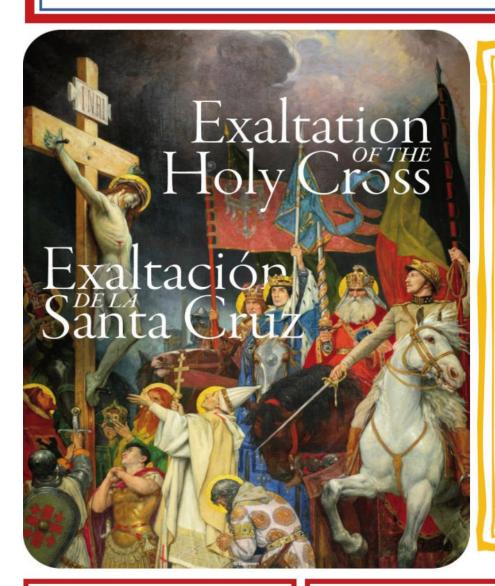
# Welcome to St. Matthew Catholic Church

**September 14,2025** 

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On 13 September 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (also called the Church of the Resurrection) was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had discovered on 14 September 320, was venerated in a solemn ceremony. In 614, the Persian King, Chosroes II, waged war on the Romans.

After conquering Jerusalem, he confiscated many treasures, among which was the Cross of Jesus. The Byzantine emperor Heraclius initiated peace negotiations, but was rejected. He then waged war and won near Nineveh, asking for the restitution of the Cross, which then returned to Jerusalem.

Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the Love that God manifested to humanity by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!"

(Pope Francis

# **CLERGY**

Reverend Leonard Dim,
Pastor
Reverend Valentine A. Umoh,
Parochial Vicar
Msgr. Thomas Skindeleski
Deacon Andy Plucinski
Deacon George White
Deacon Frank Iovine
Deacon Dony Antony

## **REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

Daily Masses: Monday through Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Saturday Vigil Masses: 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. (Español)

Sunday: 7:45 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.- 12:00 Noon

2nd and 4th Friday of the month Adoration 6:00 P.M.

Followed by mass for the sick at 7:00 P.M.

Primer Viernes de cada mes, comenzamos a las 6.P.M. con la Adoración al Santísimo seguido de la Coronilla y Misa al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús 7:00 P.M.

**CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 3:00 - 3:50 P.M.** 

#### Office Staff:

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#### **Parish Coordinators:**

Adult Choir Eric Keiper

Council of Catholic Women Joanne Capasso
Grief and Share Recovery Group Joanne Capasso
Loving Hands Joyce Costello

Mom's group TBA

Baptism Preparation/OCIA Deacon Frank Iovine, Deacon Dony Antony & Consuelo

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Usher Coordinator Brett Troskey

Lector & Eucharist Ministry Coordinator Anthony Piccolino
Hispanic Ministry Coordinator Marisol Rodriquez
Legion of Mary Valencia M. Delva

Children Choir Clare Ramos

#### **Time Groups Meet**

Monday: Knights of Columbus 2nd Monday of every month 7:30 P.M. Parish Center Tuesday: Loving Hands - Crocheting & Knitting 10:00 A.M. Parish Center

Legion of Mary TBA Spanish TBA Parish Center

7:00 P.M. French

Wednesday: Bible Studies - Oct. 22, 2025 REJOICE—Advent Study 7:00 P.M. English

Prayer Group 7:00 P.M. Spanish

Thursday: Liturgy of the Hour 6:00 P.M. Spanish

Choir Rehearsal 6:45 P.M. Every other

Thursday

Bingo 6:30 P.M. Thursday

If you would like to sponsor a pancake and sausage breakfast for \$300.00 call the parish office

