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# St. Matthew Catholic Church

*Celebrate | Love | Share*

**Aug.  
29  
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 5 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 preparation 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.

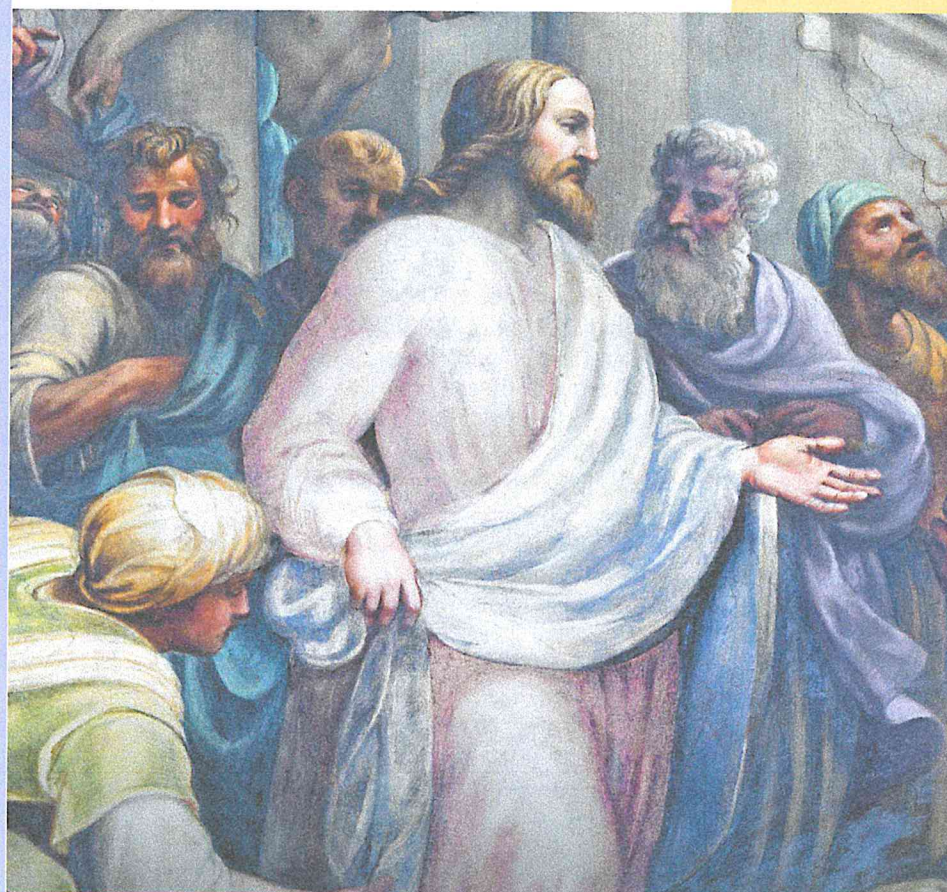
## CATHOLIC EAGLES

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](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 added to the e-newsletter mailing list, please contact the parish office at 912-681-6726 or via email: [mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com).

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at noon.**



## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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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 Strozzo, 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

August 22, 2021	\$6,150.82
Online Giving	\$2,397.91
Total	\$8,548.73



"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

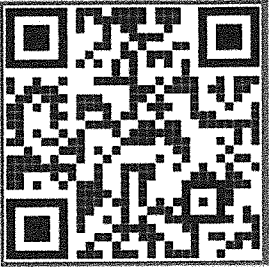
Date:	Activities:	Mass Intention:
Aug. 29 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	Joe Vecchio
Aug. 30 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	Becky Crockett
Aug. 31 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	Karen Dwyer
Sept. 1 Wed.	4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass	Eleanor Begnoche
Sept. 2 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	Steven Begnoche
Sept. 3 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	David Begnoche
Sept. 4 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass	Ian McFarlane and Sylvia Madhow wedding

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sun: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
Mon: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30  
Tues: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37  
Wed: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44  
Thurs: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11  
Fri: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39  
Sat: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5  
Next Sun: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

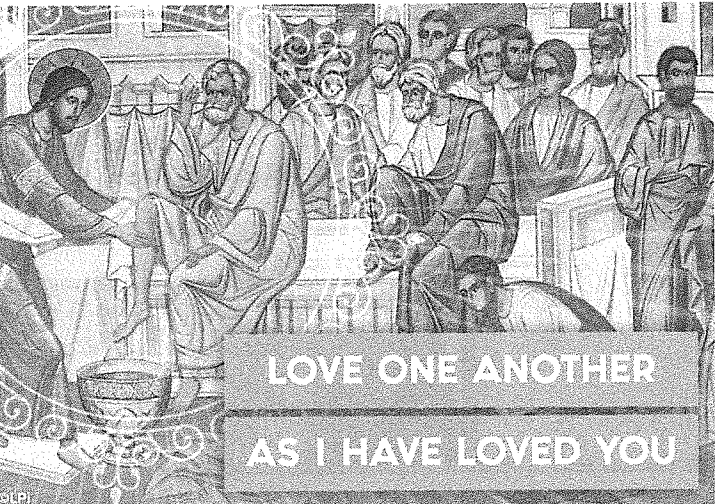
Religious Education Registration

Religious Ed. Registration is underway! Use the QR code below to register:



Questions about Catholic Teaching?

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, would like to learn more about Catholicism, or were baptized Catholic but you haven't finished receiving the other Sacraments of Initiation: First Communion and/or Confirmation, please contact Helen Almeter: halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com.



Every hospital in this region is past capacity; some smaller hospitals are caring for ICU patients with no ICU facilities. It is a war zone and we are grateful for those who are fighting for LIFE. Do you know a nurse or someone who works in a local medical office? Mail a thank you card and maybe include a gift card for a local coffee shop or eatery. Own a small business? Would you consider giving a discount for medical workers with ID? Let them know that even though it looks like we're doing "business as usual" we're grateful for their work, sacrifices, and dedication and that we love them.

HE MEETS US WHERE WE ARE



What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are "doing" everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ. © LPI

Parish Communication

Our primary means of communication during this time is via email and social media. Please contact the parish office at 912-681-6726 or email mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com if you aren't receiving the weekly e-bulletin, monthly e-newsletter, or other communications.

Religious Education: A 4th grade and 6th grade catechist/teacher are needed as well as catechist substitutes if we have a teacher sick. If you are interested in being either a catechist or sub, please contact Helen Almeter for details.

Musician Wanted

St. Matthew Parish is looking for a pianist and/or organist to play at Mass. A job description if available in the Narthex. Please take one to share. Email PeterAMDG@gmail.com, or phone the office for details.

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