

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, February 22

Red Bag Sunday

Sunday School Classes

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Sunday School Building
- 9:30 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 9:30 AM Nursery Care – Sunday School Building
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
- 10:30 AM Monty's Birthday Celebration – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Sunday School Building
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room

Monday, February 23

Hope Blume Out of the Office

- 9:00 AM Count Team Four – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Tuesday, February 24

Hope Blume Out of the Office

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Bible Study with Janette Dorn – Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 25

Hope Blume Out of the Office

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda Klaas – Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM Ladie's Luncheon – New Century Buffet, Clermont
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Sunday School Building
- 5:30 PM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office

Thursday, February 26

Hope Blume Out of the Office

- 4:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room & Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, February 27

Church Offices Closed

Altar Guild Team Three Set Up – Sanctuary

- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary

Saturday, February 28

Church Offices Closed

No Events Today

Sunday, March 1

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- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 9:30 AM Nursery Care – Sunday School Building
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Sunday School Building
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room

SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
2.15.2026	7:45 AM Service	17
2.15.2026	9:30 AM Service	64
2.15.2026	Sunday School	17
2.15.2026	11:15 AM Service	37
	Total	135
	Online Views	217

Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Josef Boeni	Cheryl Ferrell	Nadia Mashi
Linda Denslow	Diana Mahoney	Jim Storr
Anita Erickson	Kathy Mahoney	Sandy Unger

Parish Family Continued Prayers

Tristen Babcock	Anne Luposello	Sheila Seale
Esther Catino	Imantee Mallay	Mary Sturges
Mother Jane Clark	Stanley Mallay	Joe Sturges
Michael Clark	CZ Mathews	Kayla Taylor
Hugh Dial	Elijah Mathews	Linda Thorp
Robert Eyer	Isabella Mathews	Connie Tracey
Michael Giallella	Jackson Mathews	Liane Trainello
Jeannine Helm	Don Manny	Stuart Wilson
Anne Hollywood	Lorna Manny	Vera Wilson
Deidre Huffman	Edna Marcus	Dolores Wilson-Malone
Fanya Jones	Olive McPherson	
Larry Lock	Tracy Morelli	

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

Nathan Allabaugh	Cooper Coole	Danny Nemeth
Anakin Boeni	James Dorn, Jr.	Felicidad Robinson
Isabel Boeni	Mary Dorn	Autumn Rose
Danielle Chavez	Eyer Family	Gene Ruryk
Deena Chavez	Frances LaCroix	Suzanne Ruryk

Military & First Responders

Jeff Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Nicole Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Vick Boothe, U.S. Army, Undisclosed Location
 Delani Carter, U.S. Military Academy at West Point
 Spencer Coole, U.S. Air Force, Charleston Air Force Base, SC
 Greta Gaasch, U.S. Army Reserve
 Lucas Freiberg, Federal Corrections Officer, Coleman Federal Prison
 Jeremy Linney, U.S. Army, SOCOM, MacDill Air Force Base, FL
 Tyler Mathews, U.S. Army, Iraq
 Ryan Moore, Clermont Fire Department Station #3
 Stephen Nettles, U.S. Navy, NAS Pensacola, Flight School
 Luca Newby, U.S. Marine Reserves
 Tyler Reece, U.S. Army, Afghanistan
 Logan T. Wells, U.S. Marine Reserves

Those Celebrating Birthdays

2.22 Marlene Parkinson
2.24 Jeff McNulty
2.26 Hugh Dial, Jr.
2.26 Karl Nethersole

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God & St. Matthias Church

and in Celebration of Hugh Dial Jr.'s Birthday
Given with Love by Rick & Penny Durham

and in Loving Memory of
Grandmother, Rosy Valle on her Birthday
Given with Love by Aleksei M. Valle-Bolanos

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God & St. Matthias Church

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Grandmother, Rosy Valle on her Birthday
Given with Love by Aleksei M. Valle-Bolanos

HOPE BLUME OUT OF THE OFFICE: Hope will be out of the office from Monday, February 23, 2026, to Monday, March 2, 2026, returning to the office on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Hope will be monitoring emails; however, may not be able to answer them until returning to the office on March 3, 2026. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Fr. Jim Dorn or Michael Giallella.

