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MOVED BY THE SPIRIT!**

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHEW SEEKS SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. WE ARE TRANSFORMED THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS, PRAYER, SACRIFICE, AND ACTS OF LOVE AND MERCY. ALL ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE LIVING GOD THROUGH OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Ballantyne Campus

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday 9 am, 10:45 am and 12:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday 8:15 am

Communion Service

Sunday 10 to 10:30 am and

11:45 am to 12:15 pm

Monday and Friday 9 to 9:30 am

Wednesday 9 to 10 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 10 to 10:30 am and

11:45 am to 12:15 pm

Wednesday 9 to 10 am

Upon request

Live Streaming of Mass

Our Masses are live streamed on Sundays

at 9 am and weekdays at 8:15 am.

See page 6 for more information.

Adoration (Church)

Friday 9 to 10 am

Private Prayer (Church)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 am to 1 pm

Church Office

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 am to 1 pm

704-543-7677

8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway

Charlotte, North Carolina 28277

Gift Shop

704-927-4313

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 am to noon

Before and after all weekend Masses

Church Website

stmatthewcatholic.org

"Grandparents are a treasure..."

*...the elderly are those who
transmit history to us, who transmit
doctrine, who transmit the faith
and give it to us as an inheritance."*

~ Pope Francis

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SCRIPTURE

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9;
Mt 18:21-35

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11;
Jn 3:13-17

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

**MEMORIAL OF ST. CORNELIUS, POPE, AND
ST. CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS**

1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22; Lk 7:31-35

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

**ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF
THE CHURCH**

1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15; Lk 8:1-3

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

ST. JANUARIUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;
Mt 20:1-16a

Click on the saint's name or feast day to learn more.
Click on the day of the week for the readings.

GOSPEL READING - MATTHEW 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."



*The Lord is kind and merciful,
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.*

PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS

SUNDAY PRAYER INTENTIONS

[Click here](#) to add your intentions to our *Virtual Prayer Request Wall* and have them presented on the altar during Sunday Mass.

PRAYER LINE

St. Matthew continues to hold our parishioners, community at large and the world in prayer. If you have a specific request that you would like us to pray for, please email [Joan Kelley](#) to be added to our confidential prayer line.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO

Cynthia Cosimano Daugherty, wife of Dr. Stephen Daugherty and father of Katherine and Emma Daugherty;

Carl Edwards, husband of Joan Edwards;

Lisette Garcia-Johansson, wife of Lennart Johansson and mother of Markus and Kennet Johansson;

MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER.

BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBER

Caleb Thomas Horvath

who was baptized at St. Matthew on August 29, 2020.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT AND BENEFITS COLLECTION

The dedicated priests who served us in the past now deserve to live out their retirement years in dignity. Our parish has been assessed \$175,836 for the priests' retirement and benefits plans. **Please be as generous as you can in this second collection next weekend, Sept. 19 and 20.** Additional envelopes are available in the parish office.

SCHEDULE UPDATES

BALLANTYNE CAMPUS

MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am*, 10:45 am, 12:30 pm

Monday through Friday: 8:15 am*

*Live Streamed

OUTDOOR COMMUNION SERVICE

[\(CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP\)](#)

Sunday: 10 to 10:30 am

Sunday: 11:45 am to 12:15 pm

Monday: 9 to 9:30 am

Wednesday: 9 to 10 am

Friday: 9 to 9:30 am

OUTDOOR CONFESSIONS

Sunday: 10 to 10:30 am

Sunday: 11:45 am to 12:15 pm

Wednesday: 9 to 10 am

ADORATION (CHURCH)

Friday: 9 to 10 am

PRIVATE PRAYER (CHURCH)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 am to 1 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 am to 1 pm

GIFT SHOP

Saturday: Before and after 5:30 pm Mass

Sunday: Before and after 9 am, 10:45 am and 12:30 pm Masses

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9 am to noon

WAXHAW CAMPUS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE SEPT. 19

COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday: 4 pm



FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

STAY CONNECTED

Outside of our Sunday Liturgy, we hope that you find the support and guidance you need not only in catechizing your children in the Catholic faith, but also in living out your Faith as a family.

WEBSITE PAGES

Visit our webpages for details on what is taking place this fall both in person and online.

stmatthewcatholic.org/youthministry
Stmatthewcatholic.org/faithfamily

FACEBOOK PAGES

[StMatthew YouthMin](#)
[StMatthew FaithFamily](#)

INSTAGRAM

[stmatt_ym](#)
[stmatthew_faithfamily](#)

FAITH AND FAMILY TEAM CONTACTS

[Diane Kiradjieff](#) Director
[Josephine Francis](#) Administration
[Amy Bojarski](#) Family Programs
[Lisa Tavares](#) Preschool to First Grade
[Lori Mathews](#) First Sacraments Preparation
[Michelle Lyberg](#) Third to Fifth Grade
[Avery Utz](#) Middle School/Confirmation
[Lauren Piercefield](#) High School

Ready for faith, family and fun?

