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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.

**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**  
Grades PreK through 8th meet on Sundays at  
9 am, September 12, 2021- May 22, 2022.

**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.

**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.

**Aug.  
1  
2021**



## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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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, 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, Pat Jackson, Mattie James, Miranda Johnson, Peggy Kearns, Greyson Kennedy, Emily Kerstiens, John Kindig, Cecilia Krause, Maria LeFebvre, Marq Lett, Selah March, Sarah Mathis, Hugh and Linda McClendon, Ginger Morris, Audrey Senecal Sidway, Cathy Orr, Brooks Padgett, Sandie Perrin, Rick and Kathy Poole, Dave Reichard, Denton and Margie Rouse, April Shuman, Dot Sink, Shirley Smith, Carol Sowell, Steve Steinman, Katherine Strickland, Carolyn Strozzi, Joe Subarton, Joe Sutter, Sullivan family, Connie Tousley, Sharon Tracy, 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).

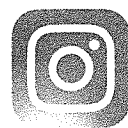
**Contact:** Melinda Cannady at 912-681-6726 or mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com.

**Weekly Collection**

July 25, 2021	\$14,760.52
Online Giving	\$1,727.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,434.43</b>



"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:
Aug. 1 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	Maria LeFebvre +Martha Grindler
Aug. 2 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	Blanchard Sanchez
Aug. 3 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	Karen Dwyer
Aug. 4 Wed.	4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass	
Aug. 5 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 12:10 pm Mass	Molly Couch
Aug. 6 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
Aug. 7 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass	

**Readings for the week of August 1, 2021**

Sun: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35  
 Mon: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21  
 Tues: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wed: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/ Mt 15:21-28  
 Thur: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23  
 Fri: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10  
 Sat: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20  
 Next Sun: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51



Dear Georgia Southern students,

You are invited to learn more about opportunities for daily prayer, bible studies, retreats, conferences, and fellowship by visiting our website at: [catholiceagles.org](http://catholiceagles.org). The Georgia Southern University campus is served by a four-person Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) team. Join us in sharing the beauty of Jesus Christ on campus and with each other! For more information, contact FOCUS Team Director David Wentworth at [david.wentworth@focus.org](mailto:david.wentworth@focus.org).

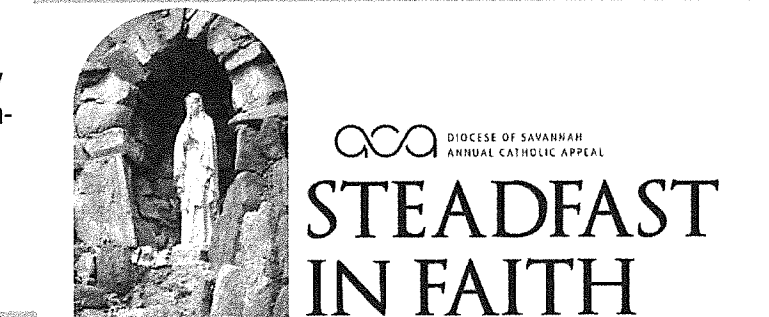
**Questions about Catholic Teaching?**

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you would like to learn more about Catholicism please contact Helen Almeter [halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com) or call the parish office. RCIA classes will begin in September but we would like to start meeting those who are interested or have initial questions.



When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish. © LPI

**Religious Education Registration**  
 Religious Ed. Registration begins today! Forms are available online at the parish website: [www.saintmatthewsparish.com](http://www.saintmatthewsparish.com) in both English and Spanish. In person registration will take place after the weekend Masses on Sunday, August 15, 2021.



Just a reminder! If you haven't yet made your pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing it this week. Direct gifts can be made at: [apps.diosav.org/donate-now](https://apps.diosav.org/donate-now). To date our pledges and one-time donations are **\$26,737.92** towards our 2021 goal of **\$44,414.00**.