RED BAG SUNDAY: Please consider taking a bag this Sunday (or an envelope for a monetary donation) and filling it with a few of the items needed at the Neighborhood Center of South Lake. Red bags, monetary donation envelopes, and lists of needed items can be found at our Neighborhood Center Kiosk at the back of the church. These items help support the work of the Neighborhood Center of South Lake as they care for those in need within our community. Your participation is very much appreciated. Please contact Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870 or keith.whitacre@gmail.com) or Peggy Hope (352.429.9778 or rush1937@embarqmail.com) if you have any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Please help me welcome Kishma Thomas to the Sunday School staff. What a delight she is! She has already made quite an impression on our kiddos. Kishma will be working with Joy for the rest of the year as we gradually say goodbye to Joy, who will be leaving us at the end of May. Please also help me extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Joy for her awesome teaching and bonding skills, and wish her well at her new church home in Mount Dora. We love you, Joy, and hope you will visit often.

We are movin' and groovin' right along. Our littles have been learning about some of the parables Jesus told that teach deeper spiritual truths. Last Sunday we did the Parable of the Yeast, and we had quite an amazing visual with the growing yeast. Our middle class is learning about the Beatitudes, and our oldest is discussing the Fruits of the Spirit. We will now all begin our Easter lessons.

Speaking of Easter, we will be having a Seder on **Sunday, March 29, 2026**. It is quite fascinating to see and hear how Passover and Easter share so many similarities. We will enjoy typical Seder tastings, and then on Easter Sunday we will have an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 am service. All the kiddos should bring their Easter baskets with them. Anyone want to help hide eggs?

Learning and experiencing fun activities are happening right here. We, we, we, we are learning why we're free... bring your kiddos to Sunday School and see, see, see. (My lyrics to the VBS theme song). Love, hugs and blessings, Karen (703.862.2894 or freiberigs4@aol.com)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS workshops will be cancelled until later in March. Please keep the space junk coming... you can leave it in the Parish Hall on the back counter for us to collect and sort. We love and appreciate each one of you. Our Amazon wish list is also available if you would like to purchase something for us. Hugs and blessings, Karen (703.862.2894 or freiberigs4@aol.com)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: This **Sunday, February 22, 2026**, is a Sunday School Sunday. Be sure to drop off (9:20 am), check in, and start movin' and groovin' your way to the classrooms!

NURSERY CARE: Nursery Care is available in the Sunday School Building during the 9:30 am and 11:15 am services for all infants and children aged one month to three years old. Abby Giallella, Nicholas Crumbo, and Elijah Mathews are our amazing caregivers who create a fun, safe, and loving environment for our youngest church family members and visitors. Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freiberigs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS: Please join us **Sundays in the Parish Hall from 10:30 am to 11:00 am** for fellowship, coffee, and conversation. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others and sometimes enjoy a few home-baked treats. All are welcome! Please contact Peggy Hope (352.988.7525) if you have any questions and/or would like to help.

MONTY TURNS ONE! Please join the Blumenauer family in the Parish Hall this **Sunday, February 22, 2026, after the 9:30 am service** to celebrate Monty Blumenauer's First Birthday!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Please join us this **Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 11:15 am** in the Music Room for a Lenten Study about forgiving. "To err is human, to forgive divine," has long been aspirational. Timothy Keller passionately defends the central role forgiveness has to play in our lives and shows readers how and why forgiveness is the only way forward in an imperfect world. Forgiving anyone in a meaningful way is one of the hardest things a person can do. In *Forgive*, Timothy Keller shows readers why it is so important and how to do it, explaining in detail the steps you need to take in order to move on without sacrificing either justice or your humanity. Please contact Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

GENESIS STUDY WITH JANETTE DORN: Please join Janette Dorn this **Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS: Please join Wanda this **Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. The current topic of study is a study of the Minor Prophets. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

LADIES' LUNCHEON: All women of the parish and their friends are welcome to join Norma Sweeney for a Dutch-Treat ladies' luncheon this **Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 12:00 noon**, at New Century Buffet (1036 East Hwy 50, Clermont 34711 – in the At Home Plaza). Please RSVP to Norma Sweeney (516.906.3646 or nsween820@gmail.com) to reserve a seat at the table. We look forward to seeing you there!

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHOIR! Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? Now's a great time to give it a try! No previous choir experience is needed—just a willingness to sing and be part of a joyful group. Choir practice meets this **Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 4:30 pm** in the Music Room. We will meet every Thursday from **4:30 pm–6:00 PM** through May. Whether you can join us every week or just once in a while, for the full rehearsal, or just the last part, you are truly welcome. Come see what it's like, meet new friends, and lift your voice with us. If you're interested or have questions, feel free to contact Gina Mobley (407.782.3065) or simply show up. We'd love to have you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please join us for week two this **Friday, February 27, at 6:00 pm**. Contact Glen or Hope Martin (Glen: 352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com / Hope: 352.391.0428 or hopem687@gmail.com) if you would like to serve, read, and/or have any questions.