#### Mass Intentions Mon. Sept. 15. †Roxana Ambrosini Rest in Peace by Gustavo and daughter 8:00 A.M. †Rogelio Gonzalez Rest in Peace by Silvia and Family †Geraldine Fulena Rest in Peace by Toni Theresa Plotts for good health by Mary Plotts Tues. Sept. 16, 8:00 A.M. †Diana Suarez Rest in Peace by Maria †Jorge Alejandro Restrepo Rest in Peace by his mother †Fernando Velasquez Rest in Peace by his Family †Felix Acuna Rest in Peace on your 49th death anniversary by Wed. Sept 17, 8:00 A.M. Lleranda Velazquez Greyson Levenson, Special Intentions Thurs. Sept 18, 8:00 A.M. †Jeremiah Spells Rest in Peace by Violet Spells Sean Skehan Special Intentions Miguel Viale Ramirez Special Intentions by Rosa Viale Fri. Sept 19, †Guillermo Quibano Rest in Peace by his children 8:00 A.M †For all souls in purgatory by Marisol Sat. Sept 20, Alex Stamey Special Intentions 8:00 A.M. †Pierre Narcisse Rest in Peace by Sister Nicole 4:00 P.M. †Helen Maurer Rest in Peace by Frank and Anna Scalise †Dean & Jim Mancione Rest in Peace by Mary Ann Ribaudo Felix Rodriguez Feliz Cumpleanos por su Familia 7:00 P.M. †Jorge Isacc Gantiva descansa en paz por la familia Sun. Sept 21, 7:45 A.M. †Mom and Grandma Rest in Peace by Rosalie †Debra Toma Happy Birthday in Heaven by Rosalie 9:00 A.M. In Thanksgiving for my son Tito's life by mom Deacon Andy for health restoration 10:30 A.M. †Robert Bannon Rest in Peace by Driscoll Family †Tony Dileonardo Rest in Peace by the Tronco Family †Bud Tyson Rest in Peace by Sr. Dorothy and James Margan 12:00 Noon Fr. Leonard Dim for full restoration of his health

So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

John 16:22





#### Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Lectionary: 638

Reading 1

#### Numbers 21:4b-9

With their patience worn out by the journey. the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert,

where there is no food or water?

We are disgusted with this wretched food!"

In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents,

which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said,

"We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.

Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses,

"Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live."

Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole,

and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent

looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

#### Reading 2

#### Philippians 2:6-11

**Brothers and sisters:** 

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

coming in human likeness;

and found human in appearance,

he humbled himself,

becoming obedient to death,

even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him

and bestowed on him the name that is above every

name, that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Gospel

#### John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"No one has gone up to heaven

except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert.

so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him might not perish

but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world.

but that the world might be saved through him.



Our church is in need of a new Easter Paschal Candle Stand and a new Easter Paschal Candle

I reached out to all of you to help us Turchase both.

I did some price checking and the best price I got is: \$2,000.00 for the Stand \$700.00 for the Candle. Thank you for your support

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart, in choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Dios mío, me arrepiento de mis pecados con todo mi corazón, al elegir hacer el mal y no hacer el bien, he pecado contra ti, a quien debería amar sobre todas las cosas. Tengo la firme intención, con tu ayuda, de hacer penitencia, de no pecar más y de evitar todo lo que me lleve a pecar. Nuestro Salvador Jesucristo sufrió y murió por nosotros. En su nombre, Dios mío, ten piedad.

## 3rd Annual Saint Matthew Christmas Festival

Get ready for one of St. Matthew's most joyful traditions—the

Christmas Festival is coming soon! We're now inviting vendors to join us for this special event, with a discounted rate available for Craft & Tag Festival exhibitors. We're also seeking donations for our ever-popular Baskets of Cheer Raffle. Both are wonderful ways to support the parish and be part of the celebration.

For details, please contact Heather and Michael Poulin, Co-Chairs, Christmas Festival, at **st.matthewchristmasfestival@gmail.com** 



## **Upcoming Events**

Prayer and Drawing Contest for Children From: September

8 to October 6

International Food Festival
 October 19

Parish Picnic September 21

Craft and Tag Sale November 15

♦ Advent Retreat In December TBA

◆ Guadalupana Celebration December 12

5:00 A.M. Mañanita / Mass 7:00 P.M. / follow by reception (Spanish)

Christmas Festival

December 13

Children Tree Trimming & Nativity Play

December 13

More dates will Follow soon

# HAPPINESS IS YELLING **BINGO**

Every Thursday -At the Parish Center Doors open at 5:30 P.M.
Games begin 6:30 P.M.





We need this amount to reach our Goal!

**Total Collection for the Weekend** 

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 12,060.00 1ST COLLECTION

**God Bless You All!** 

### Saints of the Week September 14- 20, 2025 Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

# Q. Why Saturday is always Blessed Virgin Mary Day?

**A.** Saturday, Nov. 27, 1830, was the day before Advent began that year. That Saturday our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Catherine Labouré in the chapel of the motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity in Paris to give her the Miraculous Medal. Describing the design, Our Lady also said the medal was to have the inscription, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." The medal was to be spread far and wide. It was, and continues to be. Saturday, Sept. 19, 1846, was the day Mary appeared as Our Lady of La Salette to the young shepherd children Melanie Calvat and Maximum Giraud with a major message about changing living patterns and turning back to God.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 1531, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared for the first time to St. Juan Diego. (The Julian calendar was still the calendar in use during that time.) She told Juan to tell the bishop to have a chapel built there, "For in truth I am your compassionate Mother, yours and of all who live together in this land and of any others who love me, seek me, and call on me with confidence and devotion. In that house I will listen to their weeping and their sadness, I will give them help in their troubles and a cure for their misfortunes."

