



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

REV. PRABHU AROCKIASAMY, PASTOR

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION,
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND MASS
SCHEDULES

SATURDAY 3:15PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
& CONFESSION
3:30 PM – HOLY ROSARY
4:00 PM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY
8:00 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
8:30AM- HOLY MASS
10:30 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
11:00AM- HOLY MASS

REGULAR WEEKDAYS
TUESDAY–FRIDAY
8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May month is dedicated to blessed Virgin Mary. To celebrate the Marian month, we have the recitation of the Holy Rosary; Monday through Friday @ 5:00pm at our Grotto. Please come and pray as a family for the members of our families, friends and for their well being.

5/5/2024 This Sunday after 8:30am Mass, free monthly breakfast by the knights and Ladies Auxiliaries. Thanks to them for cooking and serving.

5/12/2024 Mother's day, we have a special blessing at the end of the mass, celebrating their day.

5/16/2024 Parish Finance Council meeting @ 6:00pm

Thanks to knights of Columbus council 8740 for their generous contribution of \$ 3975.00 for replacing the air conditioning unit for the parish rectory and office.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday 28 Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday 29 Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a
Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Tuesday 30 Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11
Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Wednesday 1 Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Jn 16:12-15
Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Thursday 2 Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20
Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Friday 3 Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23
Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Saturday 4 Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28
Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Collection details :

April 28 2024

Parish Projects \$ 135
1st Collection \$ 3662.68
Total Deposit \$ 3,797.68

Forth coming special collection
May 19 for Communications



KNIGHTS OF COLUBUS AND- LADIES AUXILIARY #8740



In the beginning was the word...

Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy

BAYSIDE DENTAL MOBILE, AL

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall
Tuesday at 6PM

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5/8/2024 Fr. Prabhu A., celebrates his 15th priestly ordination Anniversary. As he starts this new year serving God's people; may he be blessed by God and may the Virgin Mother protect him under her mantle. You're requested to encourage, appreciate and acknowledge his priesthood as he serves God's People as His servant.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY MAY 4
4:00 PM DOLORES DUFF
HEALTH & HEALING

SUNDAY MAY 5
8:30AM
FRED LORGE
HEALTH & WELL BEING

11:00 AM
+ BILLY KENNY

TUESDAY MAY 7
8:00 AM
+ EUGENE BOUTRIES

WEDNESDAY MAY 8
8:00AM
FR. PRABHU A
15TH PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY MAY 9
8:00 AM
+ BILL KENNY SR.

FRIDAY MAY 10
8:00 AM
REGINA OLLINGER'S FAMILY

SATURDAY MAY 11
4:00 PM
CHRISTOPHER MARK BIRTHDAY SPECIAL INTENTIONS

SUNDAY MAY 12
8:30AM
SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF BEASLEY'S FAMILY
+ CHUCK SIMMONS

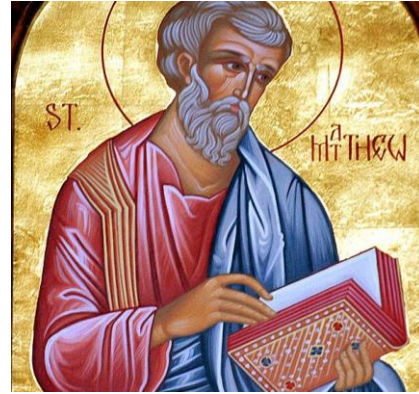
11:00 AM
+ CHRISTINE DELONEY SPECIAL INTENTIONS

ABIDE IN MY LOVE

John 15:9
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Tuesday—Friday : 9AM to 1PM
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Saint Matthew



As we continue in the three year Eucharist Renewal of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, let us reflect on the life of St. Matthew who was one of the apostles present at the Last Supper when Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In the New Testament writings Matthew is known by the name “Levi”. He may have been given the name Matthew (translated from Hebrew to mean “gift of Yahweh”) when he became a follower of Jesus. He was a publican, that is a tax collector for the Romans, a position held in contempt by the Jews. The Jews

detested them so much that they would not associate with publicans at religious worship. St. Matthew was decidedly a social outcast. In the second year of Jesus’s public ministry He came across the despised publican. It was here that Jesus called Matthew to follow him. Thus Matthew, a social outcast became a member of the Apostles who answered Jesus’s call. St. Matthew, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote his Gospel. An outstanding feature of Matthew’s Gospel is the account of the five-long discourses of Jesus. St Matthew’s Gospel is one of the most precious of all of the many gifts God has given us in Scripture. Matthew is often depicted accompanied by an angel standing next to him instructing him of what to write about the life of Christ in his Gospel. St. Matthew is the patron saint of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, security

guards and stockbrokers. We celebrate the feast day of St. Matthew on September 21.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, open my mind and heart to the treasure of Your Truth as revealed in the Doctrine of the Real Presence. Grant that my eyes may see, through faith’s vision, the wonders of Your Love in The Most Holy Eucharist. As I meditate on the mystery of Your Hidden Presence, I entreat You to increase my faith, enkindle my hope, and deepen my love for You, my Eucharistic King. Amen

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, pray for us

St. Matthew, pray for us

GOSPEL RELECTION

Today’s Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today’s reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John’s intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today’s Gospel. One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today’s Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John’s Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to

be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love. In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is agape. The second is philia. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, philia. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God. Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his com-

munity that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love. This reading,

like last week’s, is part of Jesus’ Last Supper discourse. In the context of John’s Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus’ Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

Rev. Prabhu Arockiasamy

PRAYER LIST

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, Logan Bowers, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Tony Go- lemon, Mary Ann Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kim- brough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Elaine Moore, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O’Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Rudy Visperas, Melanie Wacker, Al- bert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Diane Little, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Fred L. Lorge, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cot- trell , Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Damian Turk, John O’Conner, Fr. Francis J. Sofie Jr , Me- gan , Stephen Wiese, Matthew wiese, Raymond Floyes, George E. Merren, Jr, Flora Decker, Mary Ann Fletchery, Pat McKeough , Mathew Wilson , Eddie Booth Jr, Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Diana Holifield, Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven, Ronnie Hudson, Jewanda Taylor Jowe , Nicholas Balch ,Jean Stanley , Col- leen O’Rourke, Perry Hockaday, David Curtis, Kristi D Young, Beth Kenny, Chad Gorlett, Ted Beasley, Mark Tranier, Barbara Tranier, Linda Da- vis, Pat Carlson, Laura Huff, Linda Nowosielski & Will Parker

MASS OPENING

May 18, 22 2024—Opening
May 24, 28, 29 2024—Opening
June 2 2024—Opening
June 4 2024—Opening
June 5 2024—Opening
June 6 2024—Opening
June 7 2024—Opening
June 8 2024—Opening
June 9 2024—Opening