

THE ANTIPHON

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

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th
SOLEMN HIGH MASS
RETURNS TO 10:30AM

Dear Parish Family,

What a great joy and blessing it is to write my first words to you all! I am humbled, honored, and excited to begin my service to you all as your Rector.

Nearly two years ago, I was at the annual Clergy Retreat for our diocese, and Bishop Iker was our Retreat Leader. He began his meditations by asking all of us to pause for a moment and reflect on the point that "Jesus called you here." Bishop Iker's words ring true in my heart and mind now as I prepare to take on this incredible ministry which I could only have dreamed of as I sat in my choir stall at Nashotah House as a seminarian. There is so much that I could say about the discernment process and how happy I am to serve at a parish that is deeply committed to the faith "once handed down," but that will have to wait for now. What I will say is that our Lord has been so good in granting me a powerful sense of peace and confidence in the truth that "Jesus has called me here." My prayer now is that, with God's help, I will serve you all worthily and well for many joyful and fruitful years.

As we move into this new season in the life of our parish, I like to think that Bishop Iker's words apply to each and every one of you as well: "Jesus has called you here." There is a reason for each

member of St Matthias' to be at our parish at this moment. News is abuzz about a Catholic revival sweeping through the world, in particular among young people in the West where the darkness of secularism is beginning to be turned back. Indeed, people of all ages are seeking the Catholic faith. They are seeking something solid, ancient, beautiful, and true in the midst of turbulent times. They are seeking the full riches of the Apostolic Deposit of faith which was first given by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. At St Matthias', the Catholic faith has been, is, and will continue to be, held high in worship, teaching, and practice through our beautiful Anglo-Catholic tradition. We are poised to be vessels of God's grace and love for many souls, and I am excited to not only minister to you all as your Pastor and Father in God, but also to work alongside all of you as we share the riches of the ancient faith - the full and authentic Gospel - with others. As our Lord said, "The harvest is plentiful."

On a final note, I would like to add that there are many people whom I would like to thank. First, a big thank you to Fr Duncan for being so generous with his time and effort in making sure this transition is as smooth as possible. Any bumps on the road will surely be due to your new Rector as I settle in! Thanks also to Fr Kraft and Fr McCrary for their help during this transition period. I feel blessed to serve with these three excellent priests, who served so faithfully and well during the interim period. Another big thank you goes out to the Vestry for everything they have done during the discernment process and during the transition period (thanks in particular to Bob Lea for his help). I would be remiss if I didn't say thanks, too, to Heather Lopez for all the good work she has been doing. I look forward to working closely with you all!

May our Lady Mary, Blessèd Matthias, our Patron, and all the saints pray for us as we enter this new chapter of the life of our parish.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Travis Province

PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY

The Prayers and Squares Ministry will meet Thursday, September 18th 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 AND STITCH



Don't forget the Ladies Knit and Stitch Group on Tuesday, September 2nd at 10am! Bring your lunch and a project to work on as we enjoy a relaxing time of fellowship and creativity. Whether you're knitting, crocheting, or stitching, we'd love to have you!



WELCOME, FATHER PROVINCE!

Do not fail to be here for our early opportunities to meet and welcome our new Rector:

Sunday, September 7^{th}

A reception in the Great Hall following the 10:30am Solemn High Mass.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 6:00pm

Join us for our September Fellowship Supper in the Great Hall, hosted by the Vestry, in honor of Father Province!

BE A FELLOWSHIP SUPPER HOST!

We're looking for warm and welcoming hosts for our Fellowship Supper in November 2025 — and we'd love for it to be you! Whether you'd like to open your home or use the Great Hall, it's a wonderful way to bring our parish family together.

Interested in hosting or want to learn more? Contact Cindi Turnbull or reach out to the Parish Office. Let's make these suppers joyful, memorable evenings of food, faith, and fellowship!



HALLOWEEN DÉCOR GIVEAWAY



Do you enjoy decorating for Halloween? Laura Mongole has generously set aside a collection of Halloween decorations she no longer needs—and she would love to see them go to good homes.

All items are free.

If you're interested, you can reach Laura by email at lmongole@hotmail. com or by cell at (817) 908-2222. Photos of the items are available.

Her family will be most appreciative to see everything find a new place to be enjoyed!

