

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word – Sanctuary
- 8:30 AM Blood Drive – Front of Church Office
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Little House
- 9:30 AM Rite II with Music & Choir – Sanctuary
- Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- Nursery Care – Little House
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversation – Parish Hall
- 11:15 AM Rite II with Music – Sanctuary
- Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room

Monday, March 25

Church Offices Open by Appointment Only

- 9:30 AM Count Team Meeting – Office
- 10:30 AM English Class – Little House
- 6:00 PM Community Outreach Meeting – Office
- 6:15 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club Meeting – Little House
- 7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

Tuesday, March 26

Church Offices Open by Appointment Only

- 11:00 AM Usher/Greeter Training – Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM VBS Fundraiser – Texas Roadhouse (3:00pm-10:00pm)

Wednesday, March 27: Holy Week Healing Service

Church Offices Open by Appointment Only

- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room/Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Holy Week Healing Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday

Church Offices Open by Appointment Only

- 11:00 AM English Class – Little House
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service – Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House
- 8:00 PM The Watch – Sanctuary (8:00pm to Midnight)

Friday, March 29: Good Friday

Church Offices Closed

- 12:00 PM Good Friday Service – Sanctuary
- Nursery Care – Little House
- 7:00 PM Tenebrae Service – Sanctuary
- Nursery Care – Little House

Saturday, March 30: Easter Vigil

Church Offices Closed

- 8:00 PM Easter Vigil – Memorial Garden & Sanctuary
- Nursery Care – Little House

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday

Church Offices Closed

- 8:00 AM Easter Service – Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easter Service – Sanctuary
- Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- Nursery Care – Little House

Vestry Members

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| 2025 | Cindi Curtis, <i>Treasurer</i> | ninicurtis55@msn.com |
| | Lorna Manny, <i>Sr. Warden</i> | lornamanny23@gmail.com |
| 2026 | Maxine Hylton, <i>Jr. Warden</i> | maxhyl1@gmail.com |
| | Kim Hunt, <i>Stewardship Chair</i> | kimhunt34711@gmail.com |
| | Elizabeth Nemeth, <i>Clerk</i> | edreis55@gmail.com |
| 2027 | Coleen Cox | drccoxmcintosh@gmail.com |
| | Rod Denslow, <i>Assistant Jr. Warden</i> | roddenslow@gmail.com |
| | Glen Martin, <i>Assistant Treasurer</i> | glenmartin286@gmail.com |

ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
3.17.24	7:45 AM Service	25
3.17.24	9:30 AM Service	85
3.17.24	11:15 AM Service	36
	Total	146
	<i>Online Views</i>	55
3.15.24	Stations of the Cross	28
3.20.24	Healing Service	7

Those on Our Prayer List

Parish Family

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

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|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Joan Allabaugh | John Foster | Mike Meeker |
| Harold Andrews | Miranda Foster | Nembrotti Family |
| Geny Arrunategui | Connie Gamb | Elizabeth Nemeth |
| Ray Arthurs | Karlene Gordon | Megan Ogle |
| Linda Armstrong | Alice Grimes | Austin Parkinson |
| Kay Barnes | James Helm | Maria Rosado |
| Drew Bergeron | Jeannine Helm | Gene Ruryk |
| Anakin Boeni | Noel Kirton | Suzanne Ruryk |
| Josef Boeni | Theresa Knight | Sheila Seale |
| Jane Boyack | Larry Lock | Gina Storr |
| Sandra Bradshaw | John Luposello | Jim Storr |
| Gavin Bramwell | Longwater Family | Joe Sturges |
| Mother Jane Clark | Diana Mahoney | Mary Sturges |
| Steve Coole | Imantee Mallay | Connie Tracey |
| Donna Dyson | Sabrina Mallay | Obiajulu Udokwu |
| Anita Erickson | Stanley Mallay | Rick Unger |
| Ann Forehand | Don Manny | Sandy Unger |
| Buddy Forehand | Henrietta Martin | Keith Whitacre |
| Arthur Forrest | Mathews Family | Stuart Wilson |
| Phyllis Forrest | Lidio Nembrotti | Vera Wilson |

