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The Parish Newsletter *of*  
St Matthias' Church, Dallas, Texas

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Beloved in Christ,

**Have you kept a good Lent?** It is the perennial question. As a whole, we, as a parish family, have done very well. The guys put together a great Pancake Supper. Our Lenten speakers have done well in reacquainting us with the Ten Commandments. Turnout for the blood drive was excellent. I wasn't able to give this time around but I hope to in the Fall when the bus comes back. Our Friday Supper hosts have fed us well, and a goodly number of us have turned out. **AND** if you have not had a good Lent so far, it is still **not too late** to start. It just takes doing - start fresh today! Make your Holy Week just that - Holy!

From here on, we turn to make our way to Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week. It is always an amazing journey. And it never seems to matter how many times we make it, the amazement remains. The liturgies that we will be celebrating soon will draw us deeper and deeper into the mystery of our redemption - if we will be attentive. My prayer is that you will commit yourself to getting all that you can out of all that we will be doing. Make your Holy Week just that - Holy!

On behalf of all of us who were there, I want to thank our Rector Emeritus for his excellent class on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. D has given us the necessary tools to take full advantage of the Grace that the Lord desires to give us. Now, the onus is on all of us to take advantage of the opportunity afforded us to clean our spiritual house in preparation for the Paschal Feast. It is up to you to take the necessary step. You will be very glad that you did! Fr. D and I will both be available to hear Confessions between now and Easter. Check the Holy Week Handbook for available times.

I want to inform you of one more liturgical opportunity during Holy Week. It takes place at 10:30 in the morning on Holy Tuesday at Saint Vincent's Cathedral in Bedford. This year, Holy Tuesday is the 4th. What I am referring to is the Annual Diocesan Chrism Mass, *a.k.a.* the Mass of Collegiality. At this service, the clergy of our diocese gather with our bishop in order to renew our ordination vows and concelebrate the Mass with him.

At the Chrism Mass, the bishop will consecrate the Holy Oils to be used by the diocesan clergy throughout the coming year. He will also consecrate additional hosts to be taken by each of the parish priests back to his parish. This additional host is called the *fermentum*. It is broken on Maundy Thursday at the parish Mass and included with the hosts distributed then as a sign of our communion and unity with our bishop. Have you ever been to our cathedral? 1300 Forest Ridge in Bedford, TX 76022. It is just a twenty minute drive from our front door. If you are able to make it, I encourage you to do so. The Mass of Collegiality is a powerful service. And there is just nothing quite like a Mass with a full choir of all of the diocesan clergy singing with gusto!

Lent is finished with the celebration of the Easter Vigil. It is our parish's principal celebration of the Christian Passover. In fact, in many of the non-English speaking parts of the Christian world, they refer to the feast as Passover, or Pascua, Pasch, Pascoa, Paques, to name but a few of the many variations.

In Eastertide the Angelus is replaced by the Regina Coeli. So we will conclude our Sunday Solemn Mass rejoicing with the Blessed Mother at the resurrection of her Son by singing it.

Another event to get on your kalendar is the **10th Annual Second Sunday of Easter Egg Hunt**, April 16th. As we have done for a decade now, just to highlight that Easter really is a celebration meant to last for fifty days, we are having our egg hunt on the second Sunday in the season (*and there are all sorts of great clearance deals on Easter candy - the Paschal Rabbit needs to be economical too!*). You can help make it a success by making sure that we have lots of little egg hunters present for the fun. So be thinking now of who you know with young kids that you can invite to be with us on April 16th for the 10:30 Mass.

Beloved, let us finish Lent well, let us make Holy Week holy; in order that we may with great joy greet the Day of the Lord's Resurrection!

God bless you all,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fr. Charles" with a stylized flourish at the end.

## ANNUAL SPRING FLING

Come One! Come All! Help spruce up our property on April Fools' Day (No Jokes here) prior to Palm Sunday and Easter Week. We will start after Mass **Saturday, April 1st** and work until mid-afternoon as needed. Drinks will be provided and a light lunch as well. Please sign up on the list in the Great Hall. We need all the help we can get to make things go as quickly and easily as possible. For any questions, please contact Cindi Turnbull, People's Warden at 469-767-3742.



