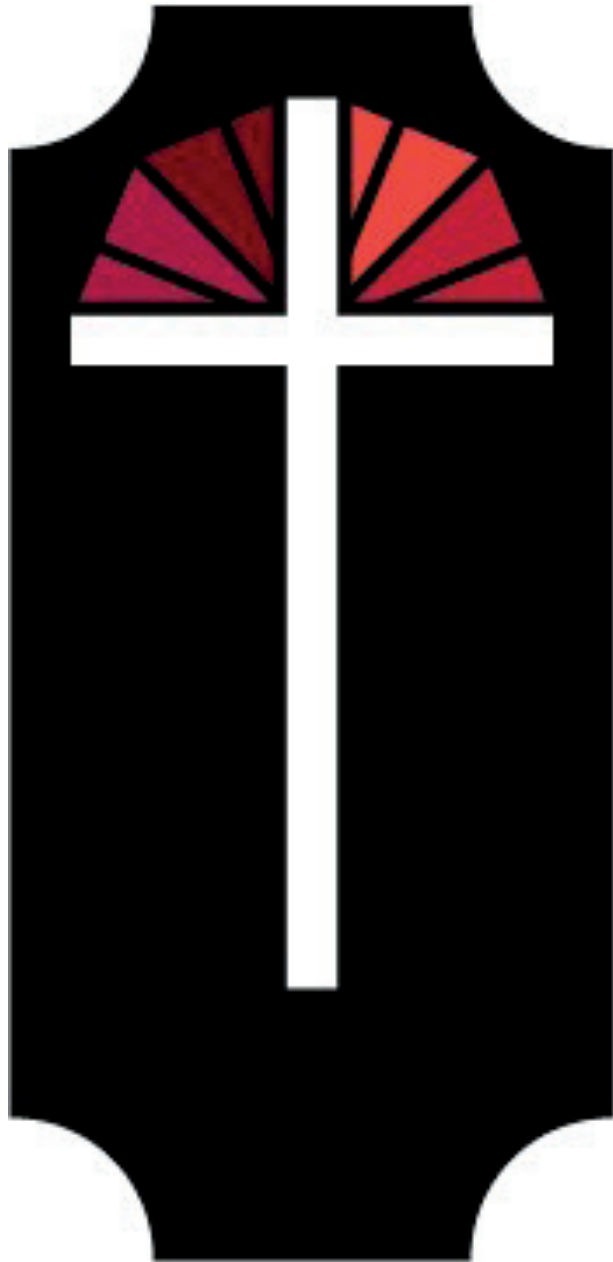


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Office Hours

Tuesdays 9am – 2pm

Wednesdays 9am – 2pm

Thursdays 9am – 2pm

Fridays 9am – 2pm

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 31

8:30AM Tah Keomany

Wednesday, September 01

8:30AM John Dinh

Thursday, September 02

8:30AM Maria Teresa Avila

Friday, September 03

8:30AM Henry Wrigley

Saturday, September 04

5:00PM Mutende Family

Sunday, September 05

9:00AM Jerry Callghan

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 Chapter 3 (*continued*) by Fr. Tony Davis

The previous major council of the Roman Catholic Church was the council of Trent (1545-1563). This council produced a significant amount of content, far more than Vatican I (1869-70). The council of Trent, along with the Church since that time, focused on the mechanics of faith. At Vatican II, however, the concern was not the mechanics of faith, but faith itself. This can be seen very clearly in Chapter 3 of the Document on the Sacred Liturgy.

Chapter 3 is titled, 'The Other Sacraments and the Sacramentals.' The first paragraph about faith itself is extremely important. It states that the sacraments "not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen, and express it." (59) In other words, the sacraments do not stand on their own, but operate within the context of faith. Put differently, the sacraments are not magic, but they sanctify the lives of the faithful "with the divine grace which flows from the paschal mystery of the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ." (61) Following the principle of noble simplicity, the council bishops wrote, "it is, therefore, of greatest importance that the faithful should easily understand the symbolism of the sacraments and should eagerly frequent those sacraments which were instituted to nourish the Christian life." (59) By celebrating and receiving the sacraments, the people of God should naturally grow in faith.

