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# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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May  
23  
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.

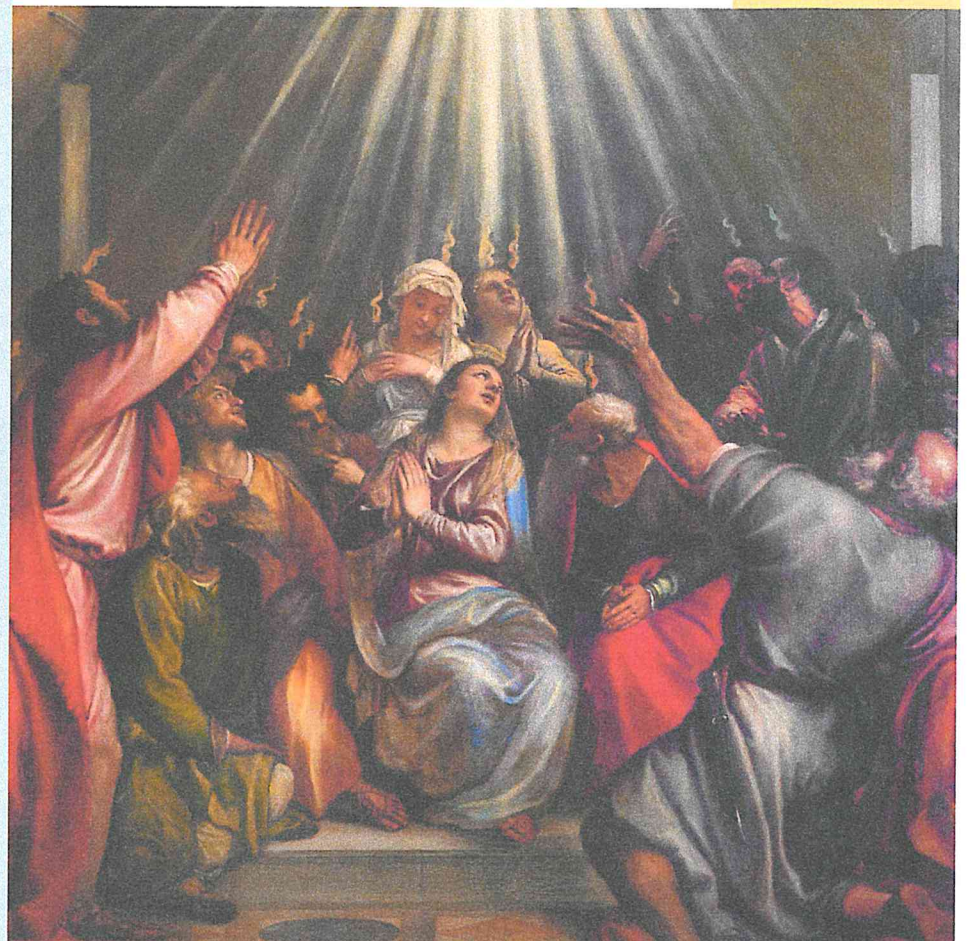
**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**  
Newly engaged couples should contact Fr.  
Johnson at 912-681-6726 to schedule prepara-  
tion sessions and a date for the wedding.

**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.**



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will  
send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the  
Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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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 Wolnewitz, 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.**

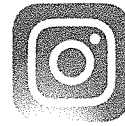
**Weekly Collection**

May 16, 2021	\$8,029.85
Online Giving	\$2,892.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,922.76</b>

**THANK YOU!!!!**



"St. Matthew Catholic Church and Newman Center"



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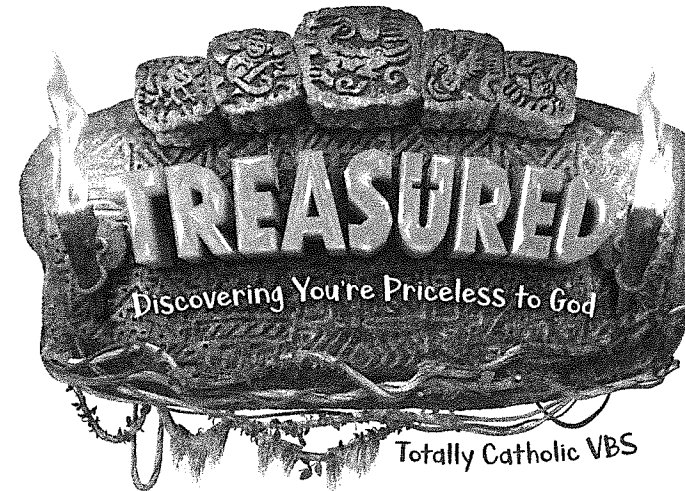
**Abuse Hotline Number:** To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number, 888-357-5330, or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to [www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthpro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

**This Week at St. Matthew**

Date:	Activities:	Mass Intention:
May 23 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 6 pm Mass	+Kenneth Manno +Dr. James Stephens
May 24 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	+Mimi Gibbons
May 25 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	+Kenneth Manno
May 26 Wed.	5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass	
May 27 Thurs.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 28 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
May 29 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass	

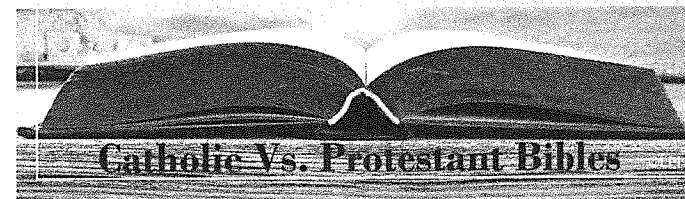
**Readings for the week of May 23, 2021**

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  
 Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34  
 Tues: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31  
 Wed: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45  
 Thurs: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52  
 Fri: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26  
 Sat: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33  
 Next Sun: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



**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.



**Question: Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?**

**Answer:** Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. So, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith, and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.

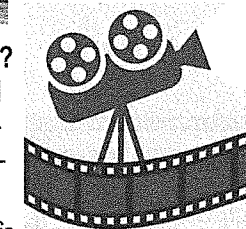


The phrase "being filled with the Holy Spirit" may summon forth images that are a bit too intense for some folks. They may conclude that when one is filled with the Holy Spirit that they immediately begin speaking in tongues, loudly praise God, sing alleluia from roof tops, and do other demonstrative things. In reality, being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us together as a community of faith, inspires us with wisdom and right judgment, and turns us from the darkness of sin to the virtues that bring life. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. The Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church, guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced human beings God made us to be. Come, Holy Spirit and fill our hearts!

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**Condolences**

Our sympathies are extended to parishioner **Paula Cunningham** and her family at the loss of her brother, **+Kenneth Manno** and also to parishioner **John Gibbons** at the loss of his wife, **+Mimi Gibbons**. May they rest forever in the peace of heaven with Jesus.



**PCCW Movie Night**

The Parish Council of Catholic Women will host a screening of the movie *Roe v. Wade* on Monday, May 24 at 7 pm in the Social Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

**Bulletin Ads**

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