



St. Matthew Catholic Church (1909)

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March 21 & 22, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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This Week's Mass Times

NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please Note the Instructions for

An Act of Spiritual Communion Inside

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday

3 PM—6 PM

Confession—by appointment

Welcome to St. Matthew Parish

To register and become a member of St. Matthew: Please see Father, Linda Fryman, Rosanne Rawe, or Lisa Cooper to fill out a registration form. We welcome you and hope you enjoy attending Mass at our little parish. We pride ourselves on being a faith family that welcomes all to join and get to know us. If you aren't Catholic and have thought about becoming Catholic or would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please call the rectory and leave a call back number or see Fr. Augustine after Mass.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 21 March—5 PM

For Pauline Stephany

Sunday, 22 March —9 AM

For the Living and Dead Members of
Our Parish

Tuesday, 24 March —8:30 AM

For Bonnie Jackson

Wednesday, 25 March —6:30 PM

For the Living and Dead Members of
Our Parish

Friday, 27 March—8:30 AM

For Ed 'Rock' Reilly Family

Saturday, 28 March—5PM

For the Living and Dead Members of
Our Parish

Sunday, 29 March—9 AM

For Helen Fariello

Sunday Readings

March 21 & 22

First—1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Second—Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel—John 9:1-41

March 28 & 29

First – Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second— Romans 8:8-11

Gospel— John 11:1-48

Daily Readings

Monday Isaiah 65:17-21 Psalm 29 (30):2,4-6,11-13 ; John 4:43-54

Tuesday , Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 105 (106):19-23 ; John 5:31-47

Wednesday ,The Annunciation of the Lord, Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10 ; Psalm 39(40):7-11; Luke 1:26-38

Thursday Exodus 32:7-14 ; Psalm 105 (106):19-23; John 5:31-47

Friday Wisdom 2:1,12-22 ; Psalm 33 (34):16,18,19-21,23; John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday Jeremiah 11:18-20 ; Psalm 7:2-3,9-12; John 7:40-52

To view daily Masses view EWTN network on TV. Sunday Mass from the **Cathedral** is on station MeTV WLWT, Spectrum channel 188, Cincinnati Bell Channel 23 or 291, antenna TV channel 5 or 2. **Mother of God** Masses are at 10:45 AM on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at <http://mother-of-god.org>

Prayer Requests

Jerry Ehlman , Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Yandell Schneider, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, David Roland, Joseph Cooley, Grant Kelly, and Rita Funke.

Pray Unceasingly



March Birthdays

Mar. 3—Andy Schroder

Mar. 6—Rita Funke

Mar. 11—Bill Kappesser

Mar. 18—Elissa Baker

Mar. 21—Howard Kluesener

Mar. 27—Tim Schlachter

Mar. 31—Eileen Ehlman

March 14 & 15 \$883

Flowers \$ 185

Nashville Tornado Collection \$148

Thank You!!

Confessions:

by appointment

It is understood that many people do not have an income during this time but if possible, please remember that we must meet our expenses regardless of whether or not we can attend Mass. Please mail or drop your weekly donations in the drop box outside the parish office. Thank you so much. We have to make sure we have a church building to which we may return once this is over.

May God Bless Each and Every One of You!

PARISH NEWS

If at any time we cannot go to Mass in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist through making a spiritual Communion. By making an **Act of Spiritual Communion**, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. We must attempt to bring and keep ourselves as close to Our Lord as we possibly can. If at all possible: Pray the rosary daily, read scripture or some spiritual writing, visit adoration if you feel comfortable doing so on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, watch daily mass, or Sunday mass online with Bishop Barron or watch EWTN, and make a spiritual communion before, during, and after your viewing of the mass, pray for those who are sick and for the health of the Church, pray the Liturgy of the Hours (can be found at ibreviary.org), and please continue to give generously, do penance, and fast when you can. As Jesus once calmed the stormy sea, he will eventually calm this uncertain time. Have faith!

Spiritual Communion

When unable to attend Mass

+In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

OUR FATHER

Collect

Let the power of the Holy Spirit come upon me, O Lord, I beseech thee; that He may both mercifully cleanse my heart and defend me from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please Read Reading for Today and the
Gospel for Today

Take a moment to think of the failures of the past week: recall any sins you have committed since your last Communion and offer them to Christ.

Act of Contrition

O God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against thee who art so good. Forgive me for Jesus' sake and I will try to sin no more.

Act of Reception

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me Never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in thy servant in the fulness of thy strength, in the perfection of thy ways, and in the holiness of thy spirit, and



rule over every hostile power in the might of thy Spirit, and to the glory of thy Father. Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

Act of Praise and Thanksgiving

Blessed, praised, and adored be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory in Heaven, and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, Save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to thee.
That with thy Saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

+In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

IN OUR DIOCESE



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18 March 2020

My dear Friends,

Praised be Jesus Christ! We find ourselves in what for most of us will be a once-in-a-lifetime situation with the Coronavirus pandemic. Our lives have been and are being altered dramatically. It is as though every aspect of our lives is being affected and the situation seems to change almost hourly. This is also affecting our faith life, at least in terms of our worship.

