

St. Matthew, Apostle/Evangelist—September 21

Matthew, also called Levi, was the son of Alpheus, a Jew living in Galilee, and worked as a publican at Capharnaum. Tax collectors were despised by their countrymen as agents of the occupying Roman power and as men who often grew wealthy by dishonesty. It was precisely from this disreputable occupation that Christ called him, manifesting the power of grace to reach even the most unlikely of souls. The Gospel narrates simply: *“And when Jesus passed by, He saw a man sitting in the custom house, named Matthew; and He said to him: Follow Me. And he rose up and followed Him”* (Matt. 9:9).

According to ancient testimony, Matthew first preached to the Jews and, for their sake, composed his Gospel in their own tongue—Hebrew or Aramaic. St Irenaeus affirms: “Matthew also issued a written Gospel among the Hebrews in their own dialect, while Peter and Paul were preaching at Rome and laying the foundations of the Church”. This Gospel emphasises Christ as the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. It opens with the genealogy of Our Lord, presents Him as the true Son of David, and includes the great discourses of the Sermon on the Mount and the parables of the Kingdom. Although the original Semitic text has not survived, the canonical Greek version conveys Matthew’s intention: to prove to his Jewish brethren that Jesus is the Messiah foretold in Scripture.

After the Resurrection, Matthew continued to preach first in Judea, and later, according to tradition, in distant lands. Writers such as Eusebius record missions as far as Ethiopia and Parthia. The details of his death are uncertain; some accounts place it in Ethiopia, others in Persia. Yet tradition consistently honours him as a martyr. His relics were transferred to Salerno in the 10th century and enshrined there with great solemnity by Pope St Gregory VII in 1080.

The liturgical Collect of the day prays: *“O God, Who didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Matthew, the publican, to the dignity of an apostle, grant, we beseech Thee, that we who rejoice in his feast may be aided by his prayers.”* The Church deliberately calls him “the publican,” to magnify the mercy of God, who transformed shame into glory. Thus, does the Church point to herself as the company of the converted, gathered not from the just but from sinners.

The Epistle (Ezekiel 1:10–14) presents the vision of the four living creatures, interpreted since Irenaeus and Jerome as symbols of the Evangelists. The man, or angel, is Matthew, for he begins with Christ’s human genealogy and shows forth His Incarnation. The Gospel (Matt. 9:9–13) recounts Matthew’s own calling, teaching the faithful that the invitation to conversion is personal, sudden, and divine. Christ’s words, *“I have not come to call the just, but sinners,”* resonate through Matthew’s story as a charter for the entire Church.

Matthew’s greatness lies in his docility: “The promptness of Matthew’s response to Jesus’ call shows his interior detachment. This is the fruit of grace: docility which makes the soul attentive and ready for God’s every request. This same availability is demanded of every Christian: to leave behind not necessarily riches, but the attachments that bind the soul to self-will.

Christian devotion honours St Matthew as Apostle and Evangelist, patron of bankers, accountants, and all engaged in financial matters. The winged man or angel is his emblem in Christian art, symbolising the humanity of Christ and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in his writings. For the faithful, his example is a summons to respond generously to grace, to detach from worldly interests, and to embrace the Gospel without hesitation. Even the most despised condition in the eyes of men is no obstacle to grace, if only we are willing to follow when Christ calls.

Financial Position—YTD

Church Operation **(August 31, 2026)**

Total Income—\$106,942.71

Total Expense—\$125,318.06

NET LOSS—(-\$18,375.35)

We are richly blessed and we encourage you to remember that the Shaunavon Food Bank is always in need of donations. Please continue to give generously!



Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish

Love God - Love Others - Make Disciples

September 20, 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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580-5th St. E., Shaunavon, SK, S0N 2M0

Mission Parishes

Holy Family - Admiral, SK

Immaculate Conception – Climax, SK

St. Patrick - Eastend, SK

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Pastor

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

½ hour before daily Mass and

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Masses This Week

Mon, Sept 21, 9:00 a.m.

Ints. of Evelyn Norton by Her Family

Tues, Sept 22, 9:00 a.m.