Saturdays are surely Mary's days right from the start.

The 2024-25 Financial Report for the Parish is now available on the Parish website (Financial Information Tab). The report includes the Budget for FY25 (July 2024-June 2025), Actual Revenue and Expenses for the same period, as well as the Projected Budget for this Fiscal Year (July 2025-June 2026) which was developed by the Parish Finance Committee. This report will remain on the Parish website through July, 2026.

Second Collections

RESPECT LIFE/ MIGRANTS

REGISTRATION FOR VENDORS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE GIANT CRAFT AND TAG SALE, ON NOVEMBER 15 IF YOU ARE A VENDOR PLEASE COME TO THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER. SPACES ARE \$30.00 FOR ONE AND \$50.00 FOR TWO! MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW SOON.



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ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH WILL BE CELEBRATING AN INTERNATIONALFOOD FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 STARTING AT 1:00 PM. THE MENU WILL INCLUDE AFRICAN, AMERICAN, EUROPEAN, LATIN AMERICAN, AND CARIBBEAN FOODS.

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ADDITIONALLY, TICKETS FOR SIDE DISHES OF ANY OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE SOLD FOR \$5.00 PER COUNTRY. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASSES IN THE PARISH CENTER AND AT THE EXITS OF THE CHURCH OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. DESSERTS, WATER, AND SODAS WILL BE SOLD FOR \$1.00 EACH. TICKETS FOR A 50/50 RAFFLE WILL BE SOLD ATER ALL MASSES AND DURING THE FESTIVAL.



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If you are between the ages of 5-17 years old
This announcement is for YOU!

PRAYER AND DRAWING CONTEST

Contest begins SEPTEMBER 8th ENDS OCTOBER 6th AND THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCE ON OCTOBER 19th AT THE 10:30 Mass

## WHAT IS THE CONTEST ABOUT?

- ⇒ If you are between the ages of 5-6 years old, draw a picture of you and your parish priest, praying together.
- ⇒ If you are between the ages of 7-12 years old, write a prayer of thanksgiving to God.
- $\Rightarrow$  If you are between the ages of 13-17 years old, write a prayer to Jesus thanking Him for your family.

There will be 3 winners one from each age group. Each winner will get a \$50.00 gift card / there is a drop box by the entrance of the MCB.

Fr. Leonard and Fr. Valentine are looking forward to

read and see our Parish children's prayers and drawings.





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# Caminando con la Palabra

#### Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

14 de septiembre de 2025 (Números 21, 4-9; Salmo 77, 1-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38; Filipenses 2, 6-11; Juan 3, 13-17)

Parece peculiar, en este tiempo litúrgico ordinario, encontrarnos de repente una celebración como la de hoy. La Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz es de gran importancia tanto para el rito de Occidente (Latino), que es el nuestro, como para los ritos de Oriente (Rito Griego Ortodoxo y otros). En muchos de los

países de habla hispana, cabe apuntar, se observa algo similar no el 14 de septiembre, sino el 3 de mayo

(el día de la Cruz de Mayo).

La fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz conmemora dos sucesos históricos. El primero es el descubrimiento, en el año 320, de la verdadera Cruz, del Calvario y de la tumba de Cristo. Santa Elena, madre del emperador Constantino, los encontró bajo un templo erigido a la diosa Venus,

donde habían sido enterrados por los romanos. El Segundo acontecimiento que origina la celebración de esta fiesta es la

dedicación de una iglesia en ese lugar en el año 335. Hoy en día, esa iglesia, que existe desde entonces, recibe el nombre de Basílica del Santo Sepulcro, y alberga el Calvario, la tumba de Jesús y la cisterna en la cual Santa Elena encontró los instrumentos de la Pasión de Jesús, incluida la Cruz.

Las lecturas ofrecidas hoy por la Iglesia apuntan a que la Cruz, instrumento de humillación y tortura, se transforma, gracias al sacrificio de

Jesucristo, en medio de redención para el mundo entero pues, "así como Moisés levantó la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna (Juan 3, 14-15)." Si bien para los romanos el madero es la manera de aplicar la condena a un reo de muerte, el Evangelio en cambio indica que "Dios no envió a su Hijo para condenar al mundo, sino para que el mundo se salvara por él (Juan 3, 17)."

Contemplemos por tanto en esta Eucaristía cómo la Cruz abre la puerta para que podamos ser dignos merecedores y partícipes de las promesas de Cristo. Repi-













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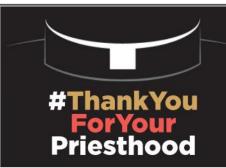
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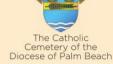
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