

# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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## OFFICE HOURS:

9:30 am—4:30 pm. Phone: 912-681-6726.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 5 pm (Span.),  
Sunday: 8 am, 10:30 am, and 6 pm.

**Daily Mass:** M, T, Th, and F at 12:10 pm; W at  
5:30 pm.

## CONFESSIONS

Wed: 5—5:25 pm, Sat: 4-5 pm, or by appt.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration Chapel available 24/7— Sunday at 7  
pm through Saturday at 3:30 pm—in the Cry  
Room.

## INFANT BAPTISMS

For information on scheduling baptisms and  
baptism instruction classes, please contact  
Helen Almeter at 912-681-6726 ext. 203 or via  
email at [halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com).

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Newly engaged couples should contact Fr.  
Johnson at 912-681-6726 to schedule prepara-  
tion sessions and a date for the wedding.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Family Catechesis program on-going through  
May 2021.

## CATHOLIC EAGLES

GSU students: For information on bible studies,  
events, and retreats contact our FOCUS  
(Fellowship of Catholic University Students)  
Team Director David Wentworth at:  
[david.wentworth@focus.org](mailto:david.wentworth@focus.org).

## PARISH REGISTRATION

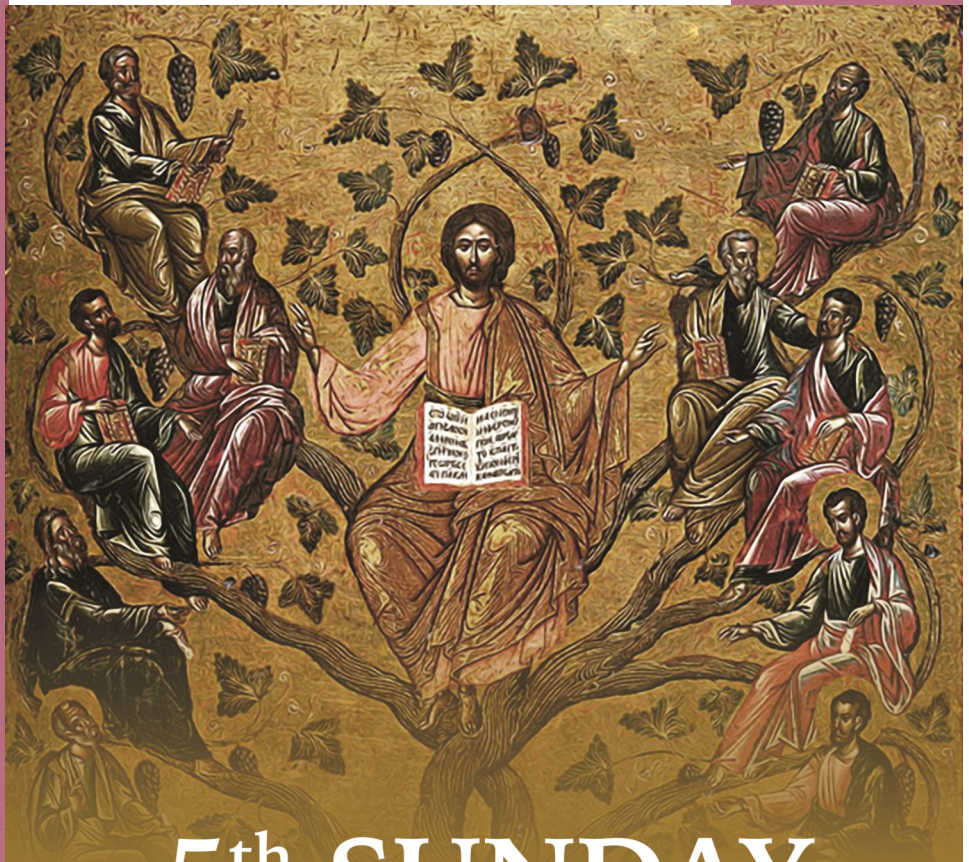
Welcome to the St. Matthew parish family! To  
register at St. Matthew parish, please fill out a  
registration form on the St. Matthew web  
site: [www.saintmatthewsparish.com/about](http://www.saintmatthewsparish.com/about).  
Forms are also available at the front entrances  
of the church. Persons interested in being add-  
ed to the e-newsletter mailing list, please con-  
tact the parish office at 912-681-6726 or via  
email: [mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com).

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday at noon.

## Mission Statement:

St. Matthew Church **CELEBRATES**  
the Catholic faith in Jesus Christ by  
inspiring all to **LOVE** God and one  
another and to **SHARE** the Good  
News of God's love with others.