Family & Friends

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| Sean | Emily Griffin | Andrew Nickolaou |
| Kendra | Jennifer Henderson | Ophelia Nickolaou |
| Patricia Ainlay | Sharon Hess | Karter Nickolaou |
| Judith Bergeron | Nicole Hess | Ethyn Nickolaou |
| Jean Blume | Meraid Hess | Ty Nu |
| Bollech Family | Nkenge Hewitt/Castro | Ruth Rees |
| Reta Bramwell | Jordan Hofstetter | Timothy Reid |
| Gary Braner | Mary Italia | Linda Rosenberg |
| Marcia Brown | Mark Jenkins | Jeannette Scanlan |
| Rose Brown | Debbie Jordon | Schoff Family |
| Suzie Brownlee | Fran Jue | Inge Sebach |
| Reverend Bill Boyer | Henrirtte Karnik | Nary Singh |
| Robert Buccì | Frances LaCroix | Mary Sowers |
| Nathaniel Carter | Normand LaCroix | Terry Vander Meer |
| Mary Ellen Cook | Lantigua Family | Vannoy Family |
| Shedrick Cotton | Anne Lee | Denise Thibault Vespa |
| Reverend Cass Daly | Bob Link | Kathleen Whitacre |
| Betty Davis | Peggy Link | Doris Wilson |
| James Dorn, Jr. | Terry Macripo | Joyce Wilson |
| Mary Dorn | Sean Marcus | Tom Wilson |
| Mark Ellison | Eleanor Meade | Richard Wolf |
| Cheryl Ferrell | Sherrill Mizioch | |
| Telecia Francis | Danny Nemeth | |

Military & First Responders

- Jeff Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Nicole Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Vick Boothe, U.S. Army, Undisclosed Location
 Nicholas Buonocore, U.S. Navy, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, WA
 Delani Carter, U.S. Military Academy at West Point
 Spencer Coole, U.S. Air Force, Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina
 Greta Gaasch, U.S. Army Reserve
 Lucas Freiberg, Federal Corrections Officer, Coleman Federal Prison
 Jeremy Linney, U.S. Army, Osan Air Base, Korea
 Tyler Mathews, U.S. Army, Iraq
 Ryan Moore, Clermont Fire Department Station #3
 Christopher Morelli, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Deputy
 Stephen Nettles, U.S. Navy, Officer Training
 Tyler Reece, U.S. Army, Afghanistan
 Ian Todd, NJ National Guard Bravo Company 1-114, Syria
 Logan T. Wells, U.S. Marine Reserves

Those Celebrating Birthdays

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| 3.24 | Jason Turner | 3.28 | Stuart Wilson |
| 3.25 | Frank Verbeke | 3.29 | Robert Williams |

Those Who Have Died

- Madeline Schoff, *Rod Denslow's sister*
 Dave Bollech, *Rod & Linda Denslow's very dear friend*

The Altar Flowers & Greens are given to the
 Glory of God & St. Matthias Church
 and in Celebration of Jason & Kailan Turner's Marriage

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

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

SERVICE	DATE	TIME
Palm Sunday Service	Sunday, March 24, 2024	7:45 am · 9:30 am · 11:15 am
Holy Week Healing Service	Wednesday, March 27, 2024	6:00 pm
Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday, March 28, 2024	7:00 pm
The Watch	Thursday, March 28, 2024	8:00 pm to Midnight
Good Friday Service	Friday, March 29, 2024	12:00 Noon
Tenebrae Service	Friday, March 29, 2024	7:00 pm
Easter Vigil Service	Saturday, March 30, 2024	8:00 pm
Easter Services	Sunday, March 31, 2024	8:00 am · 10:00 am
One Service & Church Picnic	Sunday, April 7, 2024	10:00 am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR HOLY WEEK: This upcoming week we will be very busy finishing all the preparations for Holy Week and Easter services. We ask if you need to come to the office, please call or email to make an appointment ahead of time so we can schedule time to spend with you. You can call the church office phone at 352.394.3855 or email Hope Blume at hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com. We thank you in advance for all your support and understanding and pray everyone has a very peaceful Holy Week.

NAME TAGS: If you would like to order a name tag to wear at church and church functions, please email your first and last name to Hope Blume at hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com **by Monday, March 25, 2024.** If you are new to the church or have not yet ordered a name tag, there is no cost. If you have lost your name tag and would like a replacement one, the cost for a replacement one is \$12.00.

LADY BUGS: The Lady Bugs need an additional volunteer or two. They are the awesome group of volunteers that work behind the scenes ensuring all the buildings, doors, walkways, outdoor walls, breezeway area, outdoor light fixtures, and much more are all cleaned and brushed down for Sunday services. If you are interested in joining this amazing group of volunteers and/or have any questions, please contact Fanya Jones (fanneymay@cfl.rr.com or 407.760.1614). P.S., you do not need to be a lady to join Lady Bugs – all are welcome!

THE BIG RED BUS: Will be with us this **Sunday, March 24, 2024, from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm** located in front of the Church Office. You can make an appointment by using the link below OR you can just pop on the bus as a walk-in and donate. https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1372950. Please help us reach our goal of at least 12 to 15 donors for the blood drive. If we reach our goal, we could be a part of saving up to 36 to 45 lives! Please come out and donate, receive some cool donor gifts, and most importantly, help save many lives! Each donation helps save up to three lives! Please contact Hope Blume if you have any questions.

