



ST. MATTHEW PARISH

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Changes to the daily mass schedule

When the complete lockdown of the churches ended this summer each parish was allowed to celebrate two weekday masses each week. The pattern at St. Matthew since that time has been to celebrate mass on Tuesday and Friday mornings at the customary time of 7:45 am.

Since August 28 weekday masses have been held in the Little Brick Church rather than the main church. The change of location was instituted to limit the interaction between mass attendees and the school population.

It was only this past week that we were able to formulate a schedule for masses with the school students. The return of school masses will necessitate further changes to the mass schedule.

1. Beginning this week, the usual pattern of weekday masses will be Tuesday and Thursday at 7:45 am in the Little Brick Church.
2. On those Fridays when there is not a school mass, a 7:45 am mass in the Little Brick Church will be added (except on the First Friday, when mass is at 6:30 pm.)
3. For the foreseeable future, the Friday school masses will be closed to everyone except the students and parish/school staff. Once again we think it best, under present conditions, to minimize contact between the school community and the general population. Masses will be open to everyone as soon as we are confident that we can do so safely.

I am grateful for your patience as we navigate these unusual circumstances.

Fr. Patrick O'Loughlin
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