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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.

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
9
2021

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.
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.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed
you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask
the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you:
love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at noon.

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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, Margaret Brewer, Orlena Bussie, Karl Collins, Marguerite De-Foe, 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, 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.

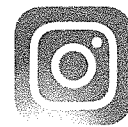
Weekly Collection

May 2, 2021	\$5,869.51
Online Giving	\$4,799.91
Total	\$10,669.42

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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.

This Week at St. Matthew

Date:	Activities:	Mass Intention:
May 9 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 6 pm Mass	Karl Collins
May 10 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	Ginger Morris
May 11 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	Fr. Jose Rodriguez
May 12 Wed.	6 pm Confirmation Mass	
May 13 Thurs.	12:10 pm Mass	Bonnie Knight
May 14 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	+Vance Knight
May 15 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass	

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

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
 Mon: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26-16:4a
 Tues: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
 Wed: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
 Thurs: 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
 Fri: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
 Sat: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
 Next 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

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 information please contact Melinda at 912-681-

Bulletin Ads

Do you own a business, want to have a memorial ad for your loved one, or just sponsor an ad in the bulletin? If so, please consider placing an ad in the bulletin. Unfortunately, we have lost many of the advertisers on the bulletin during the pandemic and are now trying to rebuild the bulletin revenue. The weekly bulletin along with other printing services such as clip art, are provided at no cost to St. Matthew Catholic Church and Newman Center by advertisers in the bulletin. If you are interested in sponsoring an ad, please reach out to our bulletin contact :Melanie Van Over at: mvanover@4LPI.com.



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.



God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. We do not, however, often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship. — 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.

"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

Abraham Lincoln