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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 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.

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.
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.

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.
8
2021**



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the
desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down
from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
- Jn 6:48-50

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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, Pat Jackson, Mattie James, Miranda Johnson, Peggy Kearns, Greysun 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.

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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

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| August 1, 2021 | \$4,317.74 |
| Online Giving | \$4,183.10 |
| Total | \$8,500.84 |



"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.

This Week at St. Matthew

| Date: | Activities: | Mass Intention: |
|----------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Aug. 8 Sun. | 8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass | John L. Williams +Kathryn Yocco |
| Aug. 9 Mon. | 12:10 pm Mass | +John Rhoney |
| Aug. 10 Tues. | 12:10 pm Mass | Karen Dwyer |
| Aug. 11 Wed. | 4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass | |
| Aug. 12 Thurs. | 8 am Men's Prayer Group 12:10 pm Mass | |
| Aug. 13 Fri. | 12:10 pm Mass | |
| Aug. 14 Sat. | 5 pm Spanish Mass | |

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

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
 Mon: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
 Tues: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
 Wed: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
 Thurs: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1
 Fri: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
 Sat: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
 Next Sun: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56



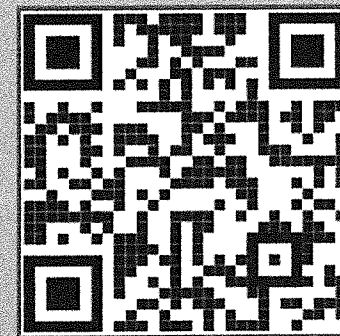
CATHOLIC EAGLES

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. 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.

Religious Education Registration

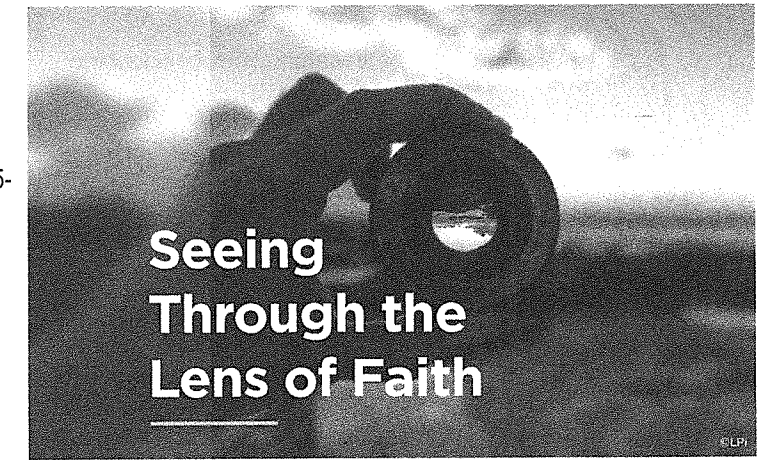
Religious Ed. Registration is underway! Use the QR code below to register:



In person registration will take place after the weekend Masses on Sunday, August 15, 2021.

Questions about Catholic Teaching?

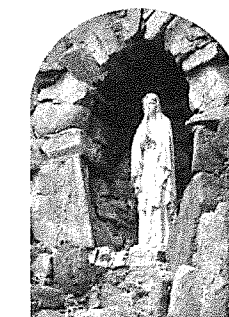
If you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you would like to learn more about Catholicism please contact Helen Almeter halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com or call the parish office. RCIA classes will begin in September but we would like to start meeting those who are interested or have initial questions.



Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love. © LPI

Hospitality Sunday

Join us in the social hall after the morning Masses on Sunday, August 15 for coffee, donuts, and conversation! Please introduce yourself to any new folks you see with a warm St. Matthew smile and welcome!



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