FLOWER GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED: If you are interested in joining the Flower Guild, please contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com) and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have and get you on the volunteer schedule.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED: Welcome to 2026! Are you looking for a new way to serve at St. Matthias? Becoming a member of our Altar Guild is a wonderful way to become involved. The Altar Guild is a lay ministry within our church that is responsible for preparing the sanctuary for worship, maintaining sacred vessels, linens, and vestments. Members ensure the altar is ready for services like Holy Eucharist, weddings, baptisms, and funerals. The Guild works behind the scenes to clean and maintain the sacred space. The Altar Guild is a crucial ministry of service, reverence, and humility ensuring the beauty and order of the church's most sacred area. If you are interested in this vital ministry, contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com). No experience is necessary. We work in teams and will provide training at your convenience.

FLOWER GUILD DIRECTRESS NEEDED: Our church family is seeking a volunteer to serve as Directress of the Flower Guild. This important ministry helps beautify our church and enhance our worship through the arrangement and care of altar flowers throughout the year. The Directress works with our florist, Kim from Kim E's Florist, coordinates volunteers when needed, oversees the flower schedule, and helps ensure that our sacred space reflects the beauty of each season in the Church calendar. Experience with floral arranging is helpful but not required—organization and a love for serving the church are most important. If you feel called to support this ministry or would like more information, please contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com). Janette will be stepping down as Flower Guild Directress in September when Fr. Jim retires and would love the opportunity to provide information, insight, and train the next Flower Guild Directress. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might serve!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Please start saving some of your trash again. We shall recycle said trash into all things outer space related. Some items to start saving for us are:

**toilet paper tubes · paper towel tubes · CPAP hoses (old) · clean tin cans · old CDs/DVDs
newspapers · landline rotary phones · 1- & 2-liter bottles · water bottles
lids to containers of all sizes · no longer used handheld calculators**

This will get us started and we'll add more items as we go along. Thank you so much for your support and your trash! Hugs and blessings, Karen (freibegs4@aol.com)

HIGHSCHOOL FIT PROGRAM NEEDS: The Families in Transition (FIT) program is currently in need of the items listed below. If you can help with any of the items listed below, please place them in the red rolling bin in the Parish Hall. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your continued support!

**warm blankets · hoodies · sweatshirts · jackets · leggings (*gently used welcomed - any sizes*)
feminine products · hygiene items (*any type*) · shelf stable milk and food items · wet wipes**

SMAC: St. Matthias Ads and Classifieds (SMAC) is here for you! We want to help you buy and sell personal property and advertise your business. Let me know what you want to sell or buy and we'll add it to the classifieds. In addition, if you have your own business, send us your business card (via email in .jpeg or .tiff format) so we can help get your name and the service you offer shared with our church family. Contact Karen Freiberg (freibegs4@aol.com) to advertise something and/or if you have any questions.

We give thanks to the Almighty God for the life and witness of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, a man whose voice called a nation toward justice, reconciliation, and hope.

Ordained in the Christian faith and formed by the prophetic tradition of the Black Church, Rev. Jackson devoted his life to civil rights, economic equity, and the dignity of every human being. As founder of the Rainbow PUSH Coalition and a longtime advocate shaped by his work with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, he carried forward the moral vision of his mentor, Martin Luther King Jr., insisting that justice is an expression of love in public life.

He often reminded us: *“Keep hope alive.”*

In seasons of division, he preached unity. In moments of despair, he proclaimed possibility. Rev. Jackson’s ministry – in pulpits, on picket lines, and in public office – bore witness to the Gospel truth that every person is made in the image of God.

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A LENTEN BOOK STUDY

“*To err is human, to forgive divine,*” has long been aspirational. But our complicated modern world has questioned the benefits of forgiveness.

In his book, Timothy Keller passionately defends the central role forgiveness has to play in our lives and shows readers *how* and *why* forgiveness is the only way forward in an imperfect world.



JOIN US!

Sundays at 11:15 am
The Music Room
Begins February 15th

THE READING

Copies of *Forgive* will be provided for all attendees

QUESTIONS?

Contact Matt Mobley
at 407.267.2312

Join us as we explore the steps we need to take in order to forgive without sacrificing either justice or our humanity.

Stations of the Cross

WALKING THE WAY OF CHRIST



EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

February 20th • February 27th • March 6th
March 13th • March 20th • March 27th

6:00 PM in The Sanctuary

Please contact Glen or Hope Martin
if you would like to serve, read,
and/or have any questions.

