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# St. Matthew Catholic Church

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**Oct.  
17  
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 Training  
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.

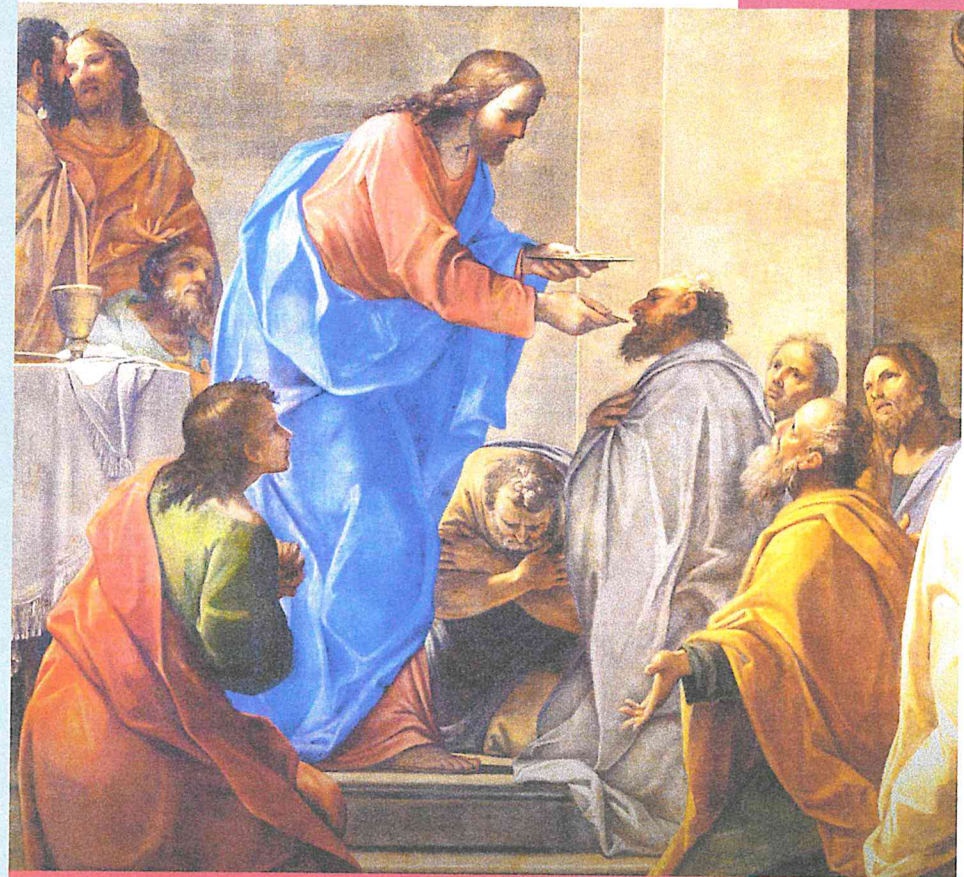
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
Grades PreK through 8th meet on Sundays at  
9 am, October 3, 2021- May 22, 2022.

**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.



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

"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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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, Claire Burton, Orlena Busie, 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, 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 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**

October 10, 2021	\$3,954.25
Online Giving	\$2,247.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,202.16</b>

**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:
Oct. 17 Sun.	8 am Mass 10:30 am Mass (Livestream) 5 pm Mass	++Mary Hazledine +Dr. Robert Stambuk +Peg Ellen Brussard
Oct. 18 Mon.	12:10 pm Mass	
Oct. 19 Tues.	12:10 pm Mass	
Oct. 20 Wed.	4:15 pm Rosary in Chapel 5 pm Confessions 5:30 pm Mass 7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration	
Oct. 21 Thurs.	8 am Men's Prayer Group 10:30 Bible Study 12:10 pm Mass	+Pat Bradian
Oct. 22 Fri.	12:10 pm Mass	
Oct. 23 Sat.	4 pm Confessions 5 pm Spanish Mass	

**Readings for the week of Oct. 17, 2021**

Sun: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45  
 Mon: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9  
 Tues: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38  
 Wed: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48  
 Thurs: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53  
 Fri: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59  
 Sat: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9  
 Next Sun: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

**Boxes of Joy**

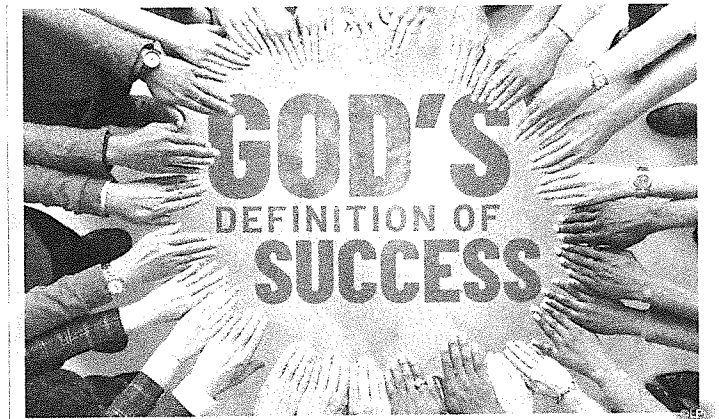


The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is supporting the Cross Catholic Outreach Christmas Program, "Boxes of Joy", for children in need. Through your continued compassionate support, children from Guatemala and Haiti will experience the excitement and love of Christmas. These children's parents are too poor to provide anything but the basic needs of their children. Participating is easy:

- Pick up a box after Mass from PCCW members on Sunday.
- Pray for the mission and the children who will receive the boxes.
- Fill with gifts to bring joy (suggested item list included).
- Include a \$donation—\$7 covers shipping, and \$2 supports the life-saving ministries of the priests, nun, and lay missionaries working with the children.
- A new way to donate: You can choose to have Cross Catholic Outreach put together a box for you—\$25 for the gifts and \$9 for the shipping for a total of \$34. Go to [crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy](http://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy) to donate.
- Drop off the "Box of Joy" to St. Matthew Catholic Church by Sunday, October 31, 2021.

**All Saints Festival  
 Wednesday, October 27, 2021  
 6 pm—7 pm-ish**

Join us for OUTDOOR Saints games, the Goodie Bag Zip-line, Sweet Saints Cupcake Station, and a hot dog and hamburger supper! Children of all ages welcome!



It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion. ©LPI



*Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. However God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. ©LPI Join us on Wednesday, October 27 for hot dogs/hamburgers at 6 pm followed by an adult faith formation talk on Purgatory. Invite a non-Catholic friend and/or take notes so you can answer all the questions people ask you about Purgatory!*

**Condolences**

Our sympathy is extended to parishioner **Ed Brussard** at the loss of his sister **+Peg Brussard**.