

THE ANTIPHON

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

OCTOBER AD 2025

Dear Parish Family,

It's hard to believe, but I have wrapped up my first month as your new Rector! This month flew by, and I must say that every day here at St. Matthias' has been a joy and a blessing. I've learned so much already, and I look forward to continuing to serve and get to know you all. I don't think I have the words to say how grateful I am to have your love and support as I learn the ropes here.

This has been a time of transition and settling in, as you all know. A big part of that process has entailed my getting used to the daily and weekly rhythm of life at our parish and adjusting my own routines to life here, which has included figuring out when to take a little time off each week.

As many (perhaps most) of you know, I have an eleven-year-old daughter, Annie. Though I did not want it to happen, Annie's mother and I divorced in 2019. The marriage was annulled in 2020 by Bishop Reed, who found that it was not a sacramentally valid marriage (so if you ever see me out on the town with a woman, you will know Bishop Reed gave his blessing!). Because of this situation, I get to have Annie stay with me every other weekend. Here is where this relates to my time off: I plan to take alternating days off each week, between Fridays and Saturdays. On weekends when I do not have Annie with me, I will usually take Fridays off. On weekends when I do have Annie with me, I will take Saturdays off - that way, I can have a full day with her during the weekend.

Of course, it should go without saying, but I will say it anyway - if you have a pastoral emergency, please do not hesitate to contact me even “after office hours” or on my day off. I accepted this call as your Father in God knowing that I must be available 24/7. Unless I am physically unable to do so (because of distance during times when I am traveling or, God forbid, because of physical illness or injury on my part), I will do all that I can to be at your side when I am needed. This is a sacred duty which I embrace and take seriously. If it is physically impossible for me to attend to your need, I will arrange for another priest to care for you.

Finally, I’d like to offer a note of encouragement to you all. There has been so much darkness manifesting itself in the world lately that it can be easy to become distracted, discouraged, or even fearful - like St. Peter taking his eyes off the Lord as he was walking on water in the midst of a storm. We are living in a time when nothing less than the fullness of the Catholic Christian faith will do if we are to face these troubles and overcome them.

As we move into the month of October, I cannot help but remember that on October 3rd, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux. Part of the spiritual genius of St. Therese, and why she is rightly honored as a Doctor of the Church, is her childlike trust in our Heavenly Father. In her great humility, St. Therese saw herself as too small and too weak to accomplish the tasks that were set before her in her vocation. Instead of seeing this and doing nothing or trying in her own strength to overcome the obstacles in her way, she chose to radically abandon herself to our Father’s love. She saw herself as a child reaching up to her Father, asking Him to pick her up and elevate her to where she needed to be, carrying her over the obstacles in her path. And pick her up and elevate her, God the Father truly did.

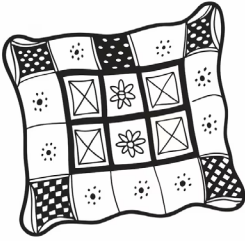
As we move into this new month, I encourage you all to join me in asking ourselves how we can more deeply commit our lives to God. What is it that God is calling us to do or to turn over to Him? How can we imitate St. Therese in her beautiful childlike trust in our loving Father, regardless of what troubles we may be experiencing?

May our Lady Mary, our Patron Matthias, St. Therese of Lisieux, and all the saints pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev'd Father Travis Province

PRAYERS & SQUARES MINISTRY



The Prayers and Squares Ministry will meet Thursday, October 16th at 4:30pm. We have given over 300 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 to make a request.



KNIT & STITCH

Grab your yarn, hooks, needles, or favorite stitching project and join us for a cozy morning of creativity and conversation! The Ladies Knit & Stitch Group meets on Tuesday, October 7th at 10:00 a.m. in Duncan Hall. Bring your lunch, your project, and your cheerful spirit as we share fellowship, laughter, and a love for all things handmade. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just curious, you'll find a welcoming spot at our table!



FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Our Fall Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, November 1st. Please plan to come and donate 'a pint or maybe two' if you are up to it. As always, we will be serving breakfast in the Great Hall "pre-/post-" donation. Please look for sign-up sheets in the Great Hall or contact Don Conley for additional information.



CAN YOU HELP?

The parish has been contacted by an Anglican family in Oklahoma whose daughter is considering the University of Dallas for undergraduate studies. The family has noticed that St. Matthias' is not too far from the University, so the young lady is thinking about making St. Matthias' her home parish if she chooses to pursue her degree in Dallas. However, the young lady will not have a car, so the family is wondering if one of our parishioners might be willing and able to give her a ride to Mass on Sundays, and possibly for other events at the parish as well. If anyone would be willing to volunteer for this particular ministry, please contact the parish office.



OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Theme: Fall Favorites

Crisp evenings, pumpkins on the porch, and the smell of cinnamon in the air... fall is here! Let's celebrate the season together at our October Fellowship Supper on Saturday, October 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Our hosts, Dick & Dianne Couch and Rene Murray, invite you to bring along your favorite fall-inspired dish to share—think soups, stews, casseroles, roasted veggies, pumpkin or apple desserts, and anything that tastes like autumn!

Come enjoy a cozy evening of fellowship, hearty food, and warm conversation as we gather to give thanks for the season and one another. Don't miss this chance to savor the flavors of fall with your parish family!

UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES

Ever wished you had a fuller grasp of the story of salvation woven through the pages of the Bible? Here's your chance! Parish Catechist Bob Lea will be leading a two-year survey course through the Scriptures—Old Testament and Apocrypha in Year One, New Testament in Year Two.

WHEN DOES IT START?

The Old Testament study begins the second week of October and runs through May 2026, with breaks for holidays and holy days. Each weekly class will last about 90 minutes. Start time (6:00, 6:30, or 7:00 pm) will be set based on participants' preferences.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Weekly reading assignments and homework to enrich your study
- A Student Workbook (\$18) for each participant
- A Textbook (\$50 value) that can be purchased or borrowed from the Parish Library (yes, just like the school days!)

WHY TAKE THIS CLASS?

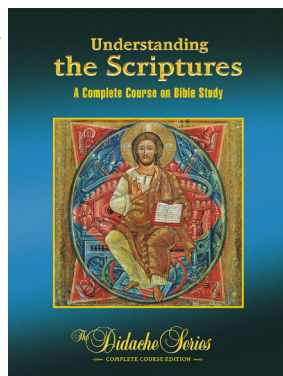
Because Scripture is deep, layered, and beautiful—and studying it together opens our eyes in new ways. This course complements, not competes with, Parish Catechist Donna Wheeler's Tuesday night class, making both a blessing to attend.

WHO'S IT FOR?

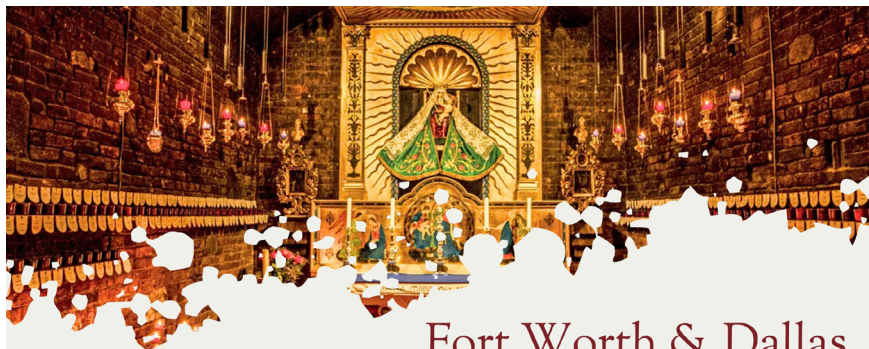
Everyone! Don't hesitate to invite friends, neighbors, or family members. All are welcome.

READY TO SIGN UP?

- Fill out the tear-off sheet in the Sunday bulletin and place it in the basket on the Narthex table, **OR**
- Register easily through the online form (link provided in parish email and on the website) or by scanning the QR code.



Be sure to check out the course materials on display in the Great Hall.



Fort Worth & Dallas Walsingham Family Festival

October 25th

SCHEDULE

- **9:30am** - Matachines Dancers
- **10:00am** - Solemn High Mass
Choirs of The Chapel of the Cross & St Alban's
Preacher - **Fr Matthew Rogers SSC**
St Laurence Anglican Church, Southlake
- **11:30am** - Lunch, Presentations & Children's Catechesis



"The Theotokos as the Ark"
The Very Rev. Chad Hatfield
*Retired President - St Vladimir's Orthodox
Theological Seminary & Rector - All Saints
Orthodox Church, Salina, KS*



"St Bernard of Clairvaux's Four Homilies
'In Praise of the Virgin Mary'"
Fr John Bayer OCist.
Our Lady of Dallas Cistercian Abbey

- **2:00pm** - Walsingham Water Blessing
- **2:30pm** - Holy Rosary

*Children are encouraged to attend. Lunch, catechesis,
and activities will be provided. Nursery is also available.*

REGISTRATION

**\$20 PER ADULT
FOR LUNCH + DEVOTIONAL
RESOURCES.
CHILDREN ARE FREE!**



WHAT IS WALSINGHAM?

In 1061AD, the Virgin Mary appeared to a noblewoman in the town of Walsingham, England, and told her to build a house for the worship of Jesus Christ. For nearly a thousand years, Christians have made pilgrimage to this holy place, desiring to encounter the Lord who was born of Blessed Mary. Known as "England's Nazareth," the modern Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham has a fascinating history and continues to be the site of many healings, miracles, conversions, and renewal.

THE FESTIVAL

All are invited to celebrate and learn more about Walsingham and Our Lady in this gathering of Christians who desire to grow in their love of Jesus Christ.

The second annual DFW Walsingham Family Festival will be hosted at St Alban's Anglican Church in Arlington on Saturday, Oct. 25th. The day includes Solemn High Mass, and lunch with presentations by Fr. Chad Hatfield ("The Theotokos as Ark") and Fr. John Bayer OCist. ("St. Bernard's Four Homilies 'In Praise of Mary'"), concluding with a blessing with water from the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (UK). Registration is \$20 for adults. Children are free!

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Mr J. Richard Abrahamson

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DAILY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday:

6:45am - Matins

7:00am - Mass

Wednesday: Noon - Mass

Saturday: 9:00am - Matins

9:15am - Mass

Confessions - Noon to 12:30pm