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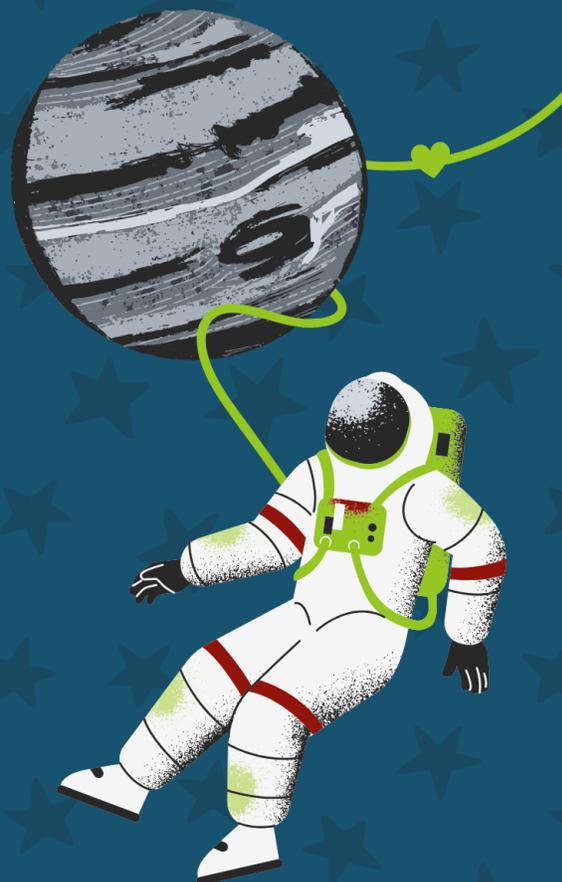
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9:00 AM – 1:00 PM



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Water bottles • Soda & water bottle caps • Newspaper
Clean tin cans of various sizes (no sharp edges!)
Packing insulation from meal kit services (white/silver)
Old CDs & DVDs • Clean 1- & 2-liter soda bottles
Old handheld calculators • Old TV remotes

TO PURCHASE

White ping pong balls • Aluminum foil • Star stickers
Tea light candles • Spray paint (silver & gray primer)
Foam paint brushes • Tablecloths (black & starry sky)

PLEASE DROP OFF ALL ITEMS IN THE PARISH HALL

THANK YOU!

Let's Talk SMAC

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Supporting & Connecting Our St. Matthias Family!

If you have something to sell, or looking to buy, or a service to offer or one you're looking for, contact Karen Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com) with all the pertinent information, and it will be included in our SMAC section.

FOR SALE

Coffee Table—solid wood, 3'x3', excellent condition, \$100.00.

Dining room table with 8 chairs and a leaf—bar height, solid wood, drawer in pedestal, finish on two chair seats need refinish otherwise excellent condition, purchased at Havertys, \$500.00.

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Call Karen & Dave Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com or 352.432.3164)



HOUSE FOR SALE

If you are in the market for a new home, ours is for sale. Contact our agent Joe Cooper (see below) if you are interested. If someone you know is house hunting, please share the information below. If you have any questions for us, please reach out...hugs and blessings, Karen & Dave Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com or 352.432.3164)

Joe Cooper – 352.874.5764

joe@teamcooperhomes.com / teamcooperhomes.com



IN NEED OF

We need a **new or gently used oven to replace the current one in the parish hall kitchen**. If you are getting ready to replace your oven, and/or willing to donate an oven, please contact the church office at 352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com. Thank you!

FOR SALE

Twin Daybed with Trundle, Metal Twin Size Daybed with Pullout Trundle on Casters. Comes with cover, pillow shams, and sheets. Must pick up. \$75.00. Contact Maxine Hylton at maxhyl1@gmail.com if you are interested and/or have any questions.

FOR SALE

Wednesday Bible Study is selling hot/cold drink cups with all proceeds going to the a/c replacement loan. If you would like to purchase, please contact Anne Hollywood (228.229.6817) or Hugh Dial (863.557.8803).

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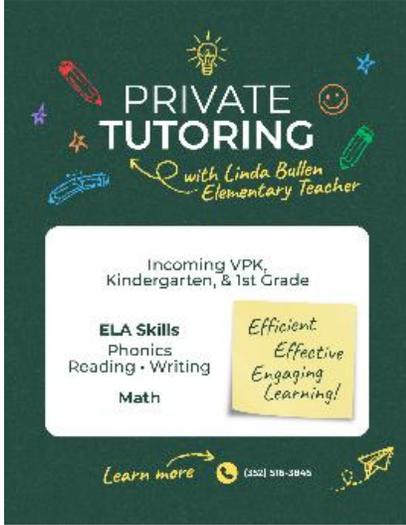
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