We have been following very closely the information that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has been providing for us. I have also spoken to fellow bishops, have established a Coronavirus task force to study the situation and make recommendations in how we should address it locally, have met this morning with our Deans and Vicars, have asked for and received from almost every pastor their experience and that of their parishioners from this past weekend Masses. Taking all this into consideration and especially having taken it to prayer, the following is our response.

1. **Public weekday and Sunday Masses in every parish church, in every chapel and oratory, in every religious house, in any of our institutions are suspended effective Friday, 20 March 2020.** Since the situation is so fluid, this suspension will be in effect until further notice. There are no exceptions to this suspension.
2. **Public celebration of the Sacraments and other public forms of worship are suspended Indefinitely.** This includes Lenten Penance Services, other Lenten devotions, celebrations of First Holy Communion, Communion Services, etc. Obviously, this is not an exhaustive list.
3. **The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) and Anointing of the Sick** are permitted on a private basis upon request.
4. **Funerals, burial services, and already scheduled weddings are permitted but attendance must be limited to a maximum of 10 participants.** This includes the celebrant.
5. Parish priests are advised to provide the faithful with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for a brief period each day. Attendees are directed to practice social distancing.
6. **All parish office activity is to be suspended for a period of two weeks beginning on Friday, 20 March.** After that date, parish office activity should be limited to a few days a week at most with a minimum number of staff.

7. All parish meetings of any kind are likewise to be canceled.
8. All parish socials of any sort are to be canceled. This includes, but is not limited to, fish fries (eat-in or carry-out) and bingo.

All previously published diocesan protocols addressing the Covid-19 remain in force.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the Blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely, Christ himself, our Pasch. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1324)

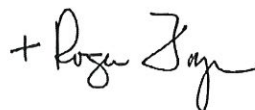
To suspend the public celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments is the most difficult decision I have ever had to make in my 47 years as a priest and 18 years as a bishop. I make it with a heavy heart and with profound sadness. I encourage all our faithful to continue to pray at home and to make a Spiritual Communion often. I know many of the faithful will be disappointed and perhaps even angry, at being denied access to the most Holy Eucharist. I don't blame you. I've received numerous messages from people who are distraught that we might have to take this action as well as messages from people who feel we are being negligent in not cancelling everything. This is not an easy time and does not have an easy solution. Decisions must be made on fact and in faith taking into account all of God's people. Human respect cannot play a part in such weighty decisions.

Some people will feel we have not gone far enough, and others will feel that we have gone too far. But given the current situation and with the facts that have been provided to us, it is as though there is no alternative. And if we are going to suspend the celebration of the Eucharist, we cannot then go on in other areas of our pastoral ministry as if there is no change and everything is fine. Everything we do and who we are flows from the Eucharist.

These are difficult and trying times but, with deep faith and sure hope, we will get through them and hopefully better appreciate all the good things the Lord has given us for our journey, the most important of which is His Body and Blood.

Let us keep each other in prayer.

Yours devotedly in the Eucharistic Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "+ Roger J. Foy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Roger J. Foy, D.D.
Bishop of Covington

Father is Available For Private Meetings

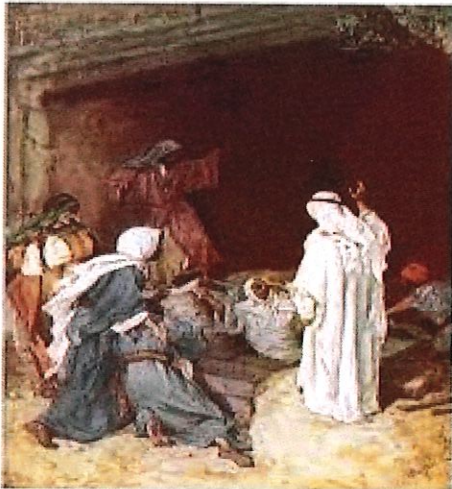
Please contact Father Augustine if you are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, Confession, or feel you must receive Communion. He will make arrangements for such. Call the rectory and leave a message or if it is an emergency call his cell number on the front page of the bulletin. We are making every effort to serve our parishioners and want you to know you are not alone.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew

St. Matthew Church will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3PM until 6PM. If you are able, please spend time with the Lord at this time to remain close and connected during this time of trouble. We are asked to sit with a safe distance between us when we attend. Copies of the Spiritual Communion will be given out during this time for you to take home and use.

The Need to Forgive

Sometimes people hold on to anger and resentment toward individuals who have hurt them deeply. Maybe it was a family member or a friend. Maybe it was someone or something in the Church. Our modern culture condones and encourages anger and revenge. But hatred and bitterness are spiritual cancers that eat at the heart of a person. The Catholic Church provides the opportunity to seek God's help in forgiving others, even when the other person does not ask for forgiveness or does not deserve it. The ability to forgive is a gift that opens a person's heart more fully to God's love and peace.



Jesus Raised Lazarus.

He Can Keep Us Safe from The Corona Virus.

Take it to him in your prayers!

If You or Someone You Know Needs Assistance

If any of you find that you are in need of assistance, worship materials, or just need to talk to someone and needs encouragement during this trying time, please reach out to Father . We will try our best to help. We must not shut ourselves away from holiness and always choose to love and worship God even if we are isolated. Take responsibility for your faith and know that you have a parish full of people and a priest to help you as you do. Let's pray well for each other during this time. Please know that Father is always praying for you and yours. Please pray for him as well.