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# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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**Sept. 5 2021**

**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 preparation sessions and a date for the wedding.

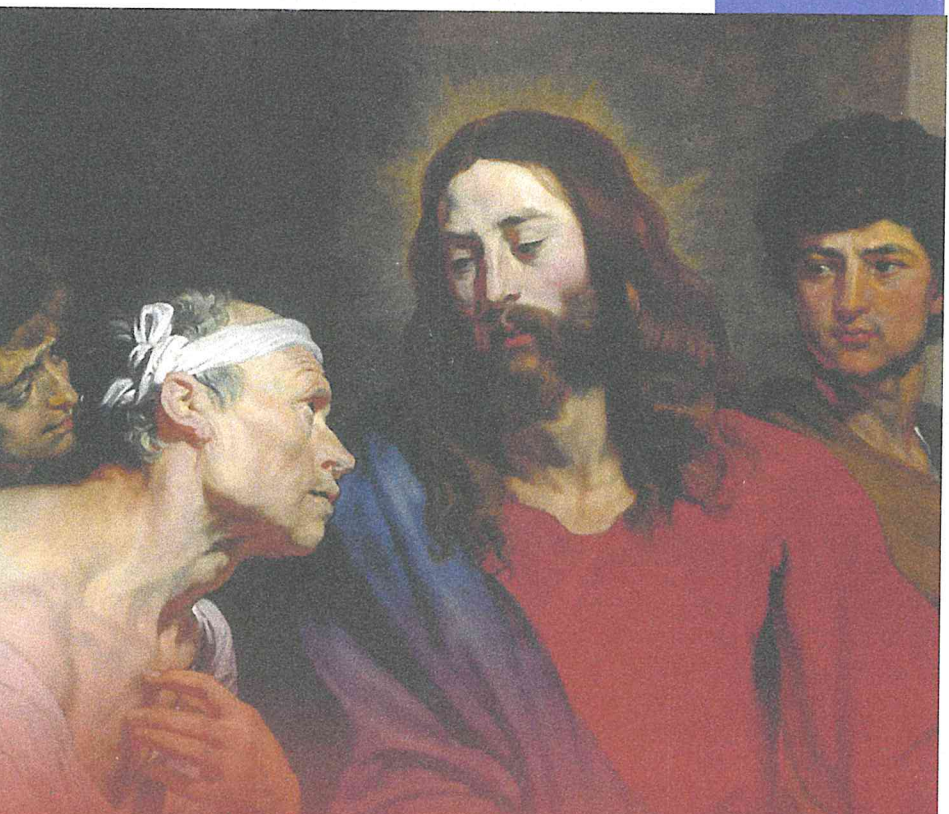
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
Grades PreK through 8th meet on Sundays at 9 am, September 12, 2021- May 22, 2022.

**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.

**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.

**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.



## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



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 Cowing, 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, Mellie London, 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 Stozzo, Joe Subarton, Joe Sutter, Sullivan family, Connie Tousley, Sharon Tracy, Shirley Wilson, Brian Wolniewicz, 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, Alex 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 29, 2021 \$5,194.24  
 Online Giving \$3,197.91  
**Total \$8,392.15**



"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**

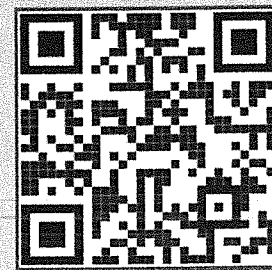
Date:	Activities:	Mass Intention:
Sept. 5 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	Carol Vecchio Cornelia Morgan Mechley
Sept. 6 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass Labor Day (Office Closed)	
Sept. 7 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	Matteo Benoche
Sept. 8 Wed.	4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration	Elvia Puccinelli
Sept. 9 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	
Sept. 10 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
Sept. 11 Sat.	5 pm Spanish Mass	

**Readings for the week of Sept 5, 2021**

Sun: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
 Mon: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11  
 Tues: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19  
 Wed: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
 Thurs: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38  
 Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42  
 Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49  
 Next Sun: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

**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: 912-681-6726 ext. 203 or via email: [halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:halmeter@saintmatthewsparish.com).

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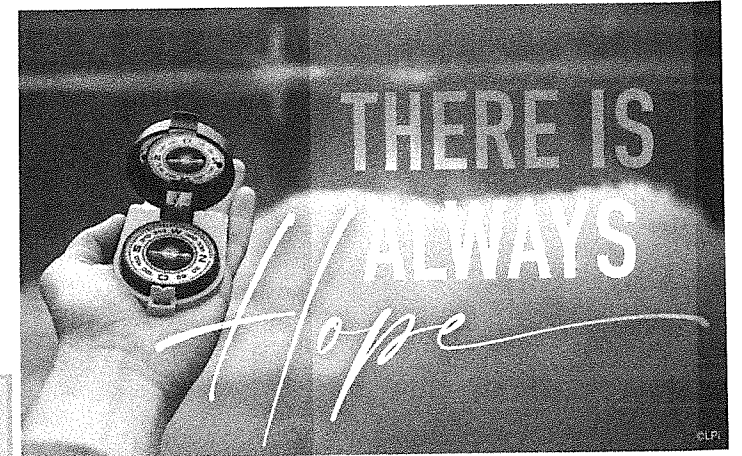
A 4th grade and 6th grade catechist/teacher are needed as well as catechist substitutes if we have a teacher sick. If you are interested in being either a catechist or sub, please contact Helen Almeter for details.



**The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.**

**Musician Wanted**

St. Matthew Parish is looking for a pianist and/or organist to play at Mass. A job description is available in the Narthex. Please take one to share. Email Music Director Peter Vecchio at [PeterAMDG@gmail.com](mailto:PeterAMDG@gmail.com), or phone the office for details.

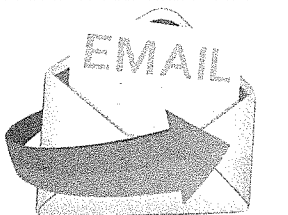


Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith, but we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.

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**Parish Communication**

Our primary means of communication during this time is via email and social media. If you aren't receiving the weekly e-bulletin, monthly e-newsletter, or other communications, please contact the office at 912-681-6726 or email [mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com](mailto:mcannady@saintmatthewsparish.com).



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