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# St. Matthew Catholic Church

Celebrate | Love | Share

May  
16  
2021

**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.

**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.

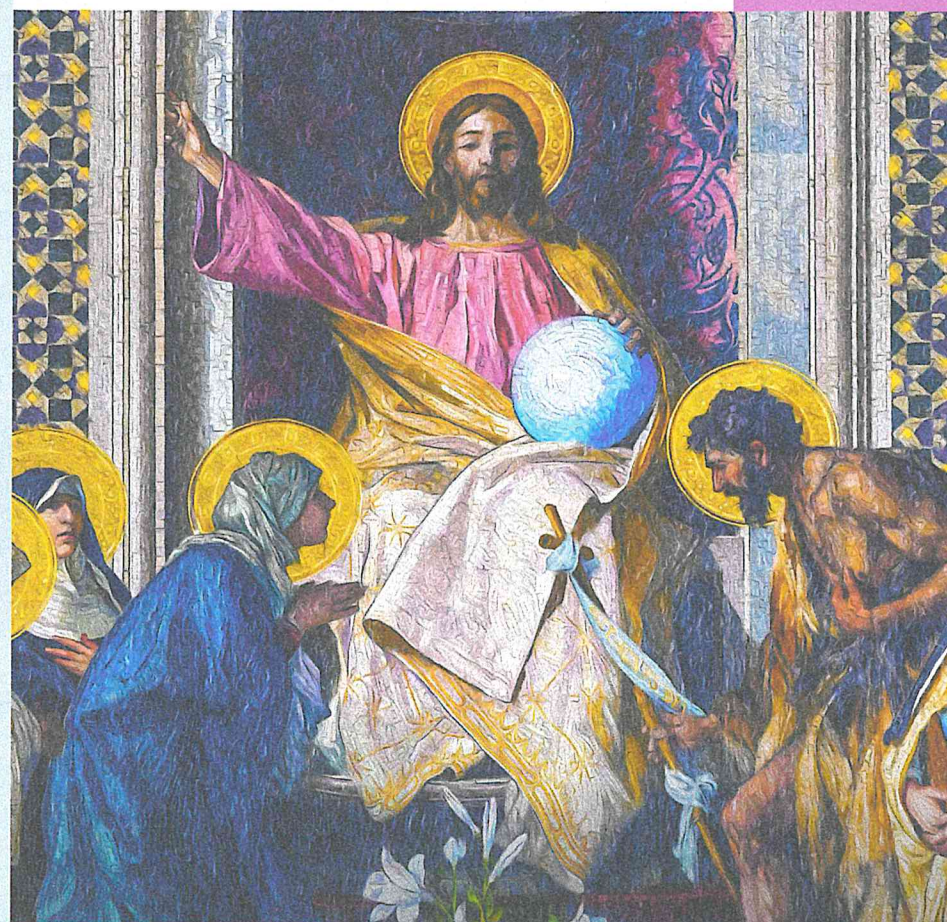
**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**  
Newly engaged couples should contact Fr.  
Johnson at 912-681-6726 to schedule prepara-  
tion sessions and a date for the wedding.

**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.

**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.**



## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you  
keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any  
more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth.  
Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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

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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, Sylvia Brannen, 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, 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, Kenneth Manno, Selah March, Sarah Mathis, Hugh and Linda McClendon, Ginger Morris, 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 Wolniewicz, 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 Robbins, 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**

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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**

May 9, 2021	\$3,941.81
Online Giving	\$3,182.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,124.72</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 16 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 6 pm Mass	+Marie Pavagalenti
May 17 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	Blaek Phillips
May 18 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	+Krystal Hensley Miller
May 19 Wed.	5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass	
May 20 Thurs.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 21 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 22 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass	

**Readings for the week of May 9, 2021**

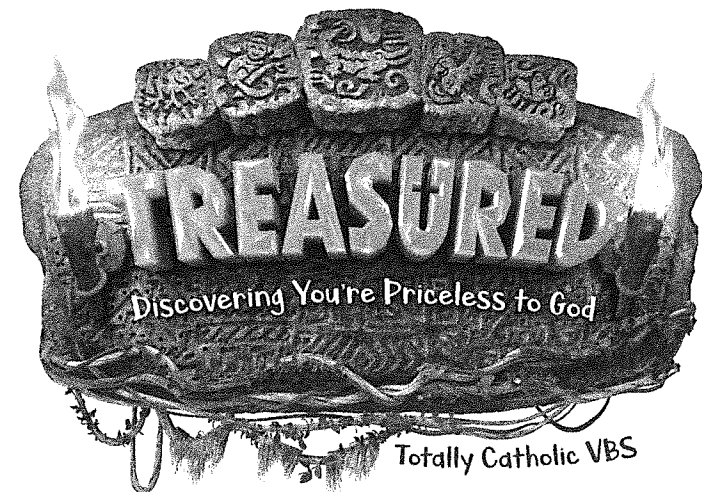
Sun: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19  
 Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33  
 Tues: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19  
 Thurs: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26  
 Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19  
 Sat: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25  
 Next Sun: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**Changes at Mass**

We have dispensed with the use of the chart. If you prefer a specific seat, plan to arrive early to claim it! We have determined that it is safe to resume use of the Books of Divine Worship for the readings and Mass parts. - Melinda



2021 high school graduates will be recognized at the weekend Masses on May 22 /23. Those who wish to participate can contact the parish office at 912-681-6726 or via email: mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com.



**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 info please contact Melinda at 912-681-6726 or : mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com.



When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.

— LPI Publications

**Teen Bible Study**

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

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Help is needed to clear out classrooms and tidy up before Vacation Bible begins. Those who are interested in volunteering the week of May 17-21 can contact Melinda at 912-681-6726 or via email: mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com

**Bulletin Ads**

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