 5-7 p.m., PCC
- April 2: Life Teen as usual, 5-7 p.m., PCC
- April 9: Happy Easter! No Life Teen this day
- April 16: Life Teen as usual, 5-7 p.m., PCC
- No Life Teen April 23
- No Life Teen April 30 (First Communion at Saint Matthew)
- May 7: Life Teen as usual, 5-7 p.m., PCC
- May 14: Happy Mother's Day! No Life Teen
- May 21: Time for Exams and Graduation!
- May 28: End-of-School-Year Party
- Summer 2023: June 10-17 - Fort Myers Servio Deo Mission Trip

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR SERVIO DEO



Registration is now open for Servio Deo! This year, we will be traveling to Fort Myers, Florida, to assist the communities affected by Hurricane Ian. The trip will take place from June 10-17 and is open to all 7th-12th graders in the Saint Matthew community. Register online at [bit.ly/smcserviodeo23](http://bit.ly/smcserviodeo23). To view the promo video for Servio Deo, visit [bit.ly/smcserviodeopromo](http://bit.ly/smcserviodeopromo).

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

Take a look at these upcoming youth events taking place around our diocese.

#### SEARCH RETREATS

**FINAL RETREAT: April 28-30**

This is your last opportunity to take part in the diocesan SEARCH retreat this season! To learn more and register, visit [soundscatholic.com](http://soundscatholic.com).

#### WORLD YOUTH DAY

**July 28-August 8, 2023**

The Diocese of Nashville is going to World Youth Day in 2023! All youth of the diocese ages 16 and up are invited to attend. For more information on WYD, visit [soundscatholic.com/world-youth-day](http://soundscatholic.com/world-youth-day).

### REGISTER FOR LIFE TEEN

We have loved seeing all the new faces at Life Teen and look forward to seeing many more to come. If your student has been attending or is planning to start attending Life Teen, please take a moment and register your high school student for Life Teen at [bit.ly/smclifeteen22-23](http://bit.ly/smclifeteen22-23).

**WATCH THE SERVIO DEO  
PROMO VIDEO!**



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