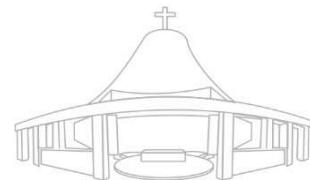


St. Matthew Parish

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Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Matthew Parish!

I am Fr. Joy Vadakkan CFIC, the Pastor at St. Matthew Catholic Church (13131-86 Street NW) and I am writing to you because your child attends a school that falls within the parish boundaries of St. Matthew's. I want to share important information regarding Sacramental programs available through St. Matthew Church. Students who live outside the parish boundaries of St. Matthew Church, will be affiliated with a different parish and may want to contact that parish to learn about their sacramental programs. Other parishes that may have students in this school are:

St. Edmund:	-	780-455-8592
St. Charles:	-	780-456-5399
Santa Maria Goretti:	-	780-422-8304

Within Catholic education, **FAITH PERMEATES** the total learning experience. The heart and soul of Catholic education is **Jesus Christ** who came that we might have life to the full. Catholic education strives to provide a learning environment that supports the full flourishing and development of the spiritual, moral, physical, social and intellectual dimensions of children. The collaborative partnership forged between your school, the church and your family forms a powerful alliance meant to support the integrated growth of our children. The tripod of mutual support that runs between school-church-family helps to accomplish this desirable outcome for our young people at every step of the way.

As the Pastor of the local parish - St. Matthew, I want to thank and congratulate you for deciding to send your child to one of our schools. If there is any way St. Matthew Church can support your family, please do not hesitate to ask. If you are seeking specific information about Sacramental Preparation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Sacramental Marriage, etc.), we would be happy to help you with that. Please call the parish directly at 780-475-2888 with your concerns. Abigail Parr, our Pastoral Assistant, will be ready to help you with any concerns you may have.

In conclusion, let us keep each other, our teachers, administrators, trustees, support staff, and our precious children and their families always in our prayers.

God Bless!

Fr. Joy Vadakkan CFIC
Pastor

Enclosure: 2025-2026 Sacramental Preparation Schedule

St. Matthew Parish – Sacramental Preparation 2025-2026

Sacrament of Baptism (Birth to Age 7):

Baptism Preparation: Last Saturday of Every Month (10-11 am)

Celebration of Baptism: 1st Saturday of Every Month 10 am &
3rd Sunday of Every Month 12:30 pm

Registration for First Reconciliation & Communion closes on **Sep 15, 2025**.

Parent Information Meeting on **Wednesday, Sep 17, 2025, at 6:30 pm**

Preparatory Classes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

(Grade 2 or Older) (Students to attend all classes and celebrations below):

Sep 24 - Wednesday – 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Oct 1 - Wednesday – 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Oct 8 - Wednesday – 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Oct 15 - Wednesday – 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Oct 22 - Wednesday – 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Oct 29 - Wednesday – 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Celebration of First Reconciliation – Nov 5 - Wednesday – 6 pm

Celebration of First Holy Communion – Weekend Masses Nov 8 & 9

Registration for Confirmation closes on Feb 2, 2026.

Parent Information Meeting on **Wednesday, Feb 4, 2026 at 6:30 pm**

Preparatory Classes for Confirmation

(Grade 6 or Older) (Students to attend all classes and celebrations below):

Apr 8 – Wednesday – 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Apr 15 – Wednesday – 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Apr 22 – Wednesday – 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Apr 29 – Wednesday – 6 pm to 7:30 pm

May 6 – Wednesday – 6 pm to 7:30 pm

May 13 – Wednesday – 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm (Retreat)

May 20 – Wednesday – 6 pm to 8:30 pm (Reconciliation and Rehearsal)

Celebration May 23 5 pm *(Date and Time to be confirmed) (Candidates & Invited Guests)*

RCIA (Adults)/ RCIC (Age 7 or older):

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for non-baptized people or people baptized in another Christian tradition to be welcomed into the Catholic Church. It is also available for baptized people who have not celebrated Confirmation or Eucharist, or for any Catholic church member who wants to learn more about their faith.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is an adaptation of the RCIA for children and youth. ***Registration** for RCIA & RCIC closes on **Sep 30, 2025**.