In the remaining paragraphs of Chapter 3, the bishops briefly address each of the other sacraments. Regarding Baptism and Confirmation, the bishops chose to restore the catechumenate for adults, which is known in the United States as RCIA. Through this formation process, the sacraments of initiation would not be administered in a mechanical way, but through a process of instruction, faith sharing, and community. As for infant baptisms, the bishops created a rite for baptizing many infants at once as well as emphasized the role of the parents and godparents in raising the child(ren) in the faith. For Confirmation, the bishops stated it should be connected more closely to baptism, so they added that the renewal of baptismal promises should precede the reception of the sacrament. For penance, the bishops simply said that the rites should be revised "so that they more clearly express both the nature and effect of the sacrament." (72) Last Rites was changed to Anointing of the Sick and was not to be used only at the moment of death, but in times of sickness. Ordination rites were to be revised. The Marriage rite was to be enriched so that it would "more clearly symbolize the grace of the sacrament" and "emphasize the spouses' duties." (77) Lastly, regarding sacramentals, the bishops stated that the prayers associated with them should enable the faithful to participate actively, easily, and with awareness of what is happening. Thus, Vatican II put its mark on all the sacraments and sacramentals of the Church that we experience today.

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CHURCH NEWS

HAITIAN EMERGENCY RELIEF

The Haitian Catholic Community would like to raise money to send to Haiti for emergency relief due to the earthquake. We will be taking up a special collection at all the weekend masses *this weekend, August 28-29*, to send to Haiti. So far, we have collected \$2,272. Thank you for your generosity!

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: Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm and Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 pm. in the St. Julie Room.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Soon, we would like to resume our homebound ministry, which was postponed due to covid-19 and safety concerns. If you would like to volunteer to visit and take Holy Communion to a parishioner's private residence on a monthly basis, please notify the Parish Offices. If you are homebound or have a homebound family member who would like to be visited on a normal basis, please also notify the Parish Offices. We do have homebound and volunteer lists from before the pandemic, but some of the information is no longer accurate. May God be with our homebound!

BOOKKEEPER JOB OPENING

St. Matthias Parish Offices are looking for a part-time bookkeeper. Duties include managing Quickbooks (accounts receivable and payable), submitting payroll, tracking tuition payments, and other office related duties. An accounting background is required. Hours are flexible. Please submit resumes to Fr. Tony at tdavis@columbuscatholic.org if interested.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD

Beginning Sunday, September 12, a Children's Liturgy of the Word will be available during the I Iam mass for children (grades K-5). Children will be dismissed to the library after the opening prayer and will return during the offertory. Children (grades 6-8) may commit to helping one of the leaders once-a-month. All participants are expected to wear masks until told otherwise.

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

Date August 15, 2021	CURRENT	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
Contributions (+ online)	\$8,095	\$51,582.00
Budget	\$8,000	\$56,000
Difference	\$95.00	\$(4,418.00)

NOTICES

HAITIAN FESTIVAL

Please stop by the St. Matthias parking lot on Monday, September 6 in the afternoon for the Haitian Labor Day festival. God bless all our workers, especially during this pandemic!

BRINGING UP THE GIFTS

If you would like to bring up the gifts at a weekend mass, particularly if the mass intention is for a loved one, please notify the sacristan at least 15 minutes prior to the mass. Sacristans will ask for volunteers 10 minutes before mass if no one makes a request.

JUSTICE MINISTRY

St. Matthias Church is in the process of joining BREAD (a local faith-based community organizing group) and forming a Justice Ministry at the Church. Please join our 'Justice Ministry' Flocknote to become actively involved.

SCHOOL MASSES

Beginning on Friday, September 03, half the student body will be present each Friday for mass. Parishioners are asked to wear a mask those days.

MUSIC UPDATE

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

Due to the increase in COVID cases, we will not be adding more congregational singing at this time. The slow reopening plan was designed to allow us to pause, without removing any of the new additions, as needed. The musicians are excited to introduce new songs for you to listen to and reflect upon during communion.

FLOCKNOTE

Flocknote is a great way to receive parish communications in a fast and accurate way. Just by joining, you will receive parish wide Flocknotes either by email, text, or both. Parishioners are also encouraged to join the various groups within the parish for communications from the various groups. To join, go to our website and fill out the brief form on our homepage under 'Join our St. Matthias Flocknote.' Non-parishioners who want to receive our communications may also join!

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