## SAVE THE DATE! 10TH ANNUAL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER EGG HUNT

Mark your calendars now for the St Matthias' 10th Annual Second Sunday of Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 16th** following Solemn High Mass. Gather up those children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors and join us for egg hunting and treats!

We are collecting contributions of plastic eggs and/or candy for the big day. Please leave your donations in the purple box by the front door of the Great Hall. Thank you.

## OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATES

**Blood Drive:** - St Matthias Saves Lives - Possibly Yours\*\* -  
Thank You to those who made it possible.

Seventeen\* of our parishioners donated whole blood, red blood and platelets on March 18th in your honor. Those donating were: *Tim Harwood, Jamie Hamilton, Amber Rivera, David Turnbull, Fred Thomas, Gracie Hamilton, Don Conley, Matt Miles, Bob Lea, Emma Forshaw, Margaret Neinast, Penny Schuchat Kidd, Patrick McGehee, Megan McGehee.* \*Cindi and Ray Turnbull will donate later at a Carter site. We also had a donor who saw the Carter blood coach and stopped in and donated blood. **PLEASE GIVE THESE FOLKS A BIG THANK YOU.**

Thank you to Bob Priest, chef, Randy Hinshaw, sous chef, and Hannah McGehee, waitress, for providing eggs, bacon, sausage, blueberry muffins, and pancakes for a fabulous breakfast. Thank you to those who donated money to help fund the breakfast.

We will be hosting another blood drive in the year, so please consider being a donor. If you have any questions, ask Ida Perryman.

\*\*The blood collected is furnished to hospitals and medical centers for their use.

**North Dallas Shared Ministries:** Reminder next month - May is our time to "Stock the NDSM Pantry".

Vestry approved funds of \$10,000 for Outreach to disburse to the following:

• North Dallas Shared Ministries	\$ 2,000.00
• Real Options	\$ 2,000.00
• Soul's Harbor	\$ 1,500.00
• Crossfire	\$ 1,000.00
• Kairos	\$ 1,000.00
• Seminarian Student Support	\$ 2,000.00
• Herbert Marcus Coat Drive	\$ 500.00



**NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS**  
**beginning April 16th**

**YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT!**

*Instructor: Father Christopher T. Cantrell, Rector*

We are creatures of flesh and blood inhabiting the physical world of the senses. The Father knows our need and has addressed it. We'll round out this Christian Ed term with a consideration of the rest of the outward and visible signs given by God as sure and certain means of grace. The Catholic Faith is far more than merely an intellectual exercise.

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they that trust in him!” (*Psalms 34:8*)

## APRIL COMMUNITY MINISTRY

The Team is scheduled to serve at the Austin Street Center on **Sunday, April 16th.**

**Shelter Team:** *Captains* Donald & Susan Conley, Ida Perryman, Nancy Perrine, Danelle Harris, Robert Lea, Donna Jarecke, Van & Margaret Neinast, and Randall Hinshaw.

**Sandwich Makers:** David & Lori Luckey, Canon Dwight Duncan, Donna Jarecke, Robert Lea, Kathryn Magruder, Robert & Robyn Priest, Van & Margaret Neinast, Raymond & Cynthia Turnbull.



## PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY

The Prayers and Squares Ministry will meet **Thursday, April 20th** at 6:30pm in Duncan Hall. We have given over 290 quilts and many prayers to those in need. If you know someone who would benefit from extra prayers and support, please consider a quilt for them. Contact [nitahinshaw@aol.com](mailto:nitahinshaw@aol.com) to make a request.





# SUMMER - BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY

Coming soon ...

Last summer we had a great time studying the gospels with Beth Moore. She wrote that study quite awhile ago. Since then, Beth has joined an Anglican Church (part of ACNA) in Spring, Texas. She now has a new affiliation for publishing her Bible Studies namely Living Proof Ministries **[lproof.org](http://lproof.org)**.

This summer we will offer you a study she has written since becoming an Anglican. It's entitled: "*Now that Faith Has Come - A Study of Galatians.*" This study is seven weekly sessions and we will begin Tuesday, June 20th at 6:00pm in Duncan Hall. Margaret Neinast will be organizing dinners for us again, so come hungry.

You can order your workbook now from the website above or contact Robyn Priest to order for you by May 8th. (I'll be in Africa after that so need your order by then.)

Questions? Contact me (Robyn Priest) or Candy Grady. I'm so excited about doing this study with you.