Join us for *Movie Night at the Church*, as we turn the WAXHAW CAMPUS parking lot into a safe, socially distanced movie theater experience for your family. With a little service and trivia sprinkled into the evening, a joyful time will be had by all! Space is limited and you must RSVP [HERE](#) to participate.

FAITH AND FAMILY GOSPEL “GO!”

Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?

Last week, Jesus taught about resolving conflict. This week He goes even deeper as He teaches us about forgiveness. In a family, our love for one another is deep and unconditional - this is how our Father loves us. Yet, irritations and annoyance often challenge us to feel and show that unconditional love. Today, Jesus reminds us of the importance of forgiving. The forgiveness we ask of the Father, should be the same forgiveness we show one another.

GO FORTH! We reiterate this lesson of forgiveness every time we pray the *Our Father: forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us*. This week hold one another accountable to the “as” in this prayer when differences and conflict occur. Also, take time to ask the Father for His forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation. [Click here](#) for the sacrament of reconciliation schedule.

2020-2021 PROGRAMMING

Registration is temporarily suspended as we begin the process of building small groups for the @MATT program. **If you still need to register, please wait until Tuesday, Sept. 15** when the link will reopen.

How many ways can you find to forgive in our [word search](#) this week?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our @MATT program is in need of individuals to serve as catechists and small group leaders. Modifications have been put in place for safety and limited exposure. Please visit our [Faith and Family Program Volunteer page](#) to learn more, or reach out to us at faithform@stmatthewcatholic.org. **Help support our St. Matthew families in raising disciples for Christ!**

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

All parish seventh and eighth graders should be registered in our @MATT or @HOME Edge program to participate in preparation for the sacrament of confirmation, and life as a disciple beyond the sacrament! Contact [Avery](#) if you still need to register!

[Middle School Programs and Events](#)

FAMILY CONNECTION MINISTRY

Family Movie Night - Sept. 18 7 to 9 pm; Waxhaw Campus
Pack a picnic dinner, bring some beach chairs and join us for a movie, drive-in fashion!

Face coverings are required and families must pre-register.



[Family Connection Programs and Events](#)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Something BIG is coming! Be one of the first to find out what by joining the Big News Release Group below!

BIG NEWS RELEASE

Life Nights begin Sept. 20! See link below for details. Our theme for the fall is “EX TENEBRIS LUX” - curious as to what it means? Join us to find out!

[High School Programs and Events](#)

ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Don't miss out on taking one of our upcoming fall Adult Faith Formation classes. Classes start soon! [Click here](#) for more information on these classes, a complete schedule and to register.

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

What are your superpowers? Discover them through our Living Your Strengths ministries! Thousands of parishioners have discovered how to use their strengths through our Strengths Exploration program. Shouldn't you? The fall groups begin Sept. 21. Each small group contains six to ten participants meeting weekly for six weeks. More than likely, the classes will take place via Zoom. Choose from one of the following groups:

Tuesdays	(Sept. 22 to Oct. 27)	1:30 to 3 pm
Wednesdays	(Sept. 23 to Oct. 28)	10 to 11:30 am
Wednesdays	(Sept. 23 to Oct. 28)	7 to 8:30 pm



To register, or for more information, please email 2findyourstrengths@gmail.com Pre-work includes taking an online assessment to discover your top talents. You are gifted, special and unique. Join a Strengths Exploration group and learn how! It's life-changing.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Our Young Adult Ministry continues to offer opportunities to stay connected through social media outlets. Visit us on [Facebook](#).



GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to noon

Saturday before and after 5:30 pm Mass

Sunday before and after 9 am, 10:45 am and 12:30 pm Masses

All proceeds support the charitable giving of St. Matthew.

See our weekly highlighted item and visit our webpage by clicking on the gift shop logo.



2020 MONSIGNOR MCSWEENEY WORLD HUNGER DRIVE

- ⇒ \$130 will feed a child in Haiti for one year.
- ⇒ \$250 pays for 700 pounds of bulk rice = 5,600 meals
- ⇒ \$300 pays for 400 pounds of bulk beans
- ⇒ \$650 pays for a pallet of rice = 16,800 meals
- ⇒ \$750 pays for a pallet of beans = 2,200 lbs.

