

**CHURCH COLLECTION:** (Aug 2, 2022)  
 Contributions/Loose Change \$ 3,691.00  
 Together We Serve 520.00  
 Hall 1,060.00  
 Holy Child Association (Jul) 338.70  
**Total \$ 5,609.70**



**HALL COLLECTION:**  
 2021 YTD Collected \$ 56,926.00  
 2022 YTD Collected \$ 30,323.00  
**Total \$ 87,249.00**

As of August 1, 2022 the balance that St. Matthew Parish owes for the Hall is \$8,820.19  
 Thank you for your continued generosity to our hall project.



**August 8, 2022 to August 14, 2022**

Aug 9 9:00 am Jesmy Pathrose - Thanksgiving  
 Aug 10 9:00 am Anu (SI)  
 Aug 11 9:00 am JP & Joyce Grimard (SI)  
 Aug 12 9:00 am +Michael & Therese Wijesekera  
 6:00 pm Holy Hour & Reconciliation  
 Aug 13 9:00 am +Columba Marcos  
 5:00 pm Eduardo Laudie (SI)  
 Aug 14 9:00 am Mary Ann Luis (SI)  
 11:00 am +Thomas & Therese Lip  
 +Tom Kash



**Request for Prayers**

May our sick and suffering find strength in Jesus along with the Parish Family.

**Let us pray for:**

Leticia Agloro, Mary Ann Beaulieu, Andre Blanchette, Rita Carrothers, Elizabeth Clifferton, Eileen Diggins, Robert Douzich, Jenny Drouin, Carys Dzierzecki, Imelda Espiritu, Deanne Fallu, Gail McLeod, Gerald Giguere, Mary Harasimiuk, Loretta Heikel, Ann Marcus, John Martin, Remi Martineau, Gordon Mitchell, Phyllis Morrison, Rose Paskowski, Rafael Pingal, Susan Sulit, Dawn Ternes, Robert Tubana, Vicky Weran, Annette Waskul, Agnes Wong.

If you have an update to the list, please contact the Office.



**Movies Anyone?**

**Important Announcements**

- Next Available Baptism Celebration Dates:** August 21, September 3
- Next Baptism Preparation:** August 27 - Saturday at 10 am
- Thank you to Nirmalie De Silva and Teo Sulit who are volunteering in the office while Eileen is away on vacation.*
- Parish Directory and Donation Envelopes:**  
*Thank you to all who have returned phone calls or submitted an updated Parish Registration Form earlier this year. Parish Registration Forms and Donation Envelopes have been placed out at each entrance to the church. Completing a Registration Form (or calling your information in to the office), helps us get to know you, as well as for planning, communication and reporting purposes.*
- July 29 Statement by The Bishops of Canada:**  
 We are thankful for Pope Francis' historic visit to Canada. In response to the Holy Father's call for us to continue to assist survivors and families in healing from the traumas they have suffered, we will be reviewing an updated action plan during our National Plenary Assembly this fall. We are grateful to the Indigenous partners, governments and faithful Catholics who have helped us make meaningful progress on our commitments thus far, while recognizing that significant work lies ahead. Reconciliation is a journey that involves all of us, and the Holy Father's presence has been a source of hope and inspiration for Canadians across the country. We are blessed to have been part of this penitential pilgrimage and concluded the week with renewed hope for walking together towards a better future. The complete statement can be found at <https://www.cccb.ca/> or available in printed form from the office.
- Skaro Shrine - 104th Annual Pilgrimage 2022**  
Sun, Aug 14: Reconciliation 6:30 pm; Rosary 7 pm; Vespers (in Polish) 7:30 pm; Mass at the Grotto 8 pm. Mass presided by the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Paul. Lunch available for purchase this date.  
Mon, Aug 15: Mass at the Grotto with the Sacrament of the Sick 10 am. The Blessed Sacrament Procession with lit candles will follow the blessing of religious articles on both days. Pilgrims are asked to bring their own chair & food if needed. Water will be available for purchase.
- Are you interested in watching a movie in our Parish Hall before the end of August?** If so, please contact the office to let us know what movie you would like to see, as well as the day and time that work best for you. Everyone is invited. Suggestions so far have been Friday after Adoration, Saturday after the 9 am or 5 pm Mass, Saturday or Sunday afternoon, and the movie 'The Chosen Season 1: Episodes 1 & 2'.
- O'Leary Class of 1982 Reunion - Aug 13, 2022.** For further information: Dianne, 780-983-0311.

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August 7, 2022

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary

*Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.*

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do." Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another's efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?

**St. Matthew Parish Office Hours:**

Monday - Closed  
 Tuesday to Friday - 9:30 - 1:30 pm  
 Saturday and Sunday - 9:30 - 12:00 noon

**Holy Mass Times:**

Tuesday to Saturday 9 am  
 Saturday 5 pm  
 Sunday 9 & 11 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Friday 6:15 - 6:45 pm  
 Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm  
 Or by appointment

**Note:** Office staff are not available during Holy Mass times.

**Holy Hour:** Friday 6 - 7 pm