

**CHURCH COLLECTION:** (Aug 9, 2022)  
 Contributions/Loose Change \$ 3910 .80  
 Together We Serve .00  
 Hall 100.00  
 Total \$ 4010.80



**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 15, 2022 to August 21, 2022**

- Aug 16 9:00 am Ainsley Sulit (SI)  
+ Edmon Escano
- Aug 17 9:00 am +Lee Kah Teck
- Aug 18 9:00 am +Rose Lee Moi Kui
- Aug 19 9:00 am +Joseph Hong Cheng Lim  
6:00 pm Holy Hour & Reconciliation
- Aug 20 9:00 am Call the office if you wish to request  
5:00 pm + Elizabeth Murray
- Aug 21 9:00 am +Ong Nyet Yin  
+Maxine Fernandes  
11:00 am Call the office if you wish to request



**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 Douziech, 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, Gerry Baluyot.

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



**Hall Rental - July 2022**

Contact Office if you wish to rent the hall.

**Important Announcements**

- **Next Available Baptism Celebration Dates:**  
August 21, September 3
- **Next Baptism Preparation:**  
August 27 - Saturday at 10 am
- *Welcome* to newly registered parishioners **Mary Jane, Nazario, Nathalie & Nadilynn Estapia, and Alma Malabanan, Erwin, Althea & Aedam Olido.**
- **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.
- **Skaro Shrine - 104th Annual Pilgrimage 2022**  
Sunday, August 14: Reconciliation 6:30-7:30 pm; Rosary 7 pm; Vespers (in Polish) 7:30 pm; Mass at the Grotto 8 pm, presided by Bishop of St. Paul. The Blessed Sacrament Procession with lit candles will follow the blessing of religious articles. Lunch for purchase will be available this date.  
Monday, August 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.  
Pilgrims are asked to bring their own chair & food if needed. Water will be available for purchase. Skaro Shrine is 45 miles NE of Edmonton; at the intersection of Highway 45 & Secondary 831.
- **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".
- **Children's Liturgy** will begin from August 21, 2022 at 11:00 am Mass, for all children of Kindergarten and above. Children could use masks if the like. For further details contact: **Shawna Reagan**
- **Hospitality** will begin again in September after the 9 am and 11 am Sunday Masses. All welcome to stay for fellowship, refreshments & snacks.
- **Pancake Breakfasts** will begin again on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Next one is on Sep 11
- **Weekly Fri 10:30 AM Masses** are hoping to start at Dickensfield on Sep 23, 2022. Volunteers are needed to fill Mass roles and porter residents. To volunteer, call Judy Darbyson 780-476-2457.

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August 14, 2022

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

*Lord, make haste to help me!*

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

**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