+Isabelle Innes by CWL

Wed, Sept 23, 9:00 a.m.

Ints. of Jeremy Bagobe by the Castillo Family

Thurs, Sept 24, 7:00 p.m.

Ints. of Maurille/Alice Hammond by Francois/Jocelyn Hammond

Fri, Sept 25, 9:00 a.m.

Ints. of Chris Bengert by Francois/Jocelyn Hammond

Sat, Sept 26

Eastend—5:00 p.m.

Ints. of Roxie Binkley by Donald/Penny Banford

Admiral—7:00 p.m.

Ints. of Christopher Ruest by Francois/Jocelyn Hammond

Sun, Sept 27

Climax—9:00 a.m.—Pro populo

Shaunavon—11:00 a.m.

Special Intentions by Greg/Crystal Lewans



OUR MINISTRIES

LECTORS

SEPTEMBER 20

Barry Thienes
Bernie Deobald
Estrella Guillet

SEPTEMBER 27

Norm Lavoy
Ted Anderson
Chandra Anderson

ALTAR SERVERS

SEPTEMBER 20

Levi
Hieu
Joshua

SEPTEMBER 27

Isaiah
Jesus
Ella

USHERS/ GREETERS

SEPTEMBER 20

Roger and Gerald

SEPTEMBER 27

Murray and Ben

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will resume in a
couple of weeks!

MEETINGS

- **Pastoral/Finance Council**
Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.

- **Knights of Columbus**
Thursday, September 24, Mass/meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sacramental Preparation 2026-2027



Penance/First Holy Communion/Confirmation

Parents, you are invited to register your child (Gr. 2 and older) for the 2026-2027 Sacramental Preparation season! You will receive resources to help you guide your child in their faith formation and understanding of the sacraments as gifts of God's grace. Children will be prepared for the sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation/Confession), First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

We will begin with a Parent/Child meeting on Sunday, **October 4, 2026** following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Welcome! May your families be richly blessed!
Peace, Fr. Ron Andree

LIFE CHAIN—Sunday, October 4, 2026

Annual Day of Public Witness for Children Killed by Abortion!

Shaunavon Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of Hwy 37/10th Ave.

Let us prayerfully stand for the sanctity of LIFE!

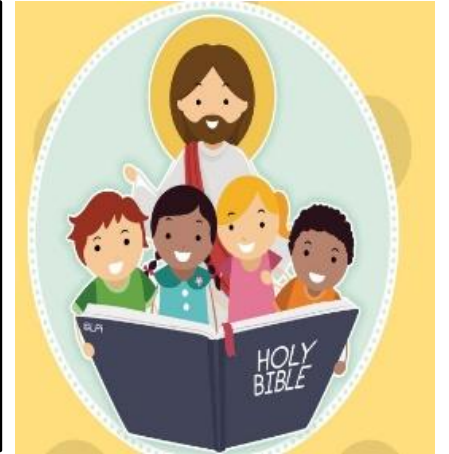


Children's Liturgy Starting Soon!

Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays will resume soon. This program is coordinated with the Sunday Mass. The children with their leaders celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading and the teachings of the Catholic faith. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding.

Children aged 3-8 years are encouraged to attend.

We are looking for individuals who would like to serve in this ministry. **If you are interested in helping, please contact Cindy Nelson by texting/calling 306-297-7911.**



Fellowship Sunday Lunch—September 27

Parish Council will host a fellowship lunch following Mass on **Sun, Sept. 27**. It is also our intention to have a little discussion with everyone about the renewal of our council, and we invite the sharing your ideas and hopes for spiritual/pastoral/educational initiatives this coming year.

Your suggestions are greatly appreciated!

Altar Servers Reunion—our servers are also invited this day to stay for a little gathering/activity after lunch.

See you all there!



Please pray for ...

- The repose of the soul of **+Doris Poisson** whose funeral was held at Christ the King, Shaunavon on Thursday, September 17. May her soul, and all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!
- **Hendrix Caleb Garcia**, son of Aries/Benilda Garcia, who was baptized at Immaculate Conception, Climax on Sunday, September 20. May they always strive to grow in faith and holiness! .