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS: Please join us on **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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Sunday school will meet this **Sunday, March 24, 2024, at 11:15 am** in the Choir room. Let us come together for thought-provoking, meaningful discussion, where we will exchange views and relay life experiences relevant to the scripture of the day. Everyone is welcome to join us! Please contact Dolores Wilson-Malone (856.625.1515) or Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

ENGLISH CLASSES: St. Matthias is offering classes for anyone in the community who may need help with literacy, including English conversation practice, English language, and grammar classes. The classes meet on Mondays at 10:30 am and Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Little House. Please contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com) or Kathy Ridenour (kathyto8069@yahoo.com) for additional information. Classes will meet this **Monday, March 25, 2024, at 10:30 am, and Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 11:00 am.**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING: Will take place this **Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Office. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) or Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to join us, we would love to warmly welcome anyone who may be interested in being a part of this vital community ministry.

USHER/GREETER TRAINING: We will be holding an Usher/Greeter training meeting for all Ushers/Greeters this **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 11:00 AM** in the Sanctuary. If you are currently an Usher/Greeter, please do your best to attend. If you would like to become an Usher/Greeter, please feel free to join us as we do need additional Ushers/Greeters. Please contact Glen Martin (352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

VBS FUNDRAISER: We are sponsoring a fundraiser with Texas Roadhouse in Clermont to raise money for the upcoming 2024 Summer Vacation Bible School. Holy week is typically a busy week for all of us, so why not take a break from cooking and enjoy a meal at Texas Roadhouse! On **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM** we ask you to join us at Texas Roadhouse for a yummy meal and support of the VBS program. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your purchase! Please be sure to bring the flyer included in this week's bulletin, extra copies are available at the Welcome Table and in the Parish Hall to share with family and friends. Takeout counts too, just be sure to indicate it is for the fundraiser and provide a copy of the flyer when you pick up your order. Please contact Karen Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

SINGING SAINTS: Will rehearse this **Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 4:00 pm** in the Choir Room. Please contact Hugh Dial (863.557.8803 or dizzyfingers103@msn.com) if you have any questions.

HOLY WEEK HEALING SERVICE: Please join us this **Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Sanctuary for our Healing service. Please contact Fr. Jim or Hope Blume if you have any questions.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: Please join us this **Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary for our Instructed Eucharist Maundy Thursday service. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

THE WATCH: Please join us at the **end of the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28, 2024**, when we will corporately observe a silent Watch or Prayer Vigil until Midnight. Please stay awake and pray in-person in the Sanctuary or from home with Jesus until the time of his betrayal. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Please join us this **Friday, March 29, 2024, at 12:00 Noon** in the Sanctuary for our Good Friday service. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

TENEBRAE SERVICE: Please join us this **Friday, March 29, 2024, at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary for our Tenebrae service. Please contact Hugh Dial or the church office if you have any questions.

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE: Please join us this **Saturday, March 30, 2024, at 8:00 pm**. We will begin in the Memorial Garden (unless it is raining) and move into the Sanctuary together for our Easter Vigil service. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES: Please join us on **Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 8:00 am or 10:00 am** in the Sanctuary for our Easter Sunday services. The services will be identical, and we will live-stream via Facebook the 10:00 am service. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: Please bring a flower (or more) with you on Easter Sunday as your part of this beautiful tradition! Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office will be **closed on Monday, April 1, 2024**. All emails and voicemail messages will be answered when we return on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Jim Dorn at rector@stmatthiasfl.com.

REFRESH GROUP MEETING: The Refresh Group will meet on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 1:00 pm** in the Little House. If you have a spouse or family member with Dementia or Alzheimer's disease and would like a safe place to share and find support and comfort, please reach out to Terri Kunze or Claudia Seitz-Ricklick. Please join these beautiful women as they provide support, comfort, and care for those caring for a loved one suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Everything shared in the group is confidential and supported by Fr. Jim Dorn and the Care Ministry Team.

Claudia: 352.552.2469 or seitzric@earthlink.net / Terri: 352.552.5303 or terri@kunzefamily.com

CHURCH PICNIC SAVE-THE-DATE: The Annual Church Picnic will take place this year on **Sunday, April 7, 2024!** We will have **one service that Sunday at 10:00 am** with the picnic following immediately after. We hope everyone will come to worship and fellowship together! If you would like to assist with set-up, clean-up, and grilling, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall. If you would like to oversee some indoor and/or outdoor games, please add your name to the sign-up sheets. The church will be providing hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, and drinks and we ask that you bring a dish and/or dessert to share. There will be indoor and outdoor seating, with lots of yummy food and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to spend time with all your church family members that attend different services. Please contact Fred Jones or Hope Blume if you have any questions.