[Click here](#) to select a coupon and make a monetary donation or visit the World Hunger Drive tables outside near the fountain after all Masses and Communion services this weekend to make a donation. All donations are gratefully accepted.



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MASS Bishop Jugis has suspended the obligation for all Catholics in the Diocese of Charlotte to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. Please remain home if you are in an at-risk category, sick or feel you should not attend. Please note that currently all Masses and reconciliation occur only on the Ballantyne Campus.

MASS, COMMUNION SERVICES AND RECONCILIATION

For a complete schedule of Masses, Communion services and reconciliation, see the bulletin cover or visit our website. For Covid-19 Mass procedures, [click here](#). For more information on our Communion services and to sign up to receive, [click here](#). **Please note that we will offer a Communion service at our Waxhaw campus beginning Saturday, Sept. 19, at 4 pm. You do not need to sign up for the Waxhaw Communion service.**

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS Our Masses are live streamed on Sundays at 9 am and weekdays at 8:15 am. Masses can be accessed any time after the live streaming. View them either live or delayed at the following:

Parish Website	stmatthewcatholic.org/mass
YouTube	youtube.com/user/stmatthewcatholic
Facebook	facebook.com/stmatthewcatholic

FOR ROKU TV, DOWNLOAD THE BOXCAST APP. Search **St. Matthew Catholic Church Charlotte** (must be entered exactly as shown). You will see the MATTtV logo. Once you enter into the MATTtV channel, it will remain a favorite.

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to access the live stream of Mass on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS Masses are offered, by our priests, for the intentions listed in our Mass book, but are not read aloud to protect the privacy of our parishioners while Masses are being streamed online.

FAMILY PRAYER SERVICE If you cannot join us for the streaming of Mass, a family prayer service is outlined on our [website](#). The prayer service includes wording for an act of spiritual communion.

OFFERTORY AND ONLINE GIVING

- **ONLINE GIVING AND TEXT-TO-GIVE** This is a terrific time to become an online giver! It's safe, secure, and easy to set up. Visit faithdirect.net using our church code NC36.
- **BANKING BILL PAY** Set up St. Matthew Catholic Church in your online banking bill pay option.
- **REMIT YOUR OFFERTORY ENVELOPES BY MAIL** St. Matthew Catholic Church; Attention: Business Office
PO Box 49349; Charlotte, NC 28277

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (PGC)

To remain current with your PGC certification, you must review and answer short monthly bulletins. Visit virtus.org and log in to your account to view scheduled bulletins. For help logging into your account, email [Lisa Hornung](#).

QUICK LINKS

[Stay Connected](#)

[COVID Resources](#)

[Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools \(MACS\)](#)

[Around the Diocese News](#)



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Parochial Vicar

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Parochial Vicar

Sister Marie Frechette, MSBT

Pastoral Associate x 1073

Deacon James Hamrlik x 1040

Deacon Paul Herman

Deacon Bill Griffin

Deacon Daren Bitter

Deacon Jack Staub x 1091

Deacon Gary Schrieber

ANNULMENTS

Deacon Jim Hamrlik 704-543-7677 x 1040

ST. MATTHEW COLUMBARIUM

AND PRAYER GARDEN

Call 704-543-7677 x 1025

COUNSELING CENTER

Parishioners in need of professional counseling may contact one of the priests or Sister Marie Frechette, MSBT at 704-543-7677 x 1073 for information and for counselor referrals.

SOCIAL WORK MINISTRY

Don Meanor of Catholic Charities is with us as part of our Family Assist Ministry.
Call 704-543-7677 x 1018

OFFICE STAFF

[Email addresses are on the website under About Us.](#)

Receptionist

Marjory Dury x 1021

Administrative Assistant

to the Parochial Administrator

Michèle Gauvin x 1049

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Antoinette Usher x 1025

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Kathy Bartlett x 1015 or

704-400-2213

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Jane Balbirnie x 1046

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Alison Kocak x 1029

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Jane Brock x 1007

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Lisa Hornung x 1016

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Erin Dunne x 1031

Communications/Social Media

Heather King x 1065

Communications/Bulletin

Julia Turner x 1056

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Jim Alvarez x 1181

PARISH LEADERSHIP

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Sally Dolan 704-927-4313

FAITH FORMATION

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Director

Diane Kiradjieff x 2

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Josephine Francis x 1

Special Needs Programing

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Preschool, Kindergarten and Third Grade

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Lori Mathews x 4

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Adult Faith Formation Registrar

Judy Stumbo 704-543-7677 x 1004

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Young Adult Ministry Coordinator

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Welcome Home for

Returning Catholics

(For Catholics returning to the Church after an absence) Alvin Townes at welcomhomecatholic@hotmail.com or 704-755-5043