**May  
2  
2021**



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in  
me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without  
me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

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**Please contact your parish representatives with questions, concerns, compliments, or ideas!**

### **Parish Council**

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### **Pray for our Sick**



Names will be kept on the list for four weeks unless the office is notified otherwise. Please pray for: Jim Agnew, Ted Bandoni, Terri Beasley, Bill Bolen, Drew Brandon, Margaret Brewer, Orlena Bussie, Karl Collins, Marguerite DeFoe, Judy Cowning, Margaret Dannacher, Fred Denson, Dorothy Downs, Karen Dwyer, Chris Eaton, Les Fatica, Joe & Cassie Gay, Mimi Gibbons, David Greene, Madelyn Grovenstein, Kate Hall, Nola Hammond, Bob Haranda, Jordan Hathaway, Kelly Howard, Mary Harrington, Jon Hart, Mattie James, Miranda Johnson, Peggy Kearns, Greyson Kennedy, Emily Kerstiens, John Kindig, Cecilia Krause, Marq Lett, Mae McCain, Selah March, Sarah Mathis, Hugh and Linda McClendon, Audrey Senecal Sidway, Janet O'Brien, Cathy Orr, Brooks Padgett, Sande Perrin, Rick and Kathy Poole, Dave Reichard, Denton and Margie Rouse, April Shuman, Dot Sink, Shirley Smith, Steve Steinman, Katherine Strickland, Carolyn Strozzi, Joe Subarton, Joe Sutter, Sullivan family, Connie Tousley, Sharon Tracy, Katharine Welch, Shirley Wilson, Brian Wolniewitz, Morgan Wurst, Wurst Family, Jason Yurek, and their caregivers.

### **Communion Ministry to the Sick/Homebound**

If someone needs to be added to the list for Communion Ministry to the Sick/Homebound, please contact Melinda Cannady at 681-6726.

### **For those in the Military**

Trevor Alderman, Alax Baysinger, Audrey Brenden, Cole Carter, Christopher Doty, Ryan Erikson, David Liddell, Sean Limbach, Anthony Mullen, Lexi Murry, Brandon Luke Revenue, Lance Rewis, Matthew Robins, Cody Stevens, Brian Sullivan, Sarah Sullivan, Sean Sullivan, Kevin Tyler, and James Ziegler.

### **Volunteer Parish Nurse**

Mary Anderson is a retired registered nurse who shares her knowledge of the local medical community and resources with parishioners that seek or need a medical advocate for themselves or their loved ones. She also conducts blood pressure checks on Hospitality Sundays. She can be reached at 912-682-1147.

### **STAFF DIRECTORY**

Fr. John Johnson, Pastor.....jjohnson@diosav.org or 912-681-6726  
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### **The St. Matthew Consolation Ministry**

**Our Mission:** To provide a listening ear and a compassionate presence to help others cope with loss.

**Our Mandate:** "Bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).

**Contact:** Melinda Cannady at 912-681-6726 or mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com.

### **Weekly Collection**

April 25, 2021	\$
Online Giving	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,118.76</b>

**THANK YOU!!!!**



"St. Matthew Catholic Church and Newman Center"



Find the parish Instagram account at: StMatthewStatesboro

**Abuse Hotline Number:** To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number, 888-357-5330, or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to [www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection).

### **This Week at St. Matthew**

Date:	Activities:	Mass intention:
May 2 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 6 pm Mass	+Keith Kurchev
May 3 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 4 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 5 Wed.	6 pm Confirmation Mass	
May 6 Thurs.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 7 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 8 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass	



## Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sun: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Mon: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tues: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thurs: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sun: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

## Changes at Mass

Now that more parishioners are returning to Mass, the seating chart has become more complicated. We will be dispensing with use of the chart. If you prefer a specific seat, plan to arrive early to claim it! After reviewing the latest health guidelines, we have determined that it is safe resume use of the Books of Divine Worship for the readings and Mass parts.

- Melinda



## CONFIRMATION

Bishop Parkes will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to our candidates on **Wednesday, May 5 at 6 pm**. All parishioners are invited to attend the Confirmation Mass. Please continue to pray for the students who are preparing to receive the sacrament.



## First Communion

Students in the First Communion class will receive the sacrament at the weekend Masses on **May 15 and 16**. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they prepare.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Children in grades Pre-K through 5 are invited to join us for Vacation Bible School the week of June 14-18 from 9 am until noon. Volunteers are needed to assist with Bible stories, music, crafts, recreation, and snacks! For more information contact Helen at 912-681-6726 or via email at: [mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com).



## FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding. - LPI Publications

## National Day of

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Everyone is invited to attend the National Day of Prayer at the Bulloch County courthouse on Thursday May. 6 and Friday, May 7. A scripture reading is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m on May 6, pausing at 11 am to provide time for setup for the National Day of Prayer event which is scheduled from noon until 1 pm. Once that event is complete, readings will resume at 1:30 and continue until 9 p.m. On May 7, readings will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m.

## Teen Bible Study

Students in grades 8-12 are invited to a bible study on Sundays at 5 pm in the Social Hall.