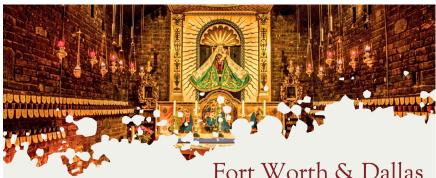


ROUGHRIDERS GAME - TICKETS AVAILABLE

Although our usual parish-wide outing to see the RoughRiders did not take place this summer, we do have a few complimentary tickets available for the Frisco RoughRiders



baseball game on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 7:05 PM. The RoughRiders will take on the Northwest Arkansas Naturals at Riders Field in Frisco, TX. If you're interested in tickets, please contact Heather.



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 activites will be provided. Nursery is also available.

REGISTRATION

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



St Alban's Anglican Church Arlington, Texas

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!

The Bishop Reed Sporting Clay Challenge

Please join us for this fundraiser to benefit Camp Crucis on September 27th at Alpine Shooting Range in Fort Worth. You can register as a part of a team or sign up as a sponsor.

Visit http://www.bishopreedsportingclaychallenge.com/ to register or to find more information. Your support of Camp Crucis is greatly appreciated!



Christian Education 2025 - 2026

beginning Sunday, September 21st

"It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest, most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree helping each other to one or the other of these destinations. It is in the light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and the circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all of our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations – these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit – immortal horrors or everlasting splendors."

- C.S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory

Of all the important reasons for the Christian Education ministry in the parishes of God's Church, a prime one is profoundly and pointedly expressed in this declaration by C. S. Lewis, the great Christian apologist (our fellow Anglican!): to assist God's People in becoming who they are and ending up in heaven with the One in whose image and likeness they have been created. Salvation is about our being restored, by God's grace and our collaboration with it, to the creature God created us to be:

- ▶ the creature He would be if he were not God but a creature;
- ▶ the creature He created to share the joy of life with Him forever;
- ▶ the creature who can bear forever the **weight of glory**.

And so on Sunday, September 21st, we will begin another nine months of trying to increase the achievement of that in each of us (children and adults) through our educational ministry. Let's not deny ourselves the help we all need: **TAKE PART!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

THE VIRTUOUS LIFE

Canon Dwight D. Duncan, ssc September 21st - November 23rd

The goal of the Christian disciple is very simple: to become "like Jesus," to become the person whom Jesus would be if "he were me." But what would that person look like? What would be the aspects of such a person's character and personality? How would these aspects express themselves in a person's daily life and interaction with others? And how does one acquire these aspects?

The Virtuous Life will deal with these important questions by exploring the answers which the Christian community has found to them in its understanding of the VIRTUES: the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and the Moral Virtues of humility, benevolence, generosity, contentment, diligence, temperance, and chastity. Further, in the Beatitudes (Jesus' declaration of those who are blessèd, at the beginning of his Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:3-12), the Church discovers the dynamic through which every soul will go and must go in becoming "like Jesus."

Our new Rector's First Course

beginning December 7th

Stay tuned for details!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

It is, of course, essential that our children began their journey into sainthood from the earliest days of their life in Christ. So we provide a course of study for our younger children (ages 4 - 10) that helps them to learn, express and grow into their identity and faith. The curriculum engages children through a mix of video and audio lessons, Bible readings, and a variety of activities. Older children and teens are invited to attend the Adult classes. This strong Christian foundation for our youth is more important than ever, given the state of the world in which they are growing up and which works against their growth into creatures "like Jesus", eventually capable of bearing the weight of glory.

THE TUESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Exploring the Old and New Testaments: A Journey of Connection and Discovery

September 23rd, 2025 – May 12th, 2026

St Augustine said, "The New Testament is hidden in the Old, and the Old is revealed in the New." In other words, the Old Testament prepares the way, while the New Testament fulfills the promise. This course will bring those truths to life by uncovering the rich connections between the two.

We'll begin with an engaging overview of the Old Testament, tracing how its themes, prophecies, and stories point us forward to Christ. From there, we'll dive into selected Minor Prophets before turning to the Gospel of Matthew, seeing how the New Testament shines a bright light on God's plan revealed through the Old. Together, we'll explore how these sacred writings not only fit together but also speak directly to our lives and world today.

This is not a lecture series – it's an interactive, lively class where you'll have the chance to ask questions, share insights, and grow in fellowship with others. Whether you're brand new to Scripture or a longtime student of the Word, you'll find fresh understanding, encouragement, and even a bit of fun along the way!

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Mrs Heather Lopez

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