CONFIRMATION/INQUIRER'S CLASS: If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. **Classes will begin on May 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm** in the Office and will meet every Thursday evening during the month of May. This class is open to all adults and youth, please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you are an adult or youth. Please contact Fr. Jim (352.394.3855 or rector@stmatthiasfl.com) if you have any questions.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER OF SOUTH LAKE UPDATE: Demand continues to grow each week as more families seek help with basic needs. During 2023, 22,410 clients were served 1,814,322 pounds of food. We have outgrown our current building, and the City of Groveland has donated land to build a new facility. Without the support of local churches and organizations we could not operate. Donations and many volunteers keep the Center operating. The focus is to provide the healthiest food possible with lots of fresh fruit and produce and meat. For more information or to volunteer contact: Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870 or keith.whitacre@gmail.com) or Peggy Hope (352.988.7525 or rush1937@embarrqmail.com).

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION (FIT) PROGRAM: We have been told that the FIT program is running very low and in need of deodorant, shampoo, breakfast bars, and all children sized underwear. If you can provide any of these items, 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 for your continued support of this vital program!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The poster board on the wall next to the kitchen passthrough are samples of items we are looking for to create our coral reefs and more.

If you can help, all these items can be purchased at the Dollar Tree:

- Pool Noodles
- Pipe Cleaners
- Plastic Table Coverings
- Green Onion Grass Sprays
- Straws
- Mesh Ribbon
- Bath Luffas
- Cotton Nautical Rope
- Hairstyling Sponge
- Pompom Gift Bows
- Inflatable Fish

Please begin/continue saving the following items for us:

- 1- & 2-Liter Soda Bottles
- Bottle Caps
(*water bottles, soda bottles*)
- Egg Cartons
- Paper Towel Tubes
(*please no toilet paper tubes*)
- Newspapers
- Styrofoam Packing Peanuts
- Bubble Wrap
- Empty Cardboard Boxes

We also need:

- Wooden pallets if anyone has access to them. We will need about twelve and will return them after VBS, if necessary.
- Coconuts in the husk. Yes, coconuts! Do you have family or friends in the more southern areas of Florida? When you visit, please bring back as many fallen coconuts as you can get your hands on. Please no one buy any, just the free ones.

Thank you very much for your help and generosity! Hugs and Blessings, Karen

VERONICA EVAN'S BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS: In 2021 in honor of our very dear friend and fellow parishioner Ronnie Evans, we changed the name of the Boys & Girls Club Summer Scholarship Fund to the Veronica Evans Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Fund. Ronnie brought awareness of the program to the St. Matthias Community Outreach Committee and played a major role in the development and the church's partnership with the local Boys & Girls Club program. Ronnie was a huge advocate for children and children's programs and the Boys & Girls Club was a program that was very near and dear to her. We are so pleased to honor our dear friend by continuing to provide safe and fun summer experiences for these well-deserving children. Please help us continue to raise funds in Ronnie's memory for this very vital community program.

The Lenten Season is known as a season of sacrifice; of giving up something that is dear. Once again, the annual Lenten sacrifice for our St. Matthias family will be to provide scholarships for community children to attend the Summer Program at the Boys and Girls Club. The mission of the Club remains the same: to provide a safe place to learn and grow through caring, positive relationships with adults.

What a wonderful way to participate in the Season, a period of self-denial and action.

There are four ways you may participate:

- (1) Blue colored envelopes located in a basket at the back of the Church for regular or one-time offerings.
- (2) A container labeled "Boys and Girls Club" is available at the back of the Church and in the Parish Hall for regular or one-time offerings.
- (3) You may donate on-line via the St. Matthias website at <https://onrealm.org/StMatthiasEpisc37600/-/form/give/now> and choosing "Veronica Evans Boys and Girls Club Scholarships" as the fund.
- (4) By mailing or dropping a check to the Church office (528 West Montrose Street, Clermont, Florida 34711) and, again, indicating "Veronica Evans Boys and Girls Club Scholarships" on the memo line on your check.

The cost to send a child (6 to 12 years old) to camp for the full 2024 summer session is \$390 plus a \$30.00 registration fee for the first child and \$300.00 plus a \$30.00 registration fee for a second child in the same family. Children that are 13 years and older attend for free. They are expecting 50 children in the age range of 6 to 12 years old to attend the South Lake location this summer. A donation in any amount is greatly appreciated and will help go towards the summer camp scholarships. Please contact Ann Forehand (352.242.6073) or Diane Gustafson (352.394.6514) if you have questions.